No. 185. Read the following letter from Major R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated 15th June 1872 :—

I AM proceeding to Australia on three months' privilege leave in hopes of shaking off the poison of a jungle-fever, which the Doctors think the sea alone will do. I shall be detained at Ceylon both going and returning, and as I am anxious to visit both the Gardens and Herbarium and several of the forest-tracts in that Island, with a view to obtaining some specimens and information necessary for the concluding parts of the *Flora Sylvatica*, I shall be much obliged by your requesting the sanction of Government to my spending a period not exceeding 25 days on duty in the Island in addition to my privilege leave, and that I may draw my full pay for that period *minus* travelling allowances which will be drawn by my *locum tenens*.

2. In Australia I shall be in communication with Professor Müller and others in charge of the different Government Gardens, and shall have an opportunity of obtaining any plants or seeds that it may be desirable to introduce into our Hills, I request, therefore, the sanction of Government for an expenditure not exceeding Rs. 100* on the conveyance of any such plants, etc., from Australia to the Ootacamund Government Gardens.

* From the Forest Budget.

No. 186. ORDER THEREON, 18th June 1872, No. 915.

Forests, No. 14.

THE Government authorize Major Beddome to spend a period not exceeding 25 days on duty on full pay in Ceylon (in addition to his privilege leave) for purposes connected with the completion of the *Flora Sylvatica*.

2. They also sanction the proposed expenditure, from the Forest Budget, on the carriage of seeds and plants from Australia to the Nilgiris.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Conservator of Forests.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No 1.

15 June

W Hamilton Esqre
Secy to Govt New Delhi

Sir,

I am proceeding to Austra-
-lia for 3 or 4 months: leave in hopes
of shaking off the poison if any might
remain in the doctors think the sea
alone will do. I should be obliged
if Ceylon will grant me retirement
& as I am anxious & quit this
the Gardens & Plantations under
my charge as much as possible
with a view to obtaining such
plans & information necessary for
the concluding parts of the Flora
Sylvatica & I shall be much
obliged by your requesting the
Council of Govt to grant me
a period not exceeding 25 days
on duty on the Island in addition

Rec. No. 1995 Dept.

From
Inspector Kandy
Circuit of Forests

Dated 15th June
Rec'd. June 17

Asking permission
to spend 25 days in
Ceylon in addition to
the 3 months leave I
intend not more than Rs 100
from the Forest Budget on
carriage of seeds & plants.

No 945 - 15 June 1872

Wait for Order

Mr. Inspr. of Forests Kandy

I have the honor to request permission to spend 25 days in Ceylon in addition to the 3 months leave granted me in Govt. Circular No. 4 dated 15th Feby. 1872 "from my station" - My object is to collect seeds & plants of the timber trees of the Province for introduction into the Kandy Forests & the Estates of the Kandyan Chiefs.

I propose to start on the 18th June & return to my station on the 12th July.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Sgd) H. Thwaites
Conservator of Forests

Kandy 13th June 1872

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