

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
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To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, SIMLA.

Forests, No. 8.

SIR,—The Supreme Government
are aware of the extremely valuable
results that have been attained for the

State in Teak planting in Malabar, and have expressed their desire that the operations should be pushed on as far as the suitable area will permit.

2. The limit of land, the property of Government, fit for the purpose has been nearly reached. There are 2,200 Acres planted, and not more than 700 Acres remaining, which can be turned to account. But an opportunity now offers for securing, by purchase, a very valuable tract of some 2,900 Acres, of which 100 Acres are already planted with Teak, at an estimated cost of Rs. 80,000, of which Rs. 10,000 is the estimated value of the planted block, and Rs. 70,000 the estimated value of the remaining 2,800 Acres at Rs. 25 per Acre.

3. I am directed to submit the papers connected with the subject, as noted in the margin, for the consideration of His Excellency the Viceroy in Council, and to request that, if possible, the necessary sum of Rs. 80,000 may be placed at the disposal of this Government to enable them to effect the purchase, the opportunity for making which is not likely to recur.

4. The Government regret that they are unable to support this application by the testimony of the Conservator of Forests to its importance, Major Boddome's serious illness having precluded him from writing on the subject; but the whole circumstances of the case are so well known that the absence of his report is of less importance than it otherwise would be.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

account. But an opportunity now offers for securing by purchase a very valuable tract of some 2900 acres, of which 1000 acres are already planted with teak, at an estimated cost of Rs 80,000 of which Rs 10,000 is the estimated value of the planted block and Rs 70,000 the estimated value of the remaining 2800 acres at Rs 25 per acre.

I am directed to submit the papers connected with the subject as noted in the margin for the consideration of His Excellency the Secretary in Council and to request that, if possible, the necessary sum of Rs 80,000 may be placed at the disposal of the Govt. to enable them to effect the purchase.

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The Govt. regrets that they are unable to support the application by the testimony of the Conservator of Forests to its importance, Major Seddons serious illness having precluded him from writing on the subject, but the whole circumstances of the case are as well known, that the absence of his report is of less importance than it otherwise would be.

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