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No. 239. Read the following letter from C. B. CLARKE, Esq., Officiating Inspector of Schools, Presidency Circle, Lower Provinces, Calcutta, to D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated 8th February 1874 :—

On 6th January 1874 I received a note from Colonel Beddome, offering me his herbarium (*minus* the ferns) at the sum of Rs. 1,800, the same to be delivered, packed in tin, at Madras, which note I have not preserved.

2. Within three hours of the receipt of this note I posted a registered letter addressed to Colonel Beddome, saying that, in reply to his letter that morning received, I closed with his offer, and requested him to cause the cases of plants to be forwarded to my Agents, J. H. Fergusson & Co., 4, Clive Street, Calcutta, who, on receipt, would pay the Rs. 1,800. I have seen at the Calcutta Post Office the official receipt showing that Colonel Beddome received this registered letter on 12th January 1874.

3. I received on 6th February 1874 a note from Colonel Beddome, saying that he had entered into some arrangement with the Government of Madras for the sale of the same herbarium to them, and that he was leaving for England in two days from date. Colonel Beddome added that it was better that his herbarium should be kept in the Madras Presidency, but made no allusion to my note which he had received on 12th January.

4. Unless the Madras Government completed this purchase before 12th January, I submit that I have an equitable right to the herbarium for Rs. 1,800; and I respectfully request that if the Madras Government concur with me in this view, and the herbarium is now in their hands, they will cause it to be forwarded to my address as above, with the least possible delay.

5. The three letters abovementioned are the only ones which have passed between Colonel Beddome and myself on this subject; and my closing of the bargain on the 6th January 1874 was absolute.

6. Captain Henderson, now at Wellington, Nilgiris, is, I believe, in a position to explain to your Government the whole course of the transaction. Indeed, it was through him that I first heard that the herbarium was for sale, and I immediately authorized him to offer Colonel Beddome Rs. 2,000 for it. He, conceiving that price to be excessive, wrote to me advising that I should not give more than Rs. 1,750, which letter I received subsequently to despatching my letter of 6th January 1874, concluding the bargain. I thus am led to infer that Colonel Beddome's offer to me of the herbarium at Rs. 1,800 was in consequence of some bid made on my behalf to him by Captain Henderson.

I have detailed these collateral circumstances, though not material, with a view to save you possibly the trouble of a reference.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th February 1874.*

No. 240.

ORDER THEREON, 26th February 1874, No. 263.

Miscellaneous.

MR. CLARKE will be informed that
the Madras Government completed its
purchase *before* the date mentioned in
paragraph 4 of his letter.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras
Dated Calcutta 8 February 1874

On 6 January 1874 I received a note from Col. Beddome offering me his Herbarium (minus the Ferns) at the sum of Rs 1800 the same to be delivered packed in tin at Madras: which note I have not preserved.

② Within three hours of the receipt of this note I posted a registered letter addressed to Col. Beddome saying that in reply to his letter that morning received I closed with his offer and requested him to cause the cases of plants to be forwarded to my agents J. H. Fergusson & Co 4 Clive Street Calcutta who on receipt would pay Rs 1800. I have seen at the Calcutta Post Office the official receipt shewing that Col. Beddome received this registered letter on 12 January 1874.

③ I received on 6 February 1874 a note from Col. Beddome saying that he had entered into some arrangement with the Government of Madras for the sale of the same Herbarium to them and that he was leaving for England in two days from date. Col. Beddome added that it was better that his Herbarium should be kept in the Madras Presidency but made no allusion to my note which he had received on 12 January.

④ Unless the Madras Government completed this purchase before 12 January I submit that I have an equitable right to the Herbarium for Rs 1800: and I respectfully request that, if the Madras Government concur with me in this view and the Herbarium is now in their hands, they will cause it to be forwarded to my address as above with the least possible delay.

⑤ The three letters above-mentioned are the only ones which have passed between Col. Beddome and myself on this subject: and my closing of the bargain on the 6 January 1874 was absolute.

⑥ Capt. Henderson, now at Wellington Milbarnie, is I believe in a position to explain to your Government the whole course of the transaction. Indeed it was through him that I first heard that the Herbarium was for sale and I immediately authorized him to offer Col. Beddome Rs 2000 for it. He conceiving that price to be excessive wrote to me advising that I should not give more than Rs 1750 which letter I received subsequently to despatching my letter of 6 January 1874 concluding the bargain. I thus am led to infer that Col. Beddome's offer to me of the Herbarium at Rs 1800 was in consequence of some bid made on my

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C. B. CLARKE, Esq.,

Officiating Inspector of Schools,

Presidency Circle, Lower Provinces

Dated February 20th.

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G. O., 26th February 1874, No. 263.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 239-240.

Major Beddome's Herbarium.—Informs Mr. Clarke, Officiating Inspector of Schools, Lower Provinces, that the Madras Government completed the purchase of — before the date mentioned in his letter.



behalf to him by Capt. Henderson.
 I have detailed these collateral circumstances, though not material,
 with a view to save you possibly the trouble of a reference.

I have the honor to be Sir
 Your most obedient servant

C. B. Clarke

(Off. Inspector of Schools
 Presidency Circle
 Lower Provinces)

C.B. Clarke 24. 0215

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Mr Clarke will be informed that the
 document is complete & is printed before the
 date mentioned in para 2 & his letter.
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Off. Inspector of Schools
 Presidency Circle
 Lower Provinces

Dated 8.1.1914

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 to his address Mr. P. S. Reddon
 Mr. Reddon for which he has
 = money of Rs. 1500
 under the Provinces Govt.
 conflict with the
 before 12.1.1914.

with an order

G.O. No. 243-25.7.1914