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16th August 1873.

No. 127. Read the following letter from Major R. H. BEDDOME, Inspector of Forests, to the Hon. R. A. DALYELL, Ag. Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 18th June 1873, No. 1,803 :—

I HAVE the honour to forward the Railway Fuel Plantation Report of the Cuddapah, Bellary, and North Arcot Districts, for the quarter ending 31st March 1873.

QUARTERLY Report of the Railway Fuel Plantations in the Cuddapah, Bellary, and North Arcot Districts, from January to March 1873.

Plantations.	Acreage.	Name of.	Expenditure. Planting Charges including Pitting and Channelling	Fencing.	Establishment. Permanent.	Establishment. Hired.	Total.	Receipts.	Number of Trees planted out and Casualties replaced.	Number of Casualties that occurred in the Quarter.	Number of Trees permanently established.	Expenditure from Commencement.
			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.				Rs. A. P.
		I. Railway Fuel Plantation containing the following species :—										
		1. Albizzia Lebbek										
		2. Cassia florida										
		3. Melia Azadirachta ...										
		4. Acacia Arabica										
		5. Acacia amara										
		6. Pentaptera glabra ...										
		7. Pterocarpus santalinus...										
Ooperapully	105	8. Inga Saman	105 6 0	.....	.....	39 0 0	144 6 0	.....	8,180	[illegible]	6,089	5,951 3 7
		9. Pithecolobium dulce ...										
		10. Adenanthera pavonina.										
		11. Chloroxylon Swietenia...										
		12. Santalum album										
		13. Tandra										
		14. Tectona grandis										
		15. Alangium decapitalum.										
		16. Thespasia Populnea ...										
		&c. &c. &c.										
		II. Railway Fuel Plantation containing the undermentioned species :—										
		1. Albizzia Lebbek										
		2. Acacia Arabica										
		3. Cassia florida										
		4. Pentaptera glabra ...										
		5. Tandra										
		6. Acacia amara										
		7. Poinciana Regia										
		8. Cananga odorata ...										
Reddipully	924	9. Tamarindus Indica ...	1,271 10 0	.....	.....	39 0 0	1,310 10 0	.....	370	778	30,636	10,659 14 5
		10. Melia Azadirachta ...										
		11. Inga Saman										
		12. Pithecolobium dulce ...										
		13. Casuarina equestifolia...										
		14. Cassia fistula										
		15. Eugenia Jambolana ...										
		16. Tectona grandis										
		17. Alangium decapitalum.										
		&c. &c. &c.										
		III. Railway Fuel Plantation containing the following species :—										
		1. Albizzia Lebbek										
		2. Melia Azadirachta ...										
		3. Pentaptera glabra ...										
Pullempett	402	4. Casuarina equestifolia...	351 5 0	.....	.....	39 0 0	390 5 0	.....	750	407	10,514	5,527 1 6
		5. Cassia florida										
		6. Ficus glomerata										
		&c. &c. &c.										
		IV. Railway Fuel Plantation containing the species below specified :—										
		1. Albizzia Lebbek... ...										
		2. Casuarina equestifolia.										
		3. Cassia florida										
		4. Acacia Arabica										
Camalapore	247	5. Pithecolobium dulce ...	74 8 0	.....	113 0 10	.....	187 8 10	.....	.....	.....	67,463	7,644 6 6
		6. Melia Azadirachta ...										
		7. Inga Saman										
		8. Acacia amara										
		&c. &c. &c.										
		V. Railway Fuel Plantation with the different species below given :—										
		1. Acacia Arabica										
		2. Melia Azadirachta ...										
		3. Albizzia Lebbek										
		4. Acacia amara										
Ghooty	404 3/8	5. Casuarina equestifolia										
		6. Inga Saman	77 1 0	.....	113 0 9	.....	190 1 9	.....	230	230	45,020	8,509 7 0
		7. Tamarindus Indica ...										
		8. Cassia florida										
		VI. Railway Fuel Plantation.										
Trivellum, situated about 8 miles east of Vellore Station, at the junction of the Poiney and Palar rivers and about a mile from the railway.	434·87	Chiefly Casuarina equestifolia, but containing also a few Cassia of different species	.....	.....	.....	171 13 0	171 13 0	25 4 6	45,944	.....	3,498	9,163 10 6
		VII. Railway Fuel Plantation :—										
Veringipoorum, situated one mile south of the Railway Station of that name in the old bed of the Palar river.	260·48	Casuarina equestifolia ...	.....	.....	.....	266 3 4	266 3 4	.....	80,000	.....	191,247	4,750 15 0
		VIII. Railway Fuel Plantation : —										
Thengal, situated about one and-a-half miles, south of the Poiney Railway bridge and opposite to the Trivellum plantation	About 110	Casuarina equestifolia ...	.....	.....	.....	34 4 0	34 4 0	.....	2,100	.....	3,000	34 4

QUARTERLY Report of the Railway Fuel Plantations in the Cuddapah, Bellary, and North Arcot Districts, etc.—(*Concluded*).

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Koelmonel, situated south of the Palar river, opposite the Trivellum Plantation, and about 1 mile from the Trivellum Railway Station.	About 150	IX. Railway Fuel Plantation. Casuarina equestifolia ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chancor, situated close to the Railway and 2 miles west of Vellore Station.	129·93	X. Railway Fuel Plantation. It is planted with Casuarina, Albizzia Lebbek, Acacia Arabica, Alangium Lamarkii	.....	.....	.....	173 0 0	173 0 0	.....	73,000	.....	1,000	2,424 0 0
Gazerlamundium, situated close to the railway, and 2 miles south of the Triputty Station.	44·67	XI. Railway Fuel Plantation. Planted with Casuarina equestifolia.	.....	.....	.....	100 5 0	100 5 0	.....	44,000	.....	44,000	1,185 14 10
Vanereda, situated north of the Palar river near Wallajah, and about four and-a-half miles from Arcot Station.	About 30	XII. Railway Fuel Plantation. Casuarina equestifolia.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ammoondy situated on the Palar river about six miles west of Vellore, and about three miles from the railway.	About 60	XIII. Railway Fuel Plantation. Casuarina equestifolia.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(Signed) R. H. BEDDOME, Major,
Conservator.

OOTACAMUND,
18th June 1873.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th August 1873.

REMARKS BY THE OFFICERS IN CHARGE.

Ooperapully.—Of the number of casualties shown in column 11, 1,810 were Albizzia Lebbek, 120 Cassia florida, 50 Muthy, 100 Acacia Arabica, and 30 Udugay; and of the Casualties replaced, 5,820 Albizzia Lebbek, 1,330 Cassia florida, and 1,030 Melia Azadirachta. 61 nursery-beds prepared of the following species :—

36 Albizzia Lebbek, 9 Muthy, and 16 Yagee.

5,510 plants watered, 139 channels, or 876 chains channelling, weeded and cleared. 60 measures Albizzia Lebbek and 32 measures Acacia Amara seeds collected. And lastly, nursery-beds cleared, watered, and kept up for the coming planting season.

II. *Reddipully.*—240 Albizzia Lebbek and 60 Cassia florida were the casualties replaced with 70 Albizzia Lebbek plants put out as per column 10, and the casualties that occurred during the quarter as follows :—

317 Albizzia Lebbek, 35 Cassia florida, 5 Muthy, 216 Acacia Arabica, 105 Udugay, and 100 Casuarina equestifolia.

4,400 plants watered, 2,500 plants weeded and cleared around, 2 chains aloe fencing repaired, 1 acre of land sown with Acacia Arabica seeds, 15 channels, or 350 chains channelling, cleared of brushwood and weeded, 345 measures Albizzia Lebbek seeds collected, and the nursery kept up by watering, clearing, and weeding.

III. *Pullempett.*—Of the 750 entered in column 10, 620 were newly put out, while 130 were the casualties replaced; in the latter 65 Albizzia Lebbek and 65 Azadirachta, in the former 200 Albizzia Lebbek, 210 Melia Azadirachta, 190 Cassia florida, 10 Mangifera Indica, and 10 Bassia latifolia. Of the casualties in pits and channels 35 Albizzia Lebbek, 10 Cassia florida, 25 Muthy, 500 Acacia Arabica, 120 Udugay, and 17 Casuarina equestifolia. 4,500 plants watered, 75 channels, or 308 chains channelling, cleared of brushwood, 280 measures Albizzia Lebbek seeds collected, and the nursery kept up for planting in the approaching planting season.

IV. *Camalapore.*—Ten chains aloe-fencing repaired, 9,250 plants weeded around, 18,000 plants watered; weeding and clearing the channelling and keeping up of the nursery by watering, etc.

In column 6 is added Rs. 29-0-10, being the moiety of a Peon's salary, at Rs. 7 per mensem, and the Overseer's, from 1st to 23rd January 1873, at Rs. 50, which was drawn from the Cuddapah Treasury; the remainder has been charged to the Ghooty plantation, as this establishment was sanctioned for both the plantations.

General Remarks.—In the first month of the quarter there was no rain, and casualties occurred to some extent, and were replaced. A small quantity of plants were put out in channels from the nursery. From the state of the weather, nothing more could be done in the planting line. The coolies had to be increased to keep down and clear away the under-growth.

At the beginning of February there were a couple of days' rain, which tended to do good to the plants on all the plantations; and it was found out that the damage by breaching of the Settiguntah tank in December 1872 did not cause so much damage as was anticipated to the plants on the Ooperapully plantation, plot No. 2. A great many that were considered past recovery have sprung up again, and appear in a thriving condition.

The rains in the month of March, or rather the mango-showers having entirely failed us, water on every one of the plantations has become really scarce.

Though the general appearance of the younger plants are far from healthy,—this must be expected at this time of the year (the hottest month),—still I consider their condition fair.

The quarter for which this report has reference to is the dead season in the planting operation line. Our best attention being given to protecting the younger plants by watering, etc., and keeping up the nursery for the approaching planting season.

V. *Ghooty.*—Of the 230 plants shown in column 10, 210 were Melia Azadirachta and 20 Albizzia Lebbek. The casualties that occurred were all of Melia Azadirachta. 3,650 plants were watered during the period under review, 5,070 plants in pits weeded and cleared of brushwood.

The months of January, February, and March, are dead months in the planting line, so that hardly any work of this kind was executed The chief work of the quarter being watering the younger plants; watering, weeding and clearing the nursery-beds, and keeping them up for the planting season; clearing and weeding the channelling, etc.

During the early part of January the Overseer, then in charge of the Camalapore and Ghooty Plantations, visited the plantations, and so did the Inspector of Forests in that month. There has been no rain whatever during the quarter, and the want of water is much felt. All the springs in the wells are fast falling away in supply. The general appearance of the younger plants are far from healthy, but this must be expected at this time of the year.

I visited the plantation in the month of March, having been unable to do so in January and February owing to important work in the Cuddapah District referring to the boundary-dispute between this district and Venkatagherry Zemindari in the Nellore District. The early March rains or mango-showers entirely failed.

In column 6 is added Rs. 29-0-9, being the moiety of a Peon's salary, Rs. 7 per mensem, and the Overseer's, at Rs. 50, from 1st to 23rd January 1873, which is drawn from the Cuddapah Treasury; the remainder being charged to the Camalapore plantation, as they are supposed to do duty in both these plantations. Rs. 28, namely, one Head Gardener, at Rs. 10, and three Under-Gardeners, at Rs. 6 each, were drawn from the Ghooty Treasury, and included in column 6.

VI. *Trivellum.*—There is nothing of importance to remark concerning this plantation. The whole of the plantation is in excellent condition.

VII. *Veeringepoorum.*—The young trees are suffering somewhat for want of water, but nothing to cause alarm. We had a good shower of rain on 3rd, and are promised more to-morrow. If we get it, it will do our plants a great deal of good.

VIII. *Tengal.*—All thriving. Have pruned the oldest trees, and have 20 loads of branch wood from them for sale.

IX. *Keetminnel.*—I have nearly finished fencing the ground, forming nurseries and sunk-well. No plants put out yet.

X. *Cheynoor.*—The plants here do not suffer so much as those in the loose sandy soil of the other plantations.

XI. *Gazerlamundum.*—The young plants here look exceedingly well.

XII. *Vanerudu.*—I have not yet seen this plantation, but I believe there is enough waste land adjoining to make it up to 100 acres.

XIII. *Ammoondy.*—We have done no work here. This 60 acres is only half the ground selected; the other half adjoining belongs to Guddiattum Taluq, and has not yet been handed over to me, and I cannot begin the fencing till I get the whole.

OOTACAMUND,
18*th June* 1873.

(Signed) R. H BEDDOME, Major,
Inspector of Forests.

No. 128. ORDER THEREON, 16th August 1873, No. 862.

Forests, No. 6.

THIS report refers only to the fuel plantations in the three districts of Cuddapah, Bellary, and North Arcot, and no action seems to have been taken by the Inspector of Forests on the definite instructions issued in paragraph 21 of the G. O., 28th July 1870, No. 1,124, to submit quarterly reports on the reserves in all districts. Lieutenant-Colonel Beddome will be good enough to submit any explanation he may have to offer of this complete neglect of a distinct order; for the occasional reports, which have been submitted regarding the formation of the reserves, cannot be viewed as having met this call.

2. The Board of Revenue will now be requested to require the Collector of all railway districts to submit these quarterly reports.

(True Extract.)

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector of Forests.
,, the Board of Revenue.

,, the Board of Revenue.

Office of Inspector of Forests
Cotacamund 18th June 1873.

No 1803.

From

Major R. A. Beddome.
Inspector of Forests.

To,

The Honorable R. A. Dalyell
Actg Secretary to Government
R. D.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the Railway Fuel Plantation Report of the Cuddapah, Bellary, and North Arcot Districts for the quarter ending 31st March 1873.-

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servt.

R. A. Beddome Major
Inspector of Forests.

Quarterly return of timber operations in the Plantations, Railway and Public Gardens for the quarter ending 31st March 1873.

Plantations	Area in Acres	Remarks	Extinction					Establishment				Expenditure from commencement.
			Planting checked including cleaning and thinning	Cleaning	Cutting down	Sold.	Remaining.	Number of Trees planted out. Casualties and Trees not required in the quarter.	Number of Trees planted out. Casualties and Trees not required in the quarter.	Number of Trees in good condition.	Expenditure during the quarter.	
I. Planting & Cultivation — comprehending all following items —	105 a. 0 r. 0		—	—	—	39 a. 0 r. 0	114 a. 0 r. 0	—	8180	2110	46089	3951 a. 3 r. 7
1. Melia Azedarach												
2. Casia florida												
3. Melia Azadirachta												
4. Acacia Arabica												
5. Acacia Lenta												
6. Santalum album												
7. Acacia suma catechu												
8. Ficus Tamarindus												
9. Phyllanthus emblica												
10. Artocarpus Lacucha												
11. Chloroxylon Swietenia												
12. Santalum album												
13. Cordia												
14. Tectona grandis												
15. Melanorrhea usitatissima												
16. Shorea robusta												

Revenue 1873-74 Dept.
Forest Department.
No. 1767
From The Inspecter of Forests.
To, The Actg. Secretary to Govt. N.D.

Dated 18th
Despatched 19th } June 1873.
Received 20th

No. 1803.
Enclosure No. 1.
Subject.
Submits the Railway Fuel plantation Report for the Quarter ending 31st March 1873.—

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Plantations	Acreage	Name of	Expenditure: Planting charges including pitting and channelling	Expenditure: Fencing	Expenditure: Establishment: Permanent	Expenditure: Establishment: Hired	Expenditure: Total	Receipts	Number of trees planted out and casualties re-placed	Numbers of casualties that occurred in the quarters.	Number of trees permanently established	Expenditure from commencement.
Reddipully	92¼	II. Railway Fuel Plantation containing the undermentioned species. 1. Albizzia Lebbek 2. Acacia Arabica 3. Cassia florida 4. Pentaptera glabra 5. Sandra 6. Acacia amara 7. Pomciana Regia 8. Cananga odorata 9. Tamarindus Indica 10. Melia Azaderachta 11. Inga Saman 12. Pithecolobium dulce 13. Casuarina equestifolia 14. Cassia fistula 15. Eugenia Jambolana 16. Teetona grandis 17. Alangium decapitalum Yrs. Yrs. Yrs.	£271.10.0.	----	-----	39.0.0.	1,310.10.0.	-----	370.	778.	30636.	10,659.14.5.
Pallempatty	402	III. Railway Fuel Plantation containing the following species. 1. Albizzia Lebbek 2. Melia Azaderachta 3. Pentaptera glabra 4. Casuarina equestifolia 5. Cassia florida 6. Ficus glomerata Yrs. Yrs. Yrs.	38.5.0	----	-----	39.0.0.	390.5.0	-----	750.	407	10,514	5527.7.6.
Camalapore	247	IV. Railway Fuel Plantation containing the species below specified. 1. Albizzia Lebbek 2. Casuarina equestifolia 3. Cassia florida 4. Acacia Arabica 5. Pithecolobium dulce 6. Melia Azaderachta 7. Inga Saman 8. Acacia amara Yrs. Yrs. Yrs.	74.8.0.	-----	113.0.10.	-----	187.8.10.	----	----	----	67463	7.644.6.6.
Ghooty	404¾	V. Railway fuel Plantation with the different species below given. 1. Acacia Arabica 2. Melia Azaderachta 3. Albizzia Lebbek 4. Acacia amara 5. Casuarina Equestifolia 6. Inga Saman 7. Tamarindus Indica 8. Cassia florida	77.1.0	----	113.0.9	----	190.1.9.	-----	230	230	45020	8509.7.0.

about 42 miles

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Plantations	Acreage	Name of	Expenditure. Planting charges including pitting and channelling	Fencing.	Establishment. Permanent	Hired	Total.	Number of Receipts	Number of trees planted out and casualties replaced.	Number of casualties that occurred in the quarter	Number of trees per-manently established	Expenditure from Commencement
Trivellum, situated about 8 miles East of Vellore station at the junction of the Poiney & Palar rivers & about a mile from the Railway	434 ac.	VI. Railway Fuel Plantation Chiefly Casuarina Equesitifolia but containing also a few Cassia of different species	----	----	-----	171.13.0.	171.13.0.	25.4.6.	45.944	----	136.498	9163.10.6.
Veringepoorum, situated one mile South of the Railway station of that name in the old bed of the Palar river	260.48.	VII. Railway Fuel Plantation Casuarina Equesitifolia	----	-----	-----	266.3.4.	266.3.4.	------	80,000	-----	191,247	4750.15.0.
Shengal, situated about 1½ miles South of the Poiney Railway bridge and opposite to the Trivellum Plantation	about 110.	VIII. Railway Fuel Plantation Casuarina Equesitifolia	----	----	----	34.4.0.	34.4.0.	-----	2,100	----	3.000.	34.4.0.
Keelminnel situated South of the Palar river opposite the Trivellum plantation & about 1 mile from the Trivellum Railway Station	about 150.	IX. Railway Fuel Plantation Casuarina Equesitifolia	----	----	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chanoor situated close to the Railway and 2 miles west of Vellore station	129.98.	X. Railway Fuel Plantation. It is planted with Casuarina, Albizzia lebbek Acacia Arabica, Alangium Lamarkii	----	----	----	173.0.0.	173.0.0.	----	73,000	----	81,000	2424.0.0.
Gazerlamundum situated close to the Railway and 2 miles South of the Tripulty station	49.67	XI. Railway Fuel Plantation Planted with Casuarina Equesitifolia	----	----	----	10.0.5.0.	10.0.5.0.	----	44,000	----	44,000	1185.14.10.
Vaneredu situated North of the Palar river near Wallajah and about 1½ miles from Arcot station	About 30.	XII. Railway Fuel Plantation Casuarina Equesitifolia	---	----	----	---	---	----	-----	----	----	----

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Plantations	Name of	Receipts.	Number of trees plants casualties re-placed.	Number of trees put out to supply casualties in the quarter.	Number of trees remaining from preceding quarter.	Expenditure. Establishment. Planting Hoeing & ditching Fencing	Establishment. Permanent	Establishment. Casual	Total.	Remarks.
Annexed & situated on the Palar river about 6 miles West of Vellore and about 3 miles from the Railway	Carried Over.									
	XIII Railway Fuel.									
	Plantation									
	Casuarina Equisitifolia									

Office of Inspector of Forest.
Coimbatore 18th June 1873.

Inspector of Forests.
Major
Addams

Remarks by the officers in charge.

I. Operapully.— Of the Nos of casualties shewn in column 11.— 1,810 were Albizzia Lebbek.— 120 Cassia florida, 50 Muthy, 100 Acacia Arabica and 30 Udugay; and of the casualties replaced, 5820 Albizzia Lebbek, 1,330 Cassia florida and 1030 Melia Azadirachta.— 61 Nursery beds were prepared of the following species.—

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II.— Reddipully.— 240 Albizzia Lebbek and 60 Cassia florida were the casualties replaced with 70 Albizzia Lebbek plants put out as per column 10 and the casualties that occurred during the quarter as follows;—

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4400.

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In column 6 is added Rs. 29.0.10: being the moiety of a peon's salary @ Rs. 7 ₰ mensem and the overseers from 1st to 23d January 1873 @ Rs 50 ₰ which was drawn from the Cuddapah Treasury: the remainder has been charged to the Ghooty plantation, as this Establishment was sanctioned for both the plantations.-

General Remarks.- In the first month of the quarter there was no rain, and casualties occurred to some extent and were replaced.- A small quantity of plants were put out in channels from the nursery.- From the state of the weather, nothing more could be done in the planting line.- The coolies had to be increased to keep down and clear away the undergrowth.-

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the want of water is much felt: all the springs in the wells are fast falling away in supply.- The general appearance of the younger plants are far from healthy, but this must be expected at this time of the year.-

I visited the plantation in the month of March, having been unable to do so in January & February owing to important work in the Cuddapah District preferring to the boundary dispute between this District and Venkatagherry Zemindary in the Nellore District.- The early March rains or Mango showers entirely failed.-

In Column 6 is added Rs. 29.0.9 being the moiety of a peon's salary at Rs. 7 per mensem and the Overseers at Rs. 50 from 1st to 23d January 1873 which is drawn from the Cuddapah Treasury: the remainder being charged to the Camalapore plantation; as they are supposed to do duty in both these plantations.- Rs. 28, viz one Head Gardener at Rs. 10 and 3 under Gardeners at Rs. 6 each were drawn from the Ghooty Treasury and included in Column 6.-

I.- Tivellum.- There is nothing of importance to remark concerning this plantation.- The whole of the plantation is in excellent condition.-

II.- Veeringpoorum.- The young trees are suffering somewhat for want of water but nothing to cause alarm.- We had a good shower of rain on 3rd & are promised more tomorrow.- If we get it, it will do our plants a great deal of good.-

III.- Thengal.- All thriving.- I have pruned the oldest trees and have 20 loads of branch wood from them for sale.-

IX.- Keelmeimel.- I have nearly finished fencing the ground, forming nurseries and sunk well.- No plants put out yet.-

X.- Cheynoor.- The plants here do not suffer so much as those in the loose sandy soil of the other plantations.-

XI.- Gazerlamundum.- The young plants here look exceedingly well.-

XII.- Vaverudu.- I have not yet seen this plantation but I believe there is enough waste land adjoining to make it up to 100 acres.-

XIII.- Ammoondy.- We have done no work here.-

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This 60 acres is only half the ground selected, the other half adjoining belongs to Gudiattum Taluq and has not yet been handed over to me and I cannot begin the fencing till I get the whole.—

Office of Inspector of Forests.
Ootacamund 18th June 1873.

R. Beddome Major
Inspector of Forests.—

Enclosure.

Extract from Letter No. 1803 dated 18th June 1873 from the Inspector of Forests to the Addl Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.—

12/7/73

Revenue Department.

No. 862.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 16 August 1873

Read the following letter from the Inspector of Forests.

Submitting the Railway fuel plantation report for the quarter ending 31st March 1873.

} A.R. 18 June 1873 No. 1803.

This report refers only to the fuel plantations in the three Districts of Cuddapah Bellary and North Arcot and no action seems to have been taken by the Inspector of Forests on the definite instructions issued in para 21 of the G.O. 28 July 1870 No. 1124 to submit quarterly reports on the reserves in all Districts. Lieut. Colonel Beddome will be good enough to submit any explanation he may have to offer

But are they not under the Collr. The reports should come from Revenue Officers that the Govt of Madras and Govt Dr should rely on the results of the inspections?

of this complete neglect of a distinct order, for the communal rights which have been submitted regarding the formation of the reserves cannot be viewed as having risen this call.

2. The Board of Revision will now be requested to require the Collectors of all Revising Districts to submit these grazing returns.

To Inspector of Forests
Bd of Revenue Sept 27/8 3/15

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Railway Postal Superintendent's
Report for quarter ending 31st

Hon. W. L. Scott

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Respectfully

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