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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th July 1872.*

No. 228. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government:—

Read the following letter from the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Trevandrum, 17th July 1872, No. 80:—

ADVERTING to the correspondence noted I have the honour to submit copy of a letter No. 2,738 of the 13th instant from the Dewan of Travancore, intimating that after due consideration, His Highness the Maharajah's Government

G. O. No. 2,118, dated 16th December 1871.
To Government, No. 9, dated 18th Jan. 1872.
G. O. No. 860, dated 3rd June 1872.

is of opinion that it would not be for the interests of the State to make over the working of the extensive forest-tract mentioned in the correspondence, and adjoining the Cardamom Hills, to other agency than that of its own officers.

2. The Sirkar has already done much to open up the resources of the hills, and I am convinced that neither its desire nor its ability to do so efficiently can be reasonably questioned.

3. I could not advise, much less urge, the Sirkar to assent to Major Beddome's proposition; for I cannot but think the difficulties and objections in the way of satisfactory conservancy and working by Travancore considerably over-estimated by the British Forest authorities, whilst I believe the State would lose financially by the proposed arrangement which would be otherwise disagreeable to it.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Dewan of Travancore, to the British Resident of Travancore, etc., dated Trevandrum, 13th July 1872, No. 2,738-818 R.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that His Highness the Maharajah's Government has given its best consideration to the proposal contained in the Proceedings of the Madras Government, communicated to me with your letter No. 433, dated the 13th ultimo, and has come to the conclusion that it would be quite undesirable, in its own interests, to give over to other agency the conservancy and working of its own forests over a large tract of country bordering on one side the Cardamom Hills.

2. It is the intention of His Highness' Government, on the return from furlough in October next of Mr. Munro, the Superintendent of the Cardamom Hills, to commence forest-operations on a more effective scale than has hitherto been the case; and the completion of the costly road now in progress from Peermede towards the British frontier and the promised road in continuation thereof in British territory will offer great facilities for establishing a timber depôt on the line of frontier to meet all demands for the adjoining British Provinces.

3. His Highness' Government is, in fact, at this moment, opening up forest-roads in various directions on the Cardamom Hills, and many similar roads will be undertaken to facilitate the carriage of timber from different parts of the forest as soon as the Conservancy Establishment is placed on an efficient footing.

4. As the boundary in the tract of country in question is very well defined no conflict of interests in working the forests is likely to arise.

5. The sketch, which accompanied your letter, is herewith returned, as also the Deputy-Conservator's letter to Major Beddome.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th July 1872.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

No. 229.

ORDER THEREON, 26th July 1872, No. 1,124.

Forests, No. 16.

COMMUNICATED to the Conservator of
Forests.

2. Major Beddome's lease-project
must of course be abandoned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Conservator of Forests.
" the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.
" the Board of Revenue.

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to Government hog of 18th January 1872
G. O. No. 860 of 13 June 72

Residents Office,
Travancore, 17 July 1872.
No. 80
From.

G. A. Ballard, Esquire
Resident in Travancore & Cochin

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servant,
Cannan
Resident

J. L.
W. L.
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N^o 2738
R 818

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/Signed/ A Sashiah Sastri
/True Copy/ Diwan

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Resident.

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Enclosed in a letter from
the Resident in Travancore
and Cochin to the Chief
Secretary to Government
Intd No 80 dated
17 July 1872.

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From the Divan of
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to the Resident in Travancore
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Summary of Revenue
Govt. of 1872 Madras.
REVENUE.

To
THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated July 26th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 26th July 1872, No. 1,124.

JULY.
Nos. 228-229.

Forest-tract adjoining the Cardamom Hills in Travancore.—Letter from Resident reporting that Travancore Government would prefer to have the working of it under its own agency rather than transfer it to others, communicated to Conservator of Forests with remarks.