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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 1860 to 1869, including establishments and working charges, was Rs. 64,298. The returns during this period were Rs. 44,417, and there was an annual excess of expenditure 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 appointing him to duties from which he

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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, 16th 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.

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Glenn Carnichael.

We do you do are
the future to lay before
Council tomorrow the
accompanying as the
matter is urgent
Gideon is Captain Fargo
might be paid for
the pay more from
the trial. drew 100

Govt. of 1874

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

to be

Date May 28th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 2300 May 1874, No. 019.

MAY.

No. 208-269.

Charles Jago. States that the services of
for the Nigiri forests cannot be retained;
directs Mr. Ross to make over the Metropolitan
forest range to Mr. Morgan, and to assume
charge temporarily of the Nigiri forests.



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& partly as a local

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4th Geo's matter cannot be 649/51
settled by 1 June or in any
reasonable time Campbell
Walker proposes to send Ross
to take temporary charge
of the Kilgini fore. & and
post shogan to Malla-
polhemie shogan's sub-
siding canoe will be
up on the 25th day -

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My dear Master

What was done
yesterday in re Julo?

Kingan must get orders
soon + J. himself has
my letter from where he
must join back, orders to
the contrary even if he
return on the Chief's staff

What a day of rain

Yours truly

Andrew C. Walker

11 - am
Saturday -

Office of Inspector of Forests,

H. A. C. 187

Monday -

My dear Master -

Cumminchall wrote
to Cocheron that the latter's
letter was read & him & Louisa
on Friday & the proposal it contained
found inadmissible - I also must
therefore be relieved & Cocheron
wrote Lord after coming with
me what he proposes to do -
Meanwhile young Morgan's leave
has expired - May I order
him up here as a temporary
measure & direct Morgan to
take charge of Methuon's place?

Rance

Com^d of course with the collector
to the Board - If not Morgan
must go to Delamater &
Stanhope's appⁿ - it will
be in the ordinary course
I suppose, he is Commissioner's private
he be cancelled & telegraph
either course will suit
Please let me have definite
instructions as from the peculiar
circumstances of the business
probably I cannot act without
them - I shall see Cochrane
who I know is agreeable to any
course I may suggest for carrying
on the work meanwhile.
Yrs truly
Campbell Walker

My dear Mrs. C. I am looking
at her - to the
I have been in the
the best plan - i. e. the
least in convenient -
if we do not hear from
the Gov. by (say) Friday
will be simply to tele
Walker to act as
in charge pending our final

Decision regarding these
Hill trusts. The matter
must be settled very
soon. and I think it
absurd to order Rops up
here (he being at Watlington)
and away as down to the
Watlington (he being here) for
a fortnight at a charge. Mr.
Lawson should be told &
specially that he must not

when Ingo will have
to vacate. so will
you agree to Sims'
temporary pro-
posal? if so
will send a draft
G.O. for approval
Yours sincerely

Clarendon
26/5

My dear Master

I am to Camp
like Walker's proposal
that would be struck

My dear Robin

Please a
paper on Lock
proposal
letter has vit

been negative
his deni-
to Harman
in Council
We cannot
get away re

from the
G.O. 8th Jan
before the 1st

No. 35

Commissioners Office
Macao 21st May 1894

From

J. R. Cockrell Esq.
Commissioner Kilgus
The Secretary of Government
Revenue Department
Macao

Sir

I have the honor to submit copy
of a letter from address from Captain
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Kilgus.

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application of the
J. R. Cockrell

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3 The whole receipts of the Department derived from the sale of timber and firewood and from a single grant of Rs 4000 made by Government when the Forests were transferred to the Commissioner between 1869 and the present time have been in round numbers Rs 54000. It follows therefore that the cost of the change of system to Government has been the difference between Rs 2000 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 4126 a month the actual increase of outlay has been Rs

Rs 2000 per annum.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

E. C. C. C.
Commissioner

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The Commissioner
of the Railways.

Sir.

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 15 days time I
have the honor to request that you will
inform me what steps you wish me to
take regarding handing over charge of
the Forest department of the Railways.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant
(Signed) Robert Jago Captain
Superintendent Railways Forests

True copy

E. C. Bruce
Commissioner

Camp.
Wellington }
May 16, 1844

No. 161
Revenue 1874 Dept
No. 35-
Date 21st May 1844
Dec. 21
Commissioner's Office,
Ootacamund

To
The Secy to Government
Forest Department
Ootacamund
Enclosures (1)
5028-1874 No. 549
Submitting copy of letter
bearing same the Dept.
In reply to request for ap-
pointment of the Secy to
Forest Dept. as Secy to
Forest Dept. and
submitting that the Secy to
Forest Dept. is not in the
Forest Department. Yours
E. C. Bruce

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No. 649.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 28th 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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it is necessary to arrange
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the Board of Revenue
to G.O. 8th May 1874.

L.S.

W.D.
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Superintendent.

Nilgiri Forests.

Dated 16th 3 May 1874

Recd 16/1/74.

CG. 728 May/74

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Notes that he has been
ordered by the Assistant
Commissioner to Nilgiris to Regiments
duty & requests instructions
regarding handing over
charge of his office.

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Board of Rev. }
Insp. of Forests }
Commr. Milgiri }
Acct Guel - }
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