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6. The Government are aware that, as a general principle, I advocate the future entertainment of none but trained men in the Forest Department; but this is an exceptional case, and one in which we should be justified in asking the Government of India to sanction the entertainment of an additional officer for the charge of an important range. Under the arrangements proposed, this will be unnecessary, and I venture, therefore, to support the Board's recommendation that "Captain Jago be offered service in the Forest Department, should he desire to enter it, and should his services be available for civil employ." It rests with His Excellency the Governor in Council to decide in what grade he should enter and what his position in that grade should be.

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8. Should these suggestions meet with the approval of His Excellency the Governor in Council, justice will, I think, be done to all, our existing controlling establishments be approximated to the sanctioned scale, and Government left untrammelled with regard to any revision of the grading now under the consideration of the Board, and the future recruiting of the department.

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2	Deputies, 1st class	2	Deputies, 1st class.....	1	Deputy, 1st class.
3	Do., 2nd „		.....	2	Deputies, 2nd class.
4	Do., 3rd „	3	Deputies, 3rd class.....	4	Do., 3rd „
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No. 291. ORDER THEREON, 23rd October 1874, No. 1,362.

Forests, No. 18.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor in Council concurs in the opinion expressed by the Board that, under the altered circumstances of the Forest Department, the principal objection to the Hill sholas and plantations being treated as "forests" is removed; while recent correspondence has shown that it is expedient, on general grounds, to revert to the arrangement in force prior to the passing of G. O., 11th March 1869, No. 653, and to place the Nilgiri plateau within one or other of the forest ranges adjacent thereto.

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From Government of India, 2nd June 1869, No. 225 F.
To Government of India, 5th August 1869, No. 2,272.

* From Commissioner, dated 25th February 1874, No. 16 (G. O., 4th June 1874, No. 689).

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				Rs.	A.	P.
Revenue—						
Balance on 31st March 1873				7,997	4	0
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			Total..	21,015	9	4
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Total Rupees	66,000	48,000	18,000	

4. By the adoption of this Course we shall save the cost of an extra officer for the Nilgiri Plateau, and I think it may be found popible on the revision of subordinate establishments to reduce the expenditure still further by allowing only one overseer, or a Sub-apietant Conservator, for the charge of the plantations and Sholahs instead of two as at present.

Almost all the Murdumullay timber has invariably found its best market on the hills, and the Forests, and those of Segur, are more accessible from Ootacamund than elsewhere, and can

can be most efficiently administered by an officer resident there, and with his office in the Commissioner's Cutcherry.

Neither the Wynaad nor Coimbatore officer could supervise the work

5. In the event of the above course being pursued it remains to appoint an officer to the charge of the new range supposing that Colonel Morgan's services are no longer available. I agree with the Board that "Captain Jago's approved services as Hill Conservator entitle him to some consideration" and, as we are, so to speak, taking over a new range, it is only just to consider the claims of the officers who have been employed in it, and have therefor acquired a certain title to their posts so long as they fulfil the duties required of them to the satisfaction of Government.

Captain Jago was employed under the local Conservancy administration on the 22nd September 1869 and may

therefore be considered to rank as a Forest officer next to Mr Cherry who entered the Service on the 5th February of the same year.

6. The Government are aware that as a general principle, I advocate the future entertainment of none but trained men in the Forest Department, but this is an exceptional case, and one in which we should be justified in asking the Government of India to sanction the entertainment of an additional officer for the charge of an important range; under the arrangements proposed this will be unnecessary and I venture therefore to support the Boards recommendation that "Captain Jago be offered Service in the Forest Department should he desire to enter it and should his services be available for Civil employ." It rests with His Excellency the Governor in Council to decide in what grade he should enter and what his position in that grade should be.

7. If I may be permitted to suggest I would promote Messrs Cherry and Douglas to the 2nd Class from the 30th January next on which date they complete 3 years Service in their present grade, entertain Captain Jago as a 3rd Class Deputy placing him next to Mr Williams, who will not complete the 3 years required by rule V. until the 24th April 1875, and promote the two senior 4th Class Deputies to the vacancies in the 3rd class grade. It is for this Excellency to decide whether this will apply to Messrs Hayne and Wooldridge or Messrs Ferguson and Yorde — All these promotions should be probationary until the Departmental test (now under consideration, and with regard to which I have referred to the Inspector General of Forests to the Government of

India for information and advice I be passed. Captain Jago should be required to pass in the vernacular within one year from his appointment according to test A. – G. O No 21 dated 9th January 1873, and in the Departmental test before he can be promoted.

8 Should these suggestions meet with the approval of His Excellency the Governor in Council justice will, I think, be done to all, our existing controlling establishments be approximated to the sanctioned scale, and Government left unhampered with regard to any revision of the grading now under the consideration of the Board, and the future recruiting of the Department.

9 I Submit a tabulated statement showing the numbers in each grade compared with the sanctioned scale and the existing strength, from which it will be seen that our total numbers remain the same and that there is only one officer Mr. C. I. S. Ross, at present acting Superintendent Nilgiris, without a range; probably some one will be required to take charge of the 2 Forest Talugs in Upper Godavery recently transferred from the Central Provinces.

10. The sums available on our Budget under establishments and the saving effected by Colonel Morgan's retirement will more than suffice to meet the increased charge on account of promotions, and the total expenditure on account of establishment (control) still remain considerably less than that of the sanctioned scale.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
Campbell Walker Captain
Officiating Inspector of Forests

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Tabulated Statement showing the numbers in each grade compared with the sanctioned scale and the existing strength.

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Sanctioned		Existing		Proposed	
No.	Grades	No.	Grades	No.	Grades
1	Inspector	1	Inspector	1	Inspector
2	Deputies 1st class	2	Deputies 1st class	1	Deputy 1st Class
3	Do 2d Class		"	2	Deputies 2d Class
4	Do 3d Class	3	Deputies 3d Class	4	Do 3d Class
4	Do 4th Class	9	do 4th Class	7	Do 4th Class
4	Probationary Assistants	3	Probationary Assistants	3	Probationary Assistants
18		18		18	

Office of Inspector of Forests
Ootacamund 1st October 1874

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Offg Inspector of Forests

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Conservancy
Forest Department
From
The Offg Inspector of Forests
To
The Offg Secretary to Govt
Revenue Department
Letter No
Dated 1st October 1874
Received
Copy No 3455
Enclosure One
Subject
Tabulated statement showing the numbers in each grade compared with the sanctioned scale and the existing strength
Ootacamund 25th September 1874
Recd 1st October 1874

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The arrangement
proposed by Col
Walker demand on
1. Col Morgan's re-
tirement from the
Forest Debt.

2. The surrender
of the Inclosure pd
to retransfer the
Kilgarry Forest to
the head "Imperial."

As to the first
I have ascertained
from Col Morgan
that he neither in-
tends nor wishes
to leave the Forest
Dept. The "Gowna"
is merely a Grea-

Enclosure
In a letter
October 1874
Inspector of
Military
Respecting

Mfg. 23 Oct 74
Ans. 3407/74
Oct 13 No 287.

Matter of his
mental claims
of "Chronic allow-
-ances" and his
retirements from
the Army does
not affect his
Civil status. Pre-
cedents are abun-
-dant. I think
only mention the
of Col Pears in
the Educational
and Col W. Wilson
in the Jail Dept
Nor is it, in my
judgment, desirable
for the interests
of the Trust Dept
that his connection

with it should cease
for if Capt C. Wilson
should get sick
we have no chance
of Experience to
take his place.
Col Wigan not
only has many years
Experience of Prison
but he has a claim
as Civil servant from
and he is thought
"fever-proof". Of
course as soon as
he retires from the
Army, he will
cease to draw
the Official pay
(Rs 1124/) he now
receives - and draw
only the pay (Rs 700/) of

the Parks - Rate
Class Dep 7 - 5
which he fairly
belongs - Of course
the Pt. have the
power of dismissing
with his services,
generally with the
of any other Ch.
has earned a
retiring allowance
He had a lien
here would, I
consider, be an
unfortunate return
for years of hard
work - and ~~would~~
be in pursuance to
the Order which

Col Morgan's con
nection with the Irish Fund
dates from 1856 - he
has transferred for the
P.W. & the Treasury Dept in
1860. His age is 57.

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here can be to remove
the prisoners from
limited Imprisonment.

As to the second
he have not yet
sought the con-
-currence of the
Secy: Pt. could he
are not entitled
to take it for
granted -

Differing from
my hon. Colleague
Mr. Robinson and
also from Col Wallace
on this point, I
consider that the
is work enough on
these hills for one

Ne have 900 Acres of
Inciclifton Plantations
alone.

a clear Yes or No
I should ask the
Sub-Pt to allow
the charge to rest
& Surgical with
a Special Advice
& such Salary
as may be deemed
fitting -

It seems me -
as matters stand
necessary to di-
-cuss the re-allot
-ment of Ranges
suggested by Capt
Walker - I may
say however that
to Hear the Veil.
- sharp Range with
the Ranges of Lyons

Monsoon all say that
Capt Jago is, in
my opinion, guilty
of the fracture,
inasmuch as he
knew that he can-
-not live Except
on the Hills - If
the Sub-Pt rule
pro us a Board
Advice for the Hills
Capt Jago seems to
me - from his in
-timate knowledge
of the Hills - to
be pick the person
for the charge - &
of this Lordship
I am fit to nomi
-nate him to it I

shall readily attend to the arrangement but to bring Capt Jopp into the Dept otherwise seem to me to involve injustice to its members. Capt Jopp's employment originated thus - in March 1869, when the Military Camp was constituted "Local", the then Govr. applied for the assistance of a Military Officer - the Dept. replied the said - that as Capt Jopp is left following, allowed the Govr. to retain the services of a Military Officer from the Military Dept (of the Civil Service) could share one / and same. limited hire allowance at the rate of 80 Rs. per Mensem (subsequently raised to 150 Rs per m - Capt Jopp was the Officer selected by the Govr. and he continued on the duty until the 1st June last when his services were lent to Govt by the Dept for Civil for Regimental employment. the has since been replaced by

as a Member of
the Dept. — how has
his services been
available at the
Hill. — and to
put him in to the
Dept. are the limits
of its Members
would. I do not
know impossible.

L. B. Lewis

5. 10.

17-12-84

A.F.

Minute by
The Honble J. D. Sim.
dated 5th October 1874

Regarding the re-
constitution of the
Forest-Ranges of the
Nilgiris & Coimbatore

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G.O. No. 1362 dt. 23rd Oct 1874

23/10/74. No. 1362

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No. 289 Minute by the Hon'ble W. Robinson, dated 23rd October 1874

I have from
Mr Sim's note that
if Col: Morgan's retire-
ment from the Army
is to be followed by
his removal from
Forest duties to which
he has so long devoted
himself, that removal
must be forced one.
There is certainly much
force in what Mr Sim
writes in favor of
Col: Morgan's retention
and notwithstanding
certain personal con-
siderations which
I must admit have
long

long possessed. Considerable
weight in my mind,
I cannot but feel
that such a measure
would be harsh and
ungracious if not
detrimental to the
public service at
present.

The question of his
removal or retention
however must be
wholly severed from
that of the employment
of Capt.n Jago. For there
cannot be the smallest
doubt as to which of
the two officers — irrespective
of all consideration of
past service — is the
preferable from a public
point of view. Indeed
I entertain the gravest
doubt

doubt whether Capt.n Jago
is under any circumstances
eligible for employment
in the Forest Department
from the fact of his feeble
health & avowed inability
to live in the plains
& perform general service
of a character which
takes health & physical
energy in an exceptional
manner. I therefore
agree with Mr. Lisle
that his employment
must hinge on the
willingness of the
Supreme Govt. to grant
a special office for
the Nilgiris Sholahs and
plantations alone. And
I regret that I am unable
to join in a recommendation
to the Govt. of India
in

in this behalf, for neither the importance of the charge nor the financial bearing of the matter seems to me to justify such a step.

I think that on the whole the matter should not be pressed until the Supreme Government have decided whether they will permit the retransfer of the Nedgherry Scholahs to "Imperial or not".

The revision of the Expenditure on the Forest of the Nedgherry should Engage the immediate attention of the Conservator and Inspector of Forests (in anticipation of

of the decision of the Govt. of India) &c
&c. &c. &c.

Note by
The Honble W. Robinson
dated 8th October 1874

Minute

Regarding the re-
constitution of the
Forest ranges of the
Veil Service & Commis-
sariat

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Minute by His Excellency the Governor, dd 9th October 1874

I would adopt Capt C. Walker's
recommendations in this matter, as
they appear to me to be such as are
most likely to conduce to the interest of
the public service, and most consistent
with a liberal & equitable dealing.

As regards Ld. Morgan's respecting
his retirement, which I believe was
Council, and it was decided according
by reference to Regulations that his
retirement from the Military Service
implied the abandonment of
his civil employ, unless he should
see fit, on repaying pounds,
reinstate him. It was also determined
for reasons which appeared conclusive,
that Ld. Morgan's was not a case
in which such exceptional reinstatement
I see no reason (on the evidence
given) for a reversal of the decision

at which the fort. then arrived

to regard (capt. Sage, & the rest
his duties are addressed in entirely
good proved by capt. Walker: and
Inv. effected him; as performed, both
[illegible] a 3rd Class Despr
Conservator, with a view to placing
him in charge of the Sacramento
Range. I have reason to believe that

[illegible] to [illegible] to later charge
Inv. he quite willing to take charge
the Range, though it would take
Irish [illegible] from their [illegible] upon
the Hills. I assume therefore that he
health will permit him to undertake
it. Inv. I should not neglect out/door
if there were any chance of reaching/to
with the fort. of Kodiak for a special
Agent for the Hill Nations. The arrangement

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with (as afforded) to relieve post
and [illegible] commencing.

It is observed that the addition of
Capt Walker's proposals (upon Ed.
Sage's retirement) involves no
additional expence.

Hobart

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I concur with the Secretary and would accept the proposals of the Off. Superintendent of Forests -

11-10-76.

Minute
~~Note~~ by
H.E. the Governor
dated 9th Octr 1874

Regarding the re-
constitution of the
Forest ranges of the
Nilgiris & Coimbatore

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. ~~246~~ - 340 - 3488

From Inspector of Forests
Dated 1 Octr 1874 ~~187~~.

FOR ORDERS.

Captain Campbell Walker
sends the Opinion called for
upon Bd: Pro: of 5 August
1874 No 2095, and also calls
attention to the claims of
Mr Brougham for promo-
tion -

The previous memoranda
notes are put up

CW
2.10.74

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GO. No 1362 Dy 23rd Oct 74

FOR ORDERS.

Revenue Department.

No. 1362

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 23 October 1874

Read again G.O. 25th Sept. 1874 No. 1214

Read also the following letter from the Offg. Insp. of Forests

Submits the opinion called for in G.O. No. 1214 dated 25th Sept. 1874 on Conservancy of Nilgiri Forests	H.C. 1st October 1874 No. 345
Minute by Hon. Mr. Sim	H.C. 5th October 1874
" Hon. Mr. Robinson	" 8th " 1874
" H.E. the Governor	" 9th " 1874

His Excellency the Governor in Council concurs in the opinion expressed by the Board that under the altered circumstances of the Forest Department the principal objection to the Hill Sholas and Plantations being treated as 'Forests' is removed, while recent correspondence has shewn that

that it is expedient on general grounds to revert to the arrangement in force prior to the passing of G.O. 1st March 1869 No 653 and to place the Nilgiri plateau within one or other of the Forest Ranges adjacent thereto.

2. The sanction of the Govt of India will, with reference to the marginally noted correspondence, be subject to this arrangement. The alteration will involve a transfer of what are now Local Funds to Imperial Revenue. It appears from the following statement of the transactions of the Nilgiri Jungle Conservancy fund for 1873-74 that though there was a balance in hand on 31st March 1873 the actual charges for the year exceeded the income

From Govt of India 2nd June 1869 No 222 F.
To Govt of India 5th Augt 1869 - 227.

From Commr 25th Feby 1874 No 76
Recommendation (G.O 4th June 1874 No 689.)

income by Rs 4425-8-8.

It is understood that the withdrawal of the slopes from the Nilgiri Forest Dept diminished the receipts by about 2000 Rs a year while the demands have been rapidly increasing owing to the extension of plantation on the plateau. When under the Imperial Dept the plantations consisted of 194 acres only. They are now 919 acres in extent and the cost of up-keep (of course proportionately greater

From Commr 21st May 1874 No 35 (G.O 25th May 1874 No 649).

Jungle Conservancy Fund 1873-74

Revenue	Rs	as	p
Balance on 31st March 1873	7997	4	
Receipts for 1873-74	13,018	5	4
Total	21,015	9	4

Expenditure	Rs	as	p			
Horse allowance of Supt	1800	"	"			
Establishment	3722	8	"			
Working Charges	9598	5	4			
Miscellaneous expenses	2323	"	6	17,443	13	10
Balance on 31st March 1874				3571	11	6

3. Whether

3. Whether the Govt. of India sanction this proposal or not it is essential that the provision of expenditure in the Nilgiri Forests should engage the immediate and earnest attention of the Commissioner and Conservator in communication with the Inspector of Forests.

4. Should the transfer be permitted the Governor in Council will be prepared to constitute the "Nilgiri" and "North Coimbatore" Ranges as proposed in the Inspector's letter recorded above.

5 On the occurrence of a vacancy Captain Jago will be admitted as a 3rd Class Deputy Conservator

6. The arrangements consequent upon Colonel Morgan's retirement will be separately notified

notified, and any promotions which may be made will be contingent upon passing the Examinations alluded to in paragraph 7 of the Inspector's letter.

14 To the Board of Revenue Dr. 9 Aco
3 " the Inspector of Forests
6 " the Accountant General

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