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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th May 1874.

No. 268. Read the following letter from J. R. COCKERELL, Esq., Commissioner of the Nilgiris, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Ootacamund, dated 21st May 1874, No. 35:—

I HAVE the honour to submit copy of a letter to my address from Captain Jago, the Superintendent of the Nilgiri Forests, resigning his appointment on the ground that he has received orders from the Adjutant-General to return to regimental duty. Captain Jago is directed to quit Ootacamund within fifteen days from the date of the order.

2. The Nilgiri forests were formerly under the Conservator of Forests, and the Imperial expenditure on them from 18[illegible] to 1869, including establishments and working charges, was Rs. 64,298. The re[illegible]rns during this period were Rs. 44,417, and there was an annual excess of expend[illegible]ire over income of Rs. 2,000. In 1869 the forests were handed over to the Commissioner of the Nilgiris, and an officer, termed the Superintendent of the Nilgiri Sholahs, was appointed to superintend them. At that time the plantations of Australian trees covered 194 acres. Between 1869 and the present time the expenditure in the department has been, in round numbers, Rs. 53,000, but this only includes Rs. 150 per mensem of the pay of the Superintendent; the remainder of the salary of this officer being met by the Military Department, as the officer has always been a Captain in the Army.

3. The whole receipts of the department derived from the sale of timber and firewood and from a single grant of Rs. 4,000 made by Government when the forests were transferred to the Commissioner between 1869 and the present time have been, in round numbers, Rs. 57,000. It follows, therefore, that the cost of the change of system to Government has been the difference between Rs. 2,000 a-year (the cost under the old system) and the annual pay of a Captain in the Army, or, in round numbers, taking the pay of a Captain at Rs. 412 a-month, the actual increase of outlay has been Rs. 2,000 per annum.

4. But under the Imperial Department as already stated, the plantations consisted at the least of 194 acres only, and they are now 919 acres in extent, and the cost of up-keep is vastly greater. Accordingly, the present system has, in fact, been cheaper as regards direct expenditure on the part of Government than the old system; and as to the planting carried out I am informed by all competent officers I have asked it is excellent.

5. With these facts before them the Government will be in a position to decide whether it would be advantageous to the public interests to allow the services of Captain Jago to be lost to the department. Captain Jago is intimately acquainted with his duties, and has a practical as well as a theoretical knowledge of forestry acquired by a regular course of study in England. He was the first officer appointed on the transfer, and has watched the plantations with a personal interest since. Finally, he has secured the confidence of the Revenue authorities and of his subordinates.

6. With the extent of plantation in existence, it is obvious there must be a Superintendent, and it is equally obvious that he must be paid the largest part of his salary by Government. I question, therefore, whether economy would be attained by parting with Captain Jago and [illegible]ating him to duties from which he

has been long divorced, and for which he must be paid, and appointing another paid officer in his place. In other respects, it is convenient he should remain.

7. I would suggest that the question of the value of the plantations and the best mode of arranging for their superintendence be referred to the Officiating Inspector of Forests for his opinion, and, in the meanwhile, pending the settlement of the question, that Captain Jago be authorized to continue the performance of his forest duties. This letter is addressed direct to Government to save time. In the ordinary course, it would have been forwarded through the Board of Revenue to whom a copy will now be sent.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Captain R JAGO, Superintendent of the Nilgiri Forests, to J. R. COCKERELL, Esq., Commissioner of the Nilgiris, dated Wellington, 10th May 1874.

HAVING this day received orders from the Adjutant-General's Office that I am to return to regimental duty and join at Bangalore, leaving this in fifteen days' time, I have the honour to request that you will inform me what steps you wish me to take regarding handing over charge of the Forest Department of the Nilgiris.

No. 269. ORDER THEREON, 28th May 1874, No. 649.

Forests, No. 10.

IT is not practicable to retain Captain Jago's services for the Nilgiri forests; but as it is necessary to arrange temporarily for the work, pending the reply of the Board of Revenue to G. O., 8th May 1874, No. 566, His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to direct that Mr. G. J. S. Ross should make over the Mettapolliem Forest Range to Mr. R. W. Morgan (who is available for the duty), and should assume charge of the Nilgiri forests from Captain Jago.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Inspector of Forests.
,, the Commissioner of the Nilgiris.
,, the Accountant-General.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of [1874] Madras.

REVENUE.

To

The BOARD of REVENUE.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated May 28th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 24th May 1874, No. 619.

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Nos. 268-269.

Captain Jago.—States that the services of — for the Nilgiri forests cannot be retained; directs Mr. Ross to make over the Mettapollium forest range to Mr. Morgan, and to assume charge temporarily of the Nilgiri forests.

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local. V superintendt
partly as an Imperial
& partly as a local
officer Sumgraetz
H. Cochrell
Thursday.

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Lord Mandeville

wrote no. 22/
DZ.

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[illegible] Majesty's Minister [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] by [illegible]
[illegible] Lord Campbell
[illegible] proposes to send Ross
to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
of the Nilgiri [illegible] and
[illegible] [illegible] to Mellu-
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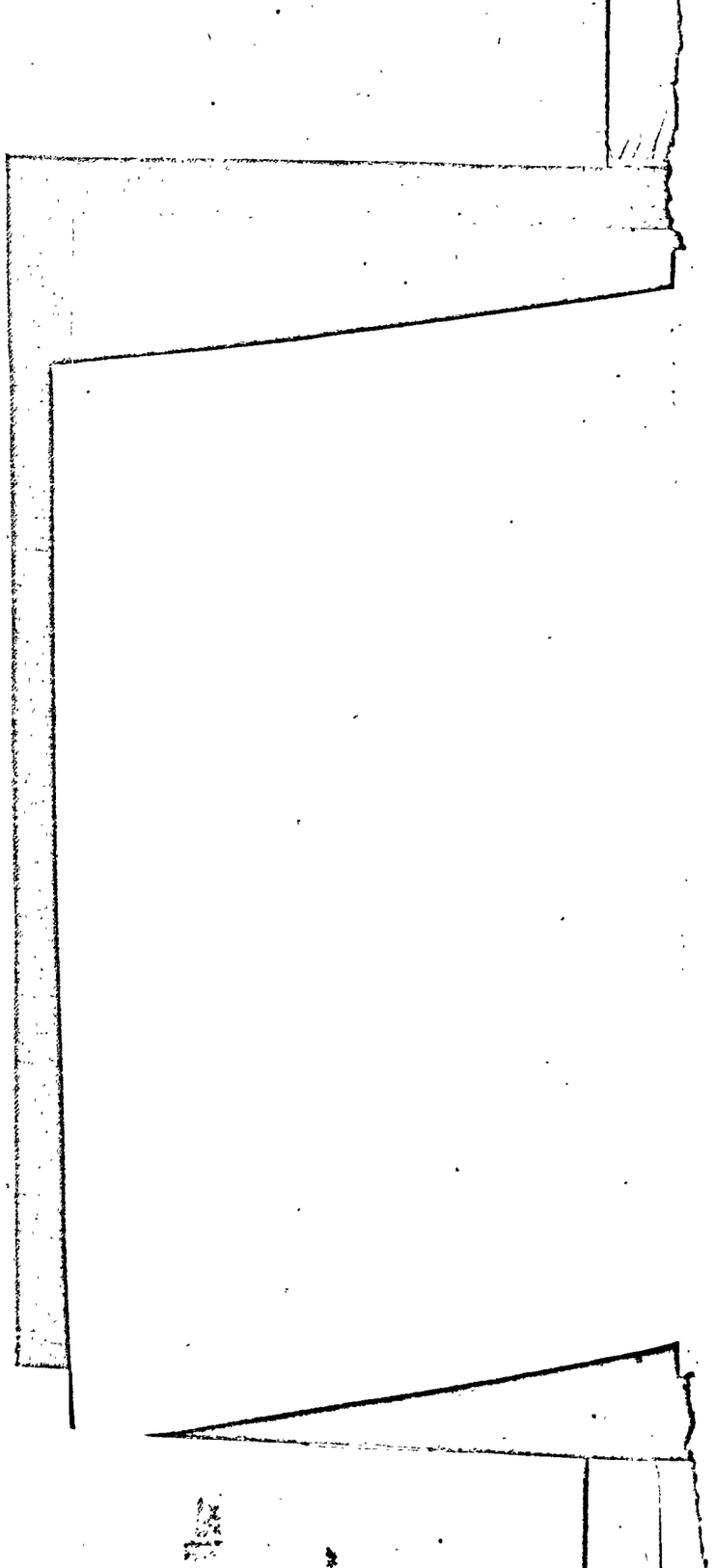
up on the 25th [illegible] —



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My dear Master

What was done yesterday in re Jago? Morgan must get orders soon & J. himself has only till 1st June when he must join fatting orders to the contrary even if he return on the Chiefs' staff

What a day of rain

Yrs ever truly

Cambridge Wilbur

11 - am
Saturday

Office of Inspector of Forests,

11 Aug 187

Monday –

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Very dear Master –

Cunningham wrote to Cochrane that the latter's letter was read by him to Council in Friday & the proposal it contained found inadmissible – I also must therefore be relieved & Cochrane report to Board after conn^n with me what he proposes to do – Meanwhile young Morgan's leave has expired – May I order Ross up here as a temporary measure & direct Morgan to take charge of Metropolitan &c

Rauke

Com^r of Course with the Collector
& the Board — If not Morgan
must go to Nelambur &
Stanbrough's app^t w^h will
I suppose, in the ordinary course be a tomorrow's gazette
w^h be cancelled by telegram
either course will suit
Please let me have definite
instructions as from the peculiar
circumstances of the Nilgiri
Mutabs &c. I cant act without
them — I shall see Cocherell
who I know is agreeable to any
course I may suggest for carrying
on the work meanwhile
Yrs truly Campbell Walker

My dear Master
I think in the Mut
the best plan — i.e. the
least inconvenient —
if we do not hear from
the Bd. by (say) Friday
will be simply to tell
Walker to put a young Morgan
in charge pending our final

[illegible]

decision regarding these
Hill Forests &c. The matter
must be settled very
soon - and I think it
absurd to order Rop up
here (he being at Metapollin)
and Mayan down to Me
tapollin (he being here) for
a fortnight's change - Mr.
Mowerer should be told 1/2
officially that he must not

when Jago will have
to vacate - so will
you agree to Sim's
temporary pro-
posal? if so I
will send a draft
G.O. for approval
Yours sincerely
C Master
26/5

My dear Master
I agree to Camp
Hill Walkers proposal
which would be obviously

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My dear Robi
Please a
papers. Cock
proposal
~~letter~~ has vi
been negat
his demi-o
to Carmicha
in Council
We cannot
to get any re
from the O
reply to G.O. 8th ha
before the 1st

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Commissioners office
Ootacamund 21st May 1874

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From J. R. Cockerell Esqre
Commissioner Nilgiris

To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Ootacamund

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as a permanent measure - but I doubt deprecate my morgan's conversion with the Nilgiri forest range his family - for too much connected with plants & forests & the Hills of such an arrangement & the extra expenditure on Satellite

Yours
J. R. Cockerell

26/5/74

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

J. M. Cockerell
Commissioner

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No. 1611.
Revenue 18724 Dept
No. 35
Date 21st May 1874
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Commissioner's Office,
Ootacamund.

To
The Secy to Government
Revenue Department
Ootacamund

Enclosures (1)
Forest
SQ 28 May 74 No 649

SUBJECT.
Submitting copy of letter received from the Supt. Nilgiri Reserves his appointment on the forces that he has been ordered to Regimental duty and expecting that his Proper Chain he retained on the Department. Pape

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To

The Commissioner
of the Neilgherries.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most obedt Servant
(Signed) Robert Jago Captain
Superintendent Neilgherry Forests

Camp.
Wellington
May 16, 1874

True copy

[signature]
Commissioner

Superintendent.
Nilgiri Forests

Dated 16-2 May 1874
Received 18 3

Res. 1611/74.
G.O. D 28 May
In B No. 268/74

States that he has been ordered by the adjutant General to return to Regimental duty & requests instructions regarding handing over charge of his office.

Revenue Department.

No. 649.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 25th May 1874.

READ the following Letter from the Commissioner of the Nilgiris.

Submitting copy of letter received from the Supt. Nilgiris resigning his appointment on the ground that he has been ordered to Regimental duty & suggesting that his service may be retained in the Dept. — H. E. 21st May 1874.

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[signature]

Board of Rev.
Inspr. of Forests
Commr. Nilgiris
Acct. Genl. —

Desp. M.S. 28.5
PC Sent 10-1
Cap-10-Jan

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