No. 294. Read the following letter from the Commissioner of the Nilgiris, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 16th October 1871, No. 77 :—

In compliance with Government Order, 31st August 1871, No. 1,505, I have the honour to forward a letter from Mr. Jamieson, the Superintendent of the Ootacamund Government Gardens, who recommends the sale of the Coonoor Garden, and the expenditure of the sale-proceeds on the Kulhutti Garden.

In this suggestion I concur, and, on receipt of Government sanction, I will advertise the sale by public auction at a convenient season.

The block marked Coonoor Government Garden in the Settlement plan measures about 16 acres. The garden, I imagine, only takes up about an acre or so, and the rest, or a portion of the rest, is probably sholah.

I will ascertain this and mark off for sale the cultivated part.

2. It will be remembered that at one time it was proposed to put the gardens under the Agri-Horticultural Committee, with Mr. Jamieson as Superintendent; but this fell through, as Mr. Jamieson declined to act under the Committee unless his pay was considerably increased, (see Government Proceedings, 30th August 1869, No. 427).

I have reason to believe that Mr. Jamieson subsequently regretted the decision he then arrived at; and, since May last, when he was put in sole charge of the gardens, he has evinced great interest in his work, and done his best to carry out the improvements sanctioned in Government Order No. 1,942 of 5th December 1870.

3. In Mr. Jamieson's covenant with the Government his services were engaged for five years as Deputy-Superintendent of Cinchona plantations on a salary beginning at £150 per annum, and increasing at the rate of £10 a-year, from the 31st October 1868.

I have always thought it somewhat of an anomaly that the Deputy-Superintendent's salary should be less than that of the Assistant Superintendent.

This anomaly, I submit, is not removed by his being placed in sole charge of the Government Botanical Gardens—a duty not contemplated under his covenant.

Under these circumstances, and if the Government are satisfied with his services as Superintendent, I submit that an increase to his salary of Rs. 30 a-month might be granted as well, in consideration of the importance of his charge as to put him in a fair position, in point of emoluments, relatively to the Assistant Superintendent.

No. 295. ORDER THEREON, 30th October 1871, No. 1,867.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government approve and sanction the proposed sale of the Coonoor Garden, and the expenditure of the sale-proceeds on the improvement of the Kulhutti garden. The land to be sold will include the planted portion of the survey block designated " Coonoor Govern-

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ment Garden," and so much more of the area included in it as the Commissioner may deem advisable in order to constitute it an attractive lot.

2. The Government resolve to fix Mr. Jamieson's pay at Rs. 200 monthly, including horse allowance, with effect from 1st November 1871.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner of the Nilgiris.
,, the Accountant-General.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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No. 3309

From Commissioner of the Nilgherries

Dated 16th October 1871.

No. 77

FOR ORDERS.

I would sanction the sale of the garden at Coonoor including so much land in addition to the ground which has been planted as the Commissioner may deem advisable.

I would fix Mr Jamieson's salary at Rs 200 per mensem including horse allowance.

A. P.

FOR ORDERS.

No. 1867.

The Govt. approve & sanction the proposed sale of the Coonoor Garden & the expenditure of the sale proceeds on the improvement of the Kulhutti garden. The land to be sold will include the planted portion of the survey block designated "Coonoor Govt. Garden" & so much more of the area included in it as the Commr. may deem advisable in order to constitute it an attractive lot.

The Govt. resolve to fix Mr. Jamieson's pay at Rs. 200 monthly including Horse allowce. with effect from 1st Novr. 1871.

30th Octr. /71.

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To the Commissioner of Nilgiris
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Commissioner's Office,

Ootacamund.

To,

The Secretary to Govt
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Botanical Gardens - Salary

SUBJECT.

Jamieson Mr

Requesting Sanction for the sale by Public Auction of the Garden at Coonoor and for an increase to Mr. Jamieson's Salary

No. 1867 - 30 October 1871

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To

THE COMMISSIONER OF THE NILGIRIS,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated October 30th.

Read.

G. O., 30th October 1871, No. 1,867.

OCTOBER.
Nos. 294-295.

Coonoor Government Gardens.—Nilgiri Commissioner's letter relative to the sale of the —, and increase to Mr, Jamieson's salary, with orders thereon.