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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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No. 220. Read the following Proceedings of the Board Revenue, dated 5th August 1874, No. 2,095, Forest No. 122:—

Read the following:—

Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 4th June 1874, No. 689, Revenue Department.

ABSTRACT.—*Forest of Coimbatore and Nilgiris.*—Accepts Board's proposed arrangements regarding the boundary between —, with remarks; calls for reports on certain observations made by Captain Walker on the Hill Plantations, and on certain occurrence alluded to by the Collector of Coimbatore.

Letter from J. R. COCKERELL, Esq., Commissioner of Nilgiris, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 13th June 1874, No. 48.

CAPTAIN JAGO, the Superintendent of the Forest Conservancy on the Nilgiri Hills, having been withdrawn by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for Military duty, I have been instructed by G. O., Revenue Department, No. 566, dated 8th May 1874, and by Board's Proceedings, Forest Miscellaneous No. 138-3,313, dated 19th May last, to report the course that should be adopted for the Conservancy of the Forests. I have been in oral communication with the Acting Inspector of Forests on the subject, and I now submit the following views with the concurrence of Captain Walker.

2. The range of Colonel Morgan, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, who resides at Ootacamund, now consists of Mudumilly and Segoor, in the Nilgiri District, and Collegal, Bhowany, and Sattiamungalum, in the Coimbatore District. The charge of the Deputy-Conservator at Mettapolliem comprises the Forests at Bolamputty, Chennah Nair, and the eastern slopes of the Nilgiris so far as the timber worked down the slopes is concerned. The charge of the Superintendent of the Nilgiri Forests is the plateau of the Hills, and the timber worked up to the plateau from the slopes.

3. It is probable that it may not be thought desirable to alter the charges of Colonel Morgan and the Deputy-Conservator of Forests at Mettapolliem so long as Colonel Morgan remains in the Forest Department, and if the charge of the timber worked down the slopes was withdrawn from the Deputy-Conservator at Mettapolliem, he would not, as Captain Walker thinks, have enough to do, putting aside the important consideration that the timber worked downwards can be looked after much more conveniently by an officer residing at Mettapolliem than by an officer living on the Hill plateau.

4. But Captain Walker and I are both of opinion that eventually it will be found advisable to re-distribute the ranges referred to, placing one Forest Officer in charge of Mudumilly, Segoor and the Nilgiri plateau, and extending the range of the Mettapolliem Officer, so that his range may include not only the district he has at present, but the Taluqs of Sattiamungalum, Collegal and Bhowany also. For the present, however, we believe that the survey, demarcation and valuation of the plantations on the Nilgiris should no longer be delayed, and this is a task that will require a considerable time to complete in a reliable manner and will involve labor which, with the planting in hand, will fully occupy the Plateau Officer.

5. Accordingly Captain Walker agrees with me in recommending that as a temporary arrangement, the Plateau Officer should simply retain the charge held by Captain Jago. This officer is Mr. Ross, Deputy Conservator of Forests, who by Government Order, 28th May 1874, No. 649, pending the result of the present recommendation, was transferred to the Nilgiris plateau.

6. The salary Mr. Ross has drawn from the Imperial Department is 250 Rupees a month, with a fixed sum of 150 Rupees for travelling. If the Board and Government consider that the management of the Nilgiri sholahs and plantations should remain local, it will be necessary to provide for this amount from the Local Conservancy Fund to which Mr. Ross will be so to speak lent, but this might be open to objection on the part of the Accountant-General as regards qualifying service to pension, and on the other hand, Captain Walker and I concur, that under the altered conditions of the Forest Department, there can be no reason why the special appointment should continue and why the management of these Forests should not revert to the Special Department, in which case Mr. Ross will draw the pay of his grade as before, the receipts and expenditure being credited and debited to Imperial instead of Local. This appears the simplest course, and so long as sufficient funds are annually provided for planting, I consider it the best.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The main reason which induced the Government in 1869 to transfer the Hill Sholas and Plantations from 'Imperial' to 'Local' was "that on general grounds it was inexpedient to permit the existence of any department in the small Range which was placed under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of the Hills over which he could not exercise the fullest control." As the funds collected within the district were not sufficient to meet the salary of a competent officer to be placed in charge of the Department the services of a Military Officer were obtained, temporarily, without charge, and this arrangement has been continued during the past five years and has worked very satisfactorily. As, however, the Military Department can no longer spare an officer free of charge and as the total receipts of the Hill Forest Department cannot now be expected to rise beyond from Rupees 14,000 to Rupees 18,000 per annum, it is clear that some new arrangement must be made.

3. The re-transfer of the Hill Forests to the Imperial Department, appears to be the simplest course, and under the new organization of the Department, the Commissioner will continue to be Conservator and will be able still "to exercise the fullest control" over the Department. The Board consider that Captain Jago's approved service as Hill Conservator entitles him to some consideration and that under the exceptional circumstances of his case, he might be offered service in the regular Forest Department should he desire to enter it, and should his services be available for civil employ. The Board believe he would be senior as a Forester to most of those now on the list.

4. Hereafter as proposed by the Commissioner, Segoor and Mudumilly might be added to his range, and the Coimbatore portion of Colonel Morgan's charge might be transferred to the Mettapollium officer. For the present, the conservancy of the Hills and the proper supervision of the valuable plantations will fully occupy his time.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th September 1874.

No. 221. ORDER THEREON, 25th September 1874, No. 1,214.

Forests, No. 11.

REFERRED for the opinion of the Inspector of Forests.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Govt. of India 1874 Wards
REVENUE.

To the BOARD of REVENUE,

&c. &c. &c.

Dated September 5th
1874.

G. G. 5th September 1874, No. 1214

SEPTEMBER
Nos 220-221.

Forests on Nilgiris.—Referring for the opinion
of the Inspector of Forests, Boards Proceedin
on letter from the Commissioner on the subj
of the conservancy of—

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Revenue DEPARTMENT,

No.

From

Bd. Proceedings

Dated 5th Augo. 1874

FOR ORDERS. No. 2095.

1. In these Proceedings the Board Reply to the order of Government calling on them to "Report what course should be adopted for the conservancy of the Nilgiri forests."

2. They recommend "the retransfer of the Hill forests to the Imperial department."

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(2)* that Capt. Jago "might be offered service in the regular Forest Department should he desire to enter it"

3. On the first point the Board observe that under the new organization of the Forest Department the Conservator will on the retransfer continue to be Conservator and to have that full control which the former transfer in 69 from the Forest Dep.t was intended to secure to him.

* See in G.O. 5th Aug.t 69. No 2272.

† See in G.O. 5th Aug.t 69. No 2272.

This course is also recommended by the Commissioner as Actg. Inspector of Forests.

4 The question is whether this retransfer can be made without the previous sanction of the Government of India. When the transfer was effected in 69 they wrote that "under no circumstances should a change be made involving a transfer of Imperial Revenue to Local Funds without the previous sanction of the Government of India."

The retransfer would involve the cancella

of the course there
forbidden but as the
hill forests are not
at present remunerative
objections might be
raised on this score.

5. Capt: Jago seems to
have been appointed last
first officer in September
69. He is therefore senior
to all the Forest officers
in the 3rd. class Deputy
Conservators & might
enter that class which
would give him 500 Rs
a month or about what
he used to draw.
Only some 3000 Rs =
six months pay would this year
be required & this amount
there is reason to believe
will be available

Captain

*See para 7 p.o. 10th Sept.
69.

o. He comes next below
Mr. Cherry appt. in
Jany 64.

+See para 5 of
Conft. letter in
F.D. 28th May 74 No
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Jago is reported
to have a
+ "practical as well as
a theoretical knowledge
of forestry acquired by
a regular course of
study in England"

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Memo for Orders on No 2566.

Regarding the Wages Question

Capt. Jago

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Shall we do? - That the proper course is to return the Red Ensign to that the Imperial de Pastaud - into the Protection of the Govt. of Belize -

Admit - that I think Some other Expression in fact has been attached to the Kill Devil - Their value is Death Shall and the failure has been Expensive - & Factorial I think Suffice to negative any Good Consequence - I think therefore that the idea of a Special Pass must be given up - Possibly the Molestee might be able to detach a person to the Dep. for this Purpose

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Letter of Mr Mudie-
Mallet & Secretaries of Legation
Sectors. I do not myself think that
the Metropolitan Clergy can be
extended so as to comprise
Satpura Mangalore & Colegal - the
Mysore Coorg Cossack do justice
& such a change.

As regards Bruce's Cap
Japan with the Imperial Regis
and the heads of those who have
borne the burden of the day in
the Abyssinia - this seems to me
quite out of the question

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Notes by Hobbs ch Robinson
in ch 2566. 16/17 Sept/74.

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I do not think it necessary
to consider what can & should
be done when Ch Mayor
returns - the question to be put for
for decision is the best mode
of dealing with the Highway
Board - & Clerks & Waterbailiff.

It is known that up to the 31
March 1869. these workmen
were discharged - and since called
upon by Ch Mayor in ad Litem

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to his station Ratnagiri. He
p.o. by 11 March 1864 they
have conducted back "Zeal". and
placed under the Comd.r. who
has taken charge of the
station from a Military officer
+Lt (then Capt)
Pritchard who left the
station during
absence
in looking after
them. The list
of Indian steamers
just discovered but not actually
acquired as in this arrangement
It follows therefore that if these
vessels are to be considered to

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Imperial, we must attribute these
discrepancies and I think
we must be thankful that they are
as it is clear we cannot state
with certainty the exact number
of vessels [illegible] Talbot's account returns?
Bridges
Commissioner
Persian. The Mogul
Steamer of Rs 12.100 and the
Steamer Victoria Rs 17.750 - the latter
steamer including only 4000 -
travelling allowance for the officer
in charge - Letter for his boy, a
Lt (Capt pro) was sent to us
by the Military Dept in which boy

paid him - I cannot understand from the bankers he finished how the difference of Rs 560 between the 2 balances & Rs 1000 which is to be made good - Comes. Partly from the savings of previous years - but this fund should be cleared up - on the part of India will be best by being willing to accept a loss - Concern - and an Investment seems to have been that other trusts would long hold & be better employed under the

2/ Court than under the present Dept. The argument that the recent re-organisation - when the Court is, Statistics, Conservator has removed the reason of the charge in 1869 is fresh - but the financial results are how to be closely examined -

If the part of India can start the transfer, the Secretary of State must be asked whether any

an Officer of the Existing Establishment can now be
thanked for the change. The Establishment is fixed numerically and
no Officer. Mr Ross - has to be
absorbed into the 4th class when
a vacancy occurs. Mr Ross is now
in fresh charge - but if absent long
time, he is not fit for the Duty - It
is understood that Col Young can
have a Relief for the time. But it
will be time than I imagine
before

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before it is known whether he can
get it. Mr Winterbotham 3rd class
is not expected to return - but the
leave uncertain. If an Officer
cannot be made available, there
must be a Duty to the Sub-Post
for an Assistant at Officer - The
Such Pay as may be deemed
fitting. I should hardly think it
the work worth more than Rs 350 -
(4th class) + the actual Rs 150 tra-
velling allowance = total 500 Rs per m.
In this case there would be no hindrance
to

to the employment of Cadet Jaya - should
his Lordship see fit to entrust him.
Let the Hon'ble Resident to employ him at
once is impossible, as the Establish
ment is full - and there positions
implied by you to grade him
above next to Cadet Walker & Co
Many are senior, as I think, since
inception to the Dist. - As I have
already said, put in March 1864
I pushed to give the Civil & Military
Officers first for the Head change - He
is presently in Cadet following, they
allowed him to avail himself of

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the services of a Military Officer
from Walking two - if the Chief under
took him - one - on Rs 80 to be: under
stood as - him being being a Military
charge - Not Branch Selected by C
Cadet Jaya - But the 1st Officer was
never a permanent by the Post - nor
has he been considered a
member of the Dist. To bring him
in now - as he if he took along been
in the Dist would - I consider, he
unfit

may wish to those who are in it.

I believe further that the

rules of the Roll. pt. require that

advantage should be taken of the

first vacancy to absorb Mr Ross-

and I rather think that the pro-

per Roll to transfer

the Officers now in the Roll to

a consolidation of 3 yr Corps. Mr

Clerk for in that case should be many

500 - it is only wanting 350 - and

this must continue until Col Morgan

leaves the Roll/ as I know R 341 more

than his proper/ - and Capt Walker has.

- & such allowance of 100 lb Cofee.

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Note. Mr Ross is not actually a supernumerary. He still a number of Officers is not in excess of the sanctioned scale.

Note. The re-organization order (Gen Jan (72 No 148) merely declares (Chap 25 dV) that "commissions from Grade to Grade above the Lowest of Infantry Cadetships shall not be made until the individual has, in each case, served three years in the Lower Grade."

Rec No. 2866

Neilgherry Forests

Note by the Hon.ble
J. D. Sim Esq.r
d/ 12 Sept 1874
on Board ds 3
5 August 74
Rec 2095

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Memo:

As desired in Memo
of Friday the 18th
September 74. the
following suggestion
is circulated

" Should Captain
Jago be asked if
thinks himself
equal to and would
care to undertake
the charge of the
Forest range now
under Colonel Morga
in addition to
the Neilgherries?

2. A Statement
is also appended
showing the cost
of the Forest Establish=
=ment if arranged
& the sanctioned

* Mydumally Seegar } under the Collr.s of the Nilgiris

Bowany Collegal } under the Collr.s of Coimbatore

I don't think this expedient
I do not see any Special claim
which Capt. Jago has beyond a
general one on the Govt for
patronage & he be pleased to
exercise it. I submit the Govt
General Service is his peculiar
field - Should Govt prefer
exceptional employment & make
a kind of Special claim for
Capt Jago & to give any under=
=taking of claim in the

Scale-Col Morgan being absent.

As there is now no officer in the 2nd. class Col: Morgans place could not be immediately filled up & a vacancy is left in the 1st. class

3. In this instance the officers whose names are entered in red ink are entered in a class higher than that to which they actually belong at present

4. On Col: Morgans retirement the Department will have one permanent officer short of the sanctioned scale

Should vacancy range so long as 4 years & Col Morgan retirement should be established on 1st January. Important reference to individuals.

Asst Insr. J. H. B Broughan a Forester of the 1st. class has since the 24th. April 92 been acting as a Deputy Conservator of the lowest class.

The vacancy in the 1st class will set free Rs 450* towards absorbing this officer & introducing another & practically there must also always be savings on the pay of those absent on furlough.

Yes

At present the sanctioned scale is not followed i.e. there are supernumeraries in the 4th Class, and no incumbents in the 2nd Class.

When Colonel Morgan retires there will be a vacancy in the 1st Class, and as Captain Walker, the other first class officer, is now acting as Inspector, there will practically be no one in that class

he must be brought on the Establt.

* i.e. if the sanctioned grades are filled up by promotions. If the officers are left in their present grades the whole of Col: Morgans pay of Rs 1041 Rs + 96 Rs. travelling allowance will be available.

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It would be unfair & unjust as well as contrary to the rules & precedents from the 3rd to the 1st Class and the opportunity ought to be taken of filling up the 2nd Class and thus giving promotion through the Department whilst leaving the permanent and temporary vacancies in the 1st Class unfilled.

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with remarks by Mr. Robinson

Shall see this.

The sanctioned number of officers is 18. deducting Col Beddome, Mr Winter, and Colt Ferguson absent on leave, and adding Mr Brougham who is acting in the 4th Class for Mr Winter, there are now 16 present. When Col Morgan returns there will be 15.

If the promotions shewn in the list in red ink are made (or any similar arrangement with reference to G.O. 7 August 1872 No 1003 promising promotion to Mr Ferguson or others) there will still be funds available for the employment of another supernumerary Dy Conservator of the 4th Class or Assistant.

If it was considered desirable to employ Capt Jago he might then be brought in at the bottom of the 4th Class and the only officers who will have cause for complaint will be the three probationers Assistants who were appointed in January & August 1872.

Whenever such a position is not considered suitable for Capt Jago he might be brought in at the bottom of the 3rd Class in place of Mr Morgan in which case he will supersede no officers in the Department

This must be attended to

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Establishment as sanctioned by the Government of India, G.O. 27th September 1872 No. 1359.

1	Inspector	1,200
2	Deputy Conservators 1st Class @ 700 Rs each	1,400
3	Do 2nd Class @ 500 Do	1,500
4	Do 3rd Class @ 350 Do	1,400
4	Do 4th Class @ 250 Do	1,000
4	Probationary Assistants @ 150 Do	600
18		7,100

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Cost of existing Establishment if arranged on sanctioned scale & omitting Colonel Morgan.

1.	Col: Beddome, Inspector		1,200
1	Captain C. J. Walker, Dy Conservator 1st Class 700 Rs, Personal allowce 100		800
3	Mr. J. [illegible]	[illegible]	500
	Mr. C. G. [illegible]	Do	500
	Mr. R. [illegible]	Do	500
4	Mr. H. F. [illegible]	3rd Class	350
	Mr. [illegible]	Do	350
	Mr. [illegible]	Do	350
	Mr. [illegible]	Do	350
4	Mr. A. W. Peet	4th Class	250
	Mr. J. F. Ferguson	Do	300
	Mr. H. H. Yarde	Do	250
	Mr. T. Sheffield	Do	250
–	Mr. G. T. S. Ross	Do Supernumerary	250
3	Mr. E. H. Boileau	Pro: Asst	150
	Mr. G. Hadfield	Do	150
	Mr. A. W. C. Stanbrough	Do	150
			6,65[illegible]

Memoranda & Notes on Rev. Bd. (Bd. [illegible] 5 Aug 1874) No. 95.

R G O 25 September 1874
No. 1214

Talugwar particulars of Expenditure under [illegible] Conservancy Fund for the year [illegible]

Taluq	Jungle			Fuel Reserves			Plantation			Nurseries			Commission for Collection	Inspecting Estt	Miscellaneous charges	Total allotment	Remarks
	Number	Extent in acres	allotment of the year	Number	Extent in acres	allotment of the year	Number	Extent in acres	allotment of the year	Number	Extent in acres	allotment of the year					
						1920 for watching charges as detailed in the Budget	15	924	3600	.	.	.	240	5880	100	14750	

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Ootacamund Commissioner's Office 24 March 1874

Total amount of Expenditure proposed by the Deputy Nilgiri Sholas for 1874-75 — 14410 - 0 - 0
Commission for the Collection on account of firewood sold in Commissioner's Office — 240 - 0 - 0
Contingencies — 100 - 0 - 0
Total Rs 14750 - 0 - 0

(Signed) W. H. [illegible]
for Commissioner

(True Copy)
W. C[illegible]

Estimate of Receipts of the Jungle Conservancy Fund for the year ending 31st March 1875

Particulars	Actuals 1872-73	Estimate 1873-74	Estimate 1874-75	Remarks.
Tax on Teak Timber and Bamboos.	4946	4,000	5000	
Rent of Jungles	"	"	"	
Sale of Trees	6405	8000	7000	
Fees for Charcoal burners	1	900	"	
Miscellaneous Receipts as per particulars shown in the Column of remarks.	58	100	100	* Fines levied on cattle for trespass &c.
Total	11430	18000	18100	

Commissioners Office
Ootacamund
the 1874

(Signed) J. P. Cockerell
Commissioner

Copy for P.S.

W. Cornell
Commissioner

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Commissioners Office
Vizagapatam the 28th September 1874

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From

J. D. Cockerell Esqre
Commissioner Nilgiris

To

The Hon'ble Under Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Vizagapatam

Sir

I am requested in your official Memo No. 102 dated 21st instant to have the honor to forward herewith copy of the Local Fund Budget for 1874/75.

2 I beg to point out that Rs 12,100 are the anticipated receipts during the year exclusive of the balance viz Rs 5655 expected on 1st April last at the time of the preparation of the Budget.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

J. D. Cockerell
Commissioner

Approved
Rs

Expenses 6,750
Receipts 12,100
Deficit 5,650

Refund 72/75 11,420 R

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No. 64

Date 24th September /74

Commissioner's Office,
Ootacamund.

To
The Actg Under Secretary
to Government
Revenue Department
Ootacamund

Enclosures.
Budget

SUBJECT.
Forwarding as requested
Local Funds — for 1874/75

This confirms the un-
satisfy. condition of the
Fund
Estimated Expend 17,750
" Receipts 12,100+
Def: 5,650

actuals 72/73 11,420.
This dept. can bear
no further charge &
I think it quite wrong
one be provided for
as it is neither local or Imperial
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G.O. 25 Septr 1874
No. 1214

Estate	Village	No. of Sheets	Extent of land cropped this year on Estate or plantation	Description and Number of trees already planted	No.	Failures replanted	Description, acreage and number of trees proposed to be planted	No.	No. of coolies who work	Particulars of Establishment at each Estate or Plantation	Amount of Establishment	Pay of Superintendent of Estate works	Pay of Overseers	Commission for collection on account of Firewood Sold at Commissioners Office	Contingencies
1	2	3	4	5			6		7	8	9	10	11	12	
		1	acres 32	Aramby Plantation	34000	6000									
				Eucalyptus	28000	6000									
		2	14	Cully Plantation						1 Overseer at Rupees 110 per mensem 110×12	1320	"	"		
				Eucalyptus	15000	-				5 Peons at Rupees 10 per mensem 50×12	600	"	"		
		3	96	Governor's and Hospatlay Plantation						1 Horse allowance of Superintendent Rupees					
				Eucalyptus	41000	5000				Vacate at 150 Rs per mensem 150×12	1800	"	"		
				Acacia Delbata	18000	"				Probable amount of planting charges					
				Acacia Melanoxylon	23000	5000				for the Estate named Plantation 50 acres					
Todanad		4	15	Curithacoly Plantation			Todanad			at 400 Rupees per 20000 plants	2100	"	"		
Ootacamund				Eucalyptus	50	-	Ootacamund			Probable amount of departmental					
				Acacia Delbata	6000	-	Eucalyptus	60000	60	working charges for the Ootacamund					
				Acacia Melanoxylon	2900	600				plantations	5420	"	"		
		5	8	Madana Plantation											
				Acacia Delbata	2000	"									
				Acacia Melanoxylon	6000	"									
		6	4	Snowdon Plantation											
				Acacia Delbata	2000	"									
				Acacia Melanoxylon	6000	"									
		7	9	Marly Bruno Plantation						1 Overseer at Rupees 120 per mensem 120×12	1680	"	"		
				Eucalyptus	350	"				5 Peons at 10 Rupees per mensem 60×12	600	"	"		
				Acacia Delbata	2000	"				Probable amount of Contract, planting					
				Acacia Melanoxylon	6200	"				charges for Coonoor plantations - 40 acres at					
		8	20	Glenghaut Cully Plantation						600 Rupees per 20000 plants	1500	"	"		
				Eucalyptus	38000	4000				Probable amount of departmental					
				Acacia Melanoxylon	2000	"				working charges for Coonoor plantation	2500	"	"		
		9	26	Sherwood Plantation						Commission for collection on account of					
				Acacia Melanoxylon	4000	"				Firewood Sold at Commissioners Office	240	"	"		
				Eucalyptus	44000	8000				Contingencies	100	"	"		
		10		Armakul Plantation											
				Eucalyptus	6000	"									
		11	100	Aundy Plantation											
				Acacia Melanoxylon	54000	"									
		12	8	Brooklands (Mixed)	8000	"									
Parenganad	Coonoor	13	235	Black House Plantation			Parenganad Coonoor								
				Acacias	27600	21000	Eucalyptus	63000	40						
		14	110	Newman Plantation (Ballis)											
				Eucalyptus	65600	38800									
				Acacia Melanoxylon	21000	7160									
		15	220	Murray Plantation (Old Forest)											
				Eucalyptus	18800	"									
					115500	90					14460	"	"	14460	14460

Grand Total 14460 - 0 - 0

Ootacamund 7th week 1874

× In last year's Estimate an error was made in giving 60000 as planted the actual amount is now however entered after deducting 2400 trees, the number Burned out during the year.

(True Copy) H. Connerelle. Commissioner

(Signed) Robert Sapp Superintendent Nilgiris &c

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ABSTRACT.—*Forest of Coimbatore and Nilgiris.*—Accepts Board's proposed arrangements regarding the boundary between —, with remarks; calls for reports on certain observations made by Captain Walker on the Hill Plantations, and on certain occurrence alluded to by the Collector of Coimbatore.

Letter from J. R. COCKERELL, Esq., Commissioner of Nilgiris, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 13th June 1874, No. 48.

CAPTAIN JAGO, the Superintendent of the Forest Conservancy on the Nilgiri Hills, having been withdrawn by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for Military duty, I have been instructed by G. O., Revenue Department, No. 566, dated 8th May 1874, and by Board's Proceedings, Forest Miscellaneous No. 138-3,313, dated 19th May last, to report the course that should be adopted for the Conservancy of the Forests. I have been in oral communication with the Acting Inspector of Forests on the subject, and I now submit the following views with the concurrence of Captain Walker.

2. The range of Colonel Morgan, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, who resides at Ootacamund, now consists of Mudumilly and Segoor, in the Nilgiri District, and Collegal, Bhowany, and Sattiamungalum, in the Coimbatore District. The charge of the Deputy-Conservator at Mettapolliem comprises the Forests at Bolamputty, Chennah Nair, and the eastern slopes of the Nilgiris so far as the timber worked down the slopes is concerned. The charge of the Superintendent of the Nilgiri Forests is the plateau of the Hills, and the timber worked up to the plateau from the slopes.

3. It is probable that it may not be thought desirable to alter the charges of Colonel Morgan and the Deputy-Conservator of Forests at Mettapolliem so long as Colonel Morgan remains in the Forest Department, and if the charge of the timber worked down the slopes was withdrawn from the Deputy-Conservator at Mettapolliem, he would not, as Captain Walker thinks, have enough to do, putting aside the important consideration that the timber worked downwards can be looked after much more conveniently by an officer residing at Mettapolliem than by an officer living on the Hill plateau.

4. But Captain Walker and I are both of opinion that eventually it will be found advisable to re-distribute the ranges referred to, placing one Forest Officer in charge of Mudumilly, Segoor and the Nilgiri plateau, and extending the range of the Mettapolliem Officer, so that his range may include not only the district he has at present, but the Taluqs of Sattiamungalum, Collegal and Bhowany also. For the present, however, we believe that the survey, demarcation and [illegible]

of the plantations on the Nilgiris should no longer be delayed, and this is a task that will require a considerable time to complete in a reliable manner and will involve labor which, with the planting in hand, will fully occupy the Plateau Officer.

5. Accordingly Captain Walker agrees with me in recommending that as a temporary arrangement, the Plateau Officer should simply retain the charge held by Captain Jago. This officer is Mr. Ross, Deputy Conservator of Forests, who by Government Order, 28th May 1874, No. 649, pending the result of the present recommendation, was transferred to the Nilgiris plateau.

6. The salary Mr. Ross has drawn from the Imperial Department is 250 Rupees a month, with a fixed sum of 150 Rupees for travelling. If the Board and Government consider that the management of the Nilgiri sholahs and plantations should remain local, it will be necessary to provide for this amount from the Local Conservancy Fund to which Mr. Ross will be so to speak lent, but this might be open to objection on the part of the Accountant-General as regards qualifying service to pension, and on the other hand, Captain Walker and I concur, that under the altered conditions of the Forest Department, there can be no reason why the special appointment should continue and why the management of these Forests should not revert to the Special Department, in which case Mr. Ross will draw the pay of his grade as before, the receipts and expenditure being credited and debited to Imperial instead of Local. This appears the simplest course, and so long as sufficient funds are annually provided for planting, I consider it the best.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The main reason which induced the Government in 1869 to transfer the Hill Sholas and Plantations from 'Imperial' to 'Local' was "that on general grounds it was inexpedient to permit the existence of any department in the small Range which was placed under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of the Hills over which he could not exercise the fullest control." As the funds collected within the district were not sufficient to meet the salary of a competent officer to be placed in charge of the Department the services of a Military Officer were obtained, temporarily, without charge, and this arrangement has been continued during the past five years and has worked very satisfactorily. As, however, the Military Department can no longer spare an officer free of charge and as the total receipts of the Hill Forest Department cannot now be expected to rise beyond from Rupees 14,000 to Rupees 18,000 per annum, it is clear that some new arrangement must be made.

3. The re-transfer of the Hill Forests to the Imperial Department, appears to be the simplest course, and under the new organization of the Department, the Commissioner will continue to be Conservator and will be able still "to exercise the fullest control" over the Department. The Board consider that Captain Jago's approved service as Hill Conservator entitles him to some consideration and that under the exceptional circumstances of his case, he might be offered service in the regular Forest Department should he desire to enter it, and should his services be available for civil employ. The Board believe he would be senior as a Forester to most of those now on the list.

4. Hereafter as proposed by the Commissioner, Segoor and Mudumully might be added to his range, and the Coimbatore portion of Colonel Morgan's charge might be transferred to the Mettapolliem officer. For the present, the conservancy of the Hills and the proper supervision of the valuable plantations will fully occupy his time.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

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Forests on Nilgiris.—Letter from Commissioner on subject of Conservancy of —, submitted for orders of Government, with Board's opinion that simplest course appears to be the re-transfer of the Hill Forests from Local to Imperial Department, and that Captain Jago who was lately in charge of these forests, be offered service in the Forest Department.

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