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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th September 1874.

No. 257. Read the following letter from Captain C. WALKER, Officiating Inspector of Forests, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 15th September 1874, No. 296 :—

With reference to G. O., No. 1,027, dated 14th August 1874, I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that shortly after taking charge as Officiating Inspector of Forests I was struck by the clearing on the Coonoor Ghaut, particularly with regard to a portion just above the Government Garden at Burliar, to which I called the attention of the Superintendent, Nilgiri Sholas (Captain Jago), and the Deputy-Conservator in charge of the Mettapoliem range (Mr. Ross), as the question regarding the supervision of the slopes was then under consideration.

2. Mr. Ross subsequently reported that he had visited the spot referred to, and found that the parties had had a putta for years. Although I thought this strange, I did not take further action in the matter, as I felt confident that the Commissioner or the Collector would check any felling without authority.

3. I would suggest that Colonel Morgan, who has an intimate knowledge with the ghaut and the clearings which have taken place from time to time for many years, be called upon to report fully on the matter, although he is not now in charge of that portion of the slopes.

I can testify from my own observation to the extensive denudation which has taken place during the past five or six years, notwithstanding the repeated orders to the contrary.

4. I consider that the slopes on the opposite side of the ravine just below Mr. Herklot's clearing should receive attention. They have evidently been cleared for *Kumari* in former years, and are now covered with a dense mass of undergrowth and thorns yielding little or no good timber. I believe that if the rank undergrowth were cleared away and kept under for a few years, seedlings of the better descriptions would shoot up, and aided perhaps by a little planting here and there would eventually reclothe the hill slope with a comparatively valuable and certainly more picturesque growth.

No. 258. Order thereon, 29th September 1874, No. 1,233.

Forests, No. 21.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be communicated to the Commissioner of the Nilgiris, and that he be called upon to submit the report called for in G. O., 14th August 1874, No. 1,027, without any further delay.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Commissioner of the Nilgiris.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of [1874] 30/000

REVENUE.

To

The COMMISSIONER of the

NIGH

Dated September 2000

Ref.

G. O. 206 Sept. 1874, No. 1,238

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 257-258.

Concur (Gard.)—Ordering that the letter from the Officiating Inspector of Forests reporting evidence clearing on the — be communicated to the Commissioner, Nigeria, and that he be requested to submit the report called for in G. O. 14th August 1874, No. 1,027, without any further delay.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

From The Officiating Inspector of Forests

Dated 1874

FOR ORDERS.

If the Commissioner has not yet replied, I would send him a telegram

the Observing Inspector of Arrears reporting any
excessive shooting, or the — he considers it
the Commissioner, Nilgiris, and that he be called
upon to submit the report called for in G. O.,
14th August 1874, No. 1,027, without any further
delay.

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FOR ORDERS.

No. 296.

Office of Inspector of Forests
Ootacamund 15th September
1874.

From

Captain Campbell Walker
Asst. Inspector of Forests.

To,

C. G. Master Esqre
Asst. Secretary to Government
R. D.

Sir,

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to report for the information of Government
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and, aided perhaps by a little planting
here and there, would eventually re-
-clothe the hill slope with a compara-
-tively valuable and certainly more
picturesque growth.-

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

Campbell Smither Captain
Offg. Inspector of Forests.

No 31/71
Revenue 1874-75 Department
Pound Department
From
The Offg Inspector of Pounds
To
The Secretary to Govt
R. D.
Dated 15th
Despatched
Received 16 } September 1874
No 296.
Enclosure None
Subject.
Report, with reference to G.O. No 1027 of 14 Aug 1874 on the opinion already on the ... ... Order

Ordered that the foregoing letter be communicated to the Commissioner of the Nilgiris and that he be called upon to submit the report called for in G.O. 14th Aug 74 No 1027 without any further delay. LAL
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