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17th January 1874.

No. 147. Read the following letter from Surgeon-Major G. BIDIE, M.B., Superintendent, Government Central Museum, to D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 12th January 1874, No. 7:—

I HAVE the honour, with reference to G. O., No. 1,290, of 24th November 1873, to report for the information of Government, that it will be some little time before I can submit the report on Parasitical plants to Government, as the Inspector of Forests wishes to retain the services of the Draughtsman till, I believe, about the close of the present month. The sketches made by the Draughtsman while I was at the hills are merely rough drafts, of which fair copies will have to be made before they can be submitted to Government. I have further to prepare some sketches of microscopical sections of wood, for which I had not the necessary instruments when at Coonoor.

2. When the Draughtsman joins the Museum and has completed the above work, I purpose taking up the illustration of the Economical plants of India, preparing sketches of the chief plants in Drury's Useful Plants, the Pharmacopœia of India, and similar works. A good many of the plants can be got here in the fresh state, of others there are dried specimens in the Herbarium, and Dr. King of the Botanical Gardens, Calcutta, has kindly promised to give every assistance in his power in the way of sending specimens that he may have, but which are not procurable in Madras. I have reason to believe that a portfolio of such drawings would be of great service at the present time, and if ultimately published would meet a want that has long been felt in India.

No. 148. ORDER THEREON, 17th January 1874, No. 77.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,

Secretary to Government.

To Surgeon-Major G. Bidie, M.B.

Erd. W. H. French.

No. 7. Government C. Museum
12th January 1874-

From
Surgeon Major G. Bidie M. B.
Superintendent Government C. Museum
To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

Sir,

I have the honor with reference to Govt.
Order No. 1290, of 24th November 1873, to report

for the information of Government, that it
will be some little time before I can

submit the reports on parasitical plants to

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to retain the services of the draughtsman till,

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Surgeon Major G. Bidie, M.B.

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Parasitical plants of the Nigiris. According to the Superintendent, Government Central Museum, stating his report on the will be delayed, and reporting the work on which the Draughtsman will be employed.

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of great service at the present time, and if
ultimately published would meet a want
that has long been felt in India.

I have the honor to be

Yours most obedient servant
P. B. S. Surgeon Major
Superintendent of the Central Museum.

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To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Dept.

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Informing that the report
on parasitic plants will be
delayed pending arrival of
draughtsmen; also refers to
how it is proposed to employ
draughtsmen.

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