Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th November 1873.

No. 150. Read the following letter from Major R. H. BEDDOME, Inspector of Forests, to the Hon. R. A. DALYELL, Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Manantoddy, 23rd October 1873, No. 1,947 :—

I HAVE the honour to inform that, as I shall be proceeding shortly to England, I should like to dispose of my private Herbarium to Government. It has been formed entirely at my own expense during the last eighteen years, and consists of some 6,000 specimens, nearly all of which are carefully poisoned and glued down on thick, white paper. It is in perfect preservation and particularly valuable, as containing specimens of nearly all the trees, shrubs, and flowering plants from all our mountains and hitherto little-explored dense forest-tracts. It has cost me, irrespective of trouble and time in poisoning and mounting, about Rupees 2,000; but, if purchased for the Museum or Forest Department and kept intact (except duplicates), I am willing to part with it for Rupees 1,500. Dr. Bidie has lately inspected it, and can speak to its value, and what a desirable acquisition it would be to the Museum. I could easily dispose of it for £150 or £200 in England or Europe, but it would then be quite lost to this department and reference to it by our officers would be impossible.

No. 151. ORDER THEREON, 26th November 1873, No. 1,304.

Miscellaneous.

FORWARDED to Dr. Bidie for early report. It should be stated whether Major Beddome has not already supplied the Herbarium attached to the Museum with specimens of most, if not all, the plants and trees included in his private Herbarium.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To Surgeon-Major G. Bidie.
„ the Inspector of Forests.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department.

Memo: for Orders.
on No. 3415

The purchase by Govt. of Major Beddome's Herbarium } H.C. 23rd October 1873. No. 1947.

Major Beddome purposes to proceed shortly to England and asks Government to purchase for Rs 1500 his private herbarium which has cost him Rs 2,000 exclusive of trouble and time in poisoning and mounting.

It appears that there used to be a Government Herbarium attached to the Forest office, but by G.O. dated 3rd August 1866, it was transferred to the Museum at Major Beddome's suggestion – he undertaking to continue collecting for it during his tours charging any expenditure to contingencies.

From the Administration reports it appears that Major Beddome has been in the habit of making contributions of plants to the Museum.

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