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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th September 1874.

No. 220. Read the following Proceedings of the Board Revenue, dated 5th August 1874, No. 2,095, Forest No. 122:—

Read the following:—

Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 4th June 1874, No. 689, Revenue Department.

ABSTRACT.—*Forest of Coimbatore and Nilgiris.*—Accepts Board's proposed arrangements regarding the boundary between —, with remarks; calls for reports on certain observations made by Captain Walker on the Hill Plantations, and on certain occurrence alluded to by the Collector of Coimbatore.

Letter from J. R. COCKERELL, Esq., Commissioner of Nilgiris, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 13th June 1874, No. 48.

CAPTAIN JAGO, the Superintendent of the Forest Conservancy on the Nilgiri Hills, having been withdrawn by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for Military duty, I have been instructed by G. O., Revenue Department, No. 566, dated 8th May 1874, and by Board's Proceedings, Forest Miscellaneous No. 138-3,313, dated 19th May last, to report the course that should be adopted for the Conservancy of the Forests. I have been in oral communication with the Acting Inspector of Forests on the subject, and I now submit the following views with the concurrence of Captain Walker.

2. The range of Colonel Morgan, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, who resides at Ootacamund, now consists of Mudumilly and Segoor, in the Nilgiri District, and Collegal, Bhowany, and Sattiamungalum, in the Coimbatore District. The charge of the Deputy-Conservator at Mettapolliem comprises the Forests at Bolamputty, Chennah Nair, and the eastern slopes of the Nilgiris so far as the timber worked down the slopes is concerned. The charge of the Superintendent of the Nilgiri Forests is the plateau of the Hills, and the timber worked up to the plateau from the slopes.

3. It is probable that it may not be thought desirable to alter the charges of Colonel Morgan and the Deputy-Conservator of Forests at Mettapolliem so long as Colonel Morgan remains in the Forest Department, and if the charge of the timber worked down the slopes was withdrawn from the Deputy-Conservator at Mettapolliem, he would not, as Captain Walker thinks, have enough to do, putting aside the important consideration that the timber worked downwards can be looked after much more conveniently by an officer residing at Mettapolliem than by an officer living on the Hill plateau.

4. But Captain Walker and I are both of opinion that eventually it will be found advisable to re-distribute the ranges referred to, placing one Forest Officer in charge of Mudumilly, Segoor and the Nilgiri plateau, and extending the range of the Mettapolliem Officer, so that his range may include not only the district he has at present, but the Taluqs of Sattiamungalum, Collegal and Bhowany also. For the present, however, we believe that the survey, demarcation and valuation of the plantations on the Nilgiris should no longer be delayed, and this is a task that will require a considerable time to complete in a reliable manner and will involve labor which, with the planting in hand, will fully occupy the Plateau Officer,

5. Accordingly Captain Walker agrees with me in recommending that as a temporary arrangement, the Plateau Officer should simply retain the charge held by Captain Jago. This officer is Mr., Ross, Deputy Conservator of Forests, who by Government Order, 28th May 1874, No. 649, pending the result of the present recommendation, was transferred to the Nilgiris plateau.

6. The salary Mr. Ross has drawn from the Imperial Department is 250 Rupees a month, with a fixed sum of 150 Rupees for travelling. If the Board and Government consider that the management of the Nilgiri sholahs and plantations should remain local, it will be necessary to provide for this amount from the Local Conservancy Fund to which Mr. Ross will be so to speak lent, but this might be open to objection on the part of the Accountant-General as regards qualifying service to pension, and on the other hand, Captain Walker and I concur, that under the altered conditions of the Forest Department, there can be no reason why the special appointment should continue and why the management of these Forests should not revert to the Special Department, in which case Mr. Ross will draw the pay of his grade as before, the receipts and expenditure being credited and debited to Imperial instead of Local. This appears the simplest course, and so long as sufficient funds are annually provided for planting, I consider it the best.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The main reason which induced the Government in 1869 to transfer the Hill Sholas and Plantations from 'Imperial' to 'Local' was "that on general grounds it was inexpedient to permit the existence of any department in the small Range which was placed under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of the Hills over which he could not exercise the fullest control." As the funds collected within the district were not sufficient to meet the salary of a competent officer to be placed in charge of the Department the services of a Military Officer were obtained, temporarily, without charge, and this arrangement has been continued during the past five years and has worked very satisfactorily. As, however, the Military Department can no longer spare an officer free of charge and as the total receipts of the Hill Forest Department cannot now be expected to rise beyond from Rupees 14,000 to Rupees 18,000 per annum, it is clear that some new arrangement must be made.

3. The re-transfer of the Hill Forests to the Imperial Department, appears to be the simplest course, and under the new organization of the Department, the Commissioner will continue to be Conservator and will be able still "to exercise the fullest control" over the Department. The Board consider that Captain Jago's approved service as Hill Conservator entitles him to some consideration and that under the exceptional circumstances of his case, he might be offered service in the regular Forest Department should he desire to enter it, and should his services be available for civil employ. The Board believe he would be senior as a Forester to most of those now on the list.

4. Hereafter as proposed by the Commissioner, Segoor and Mudumilly might be added to his range, and the Coimbatore portion of Colonel Morgan's charge might be transferred to the Mettapollium officer. For the present, the conservancy of the Hills and the proper supervision of the valuable plantations will fully occupy his time.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th September 1874.

No. 221. ORDER THEREON, 25th September 1874, No. 1,214.

Forests, No. 11.

REFERRED for the opinion of the Inspector of Forests.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Inspector of Forests.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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Revenue Department,

No.

From Br. Proceedings

Dated 5th Augt. 1874

FOR ORDERS. No. 2095.

1. In these Proceedings the Board apply to the order of Government calling on them "to report what course should be adopted for the conservancy of the Belgiri forests."

2. They recommend "the retransfer of the Hill forests to the Imperial department."

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Govt. of Bengal Proceedings

REVENUE.

To

The BOARD of REVENUE,

&c. &c. &c.

Dated Fort William, the 5th September 1874.

Read

G. O., 25th September 1874, No. 1214.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 220-221.

Forests—Notification declaring the Belgiri Forests in the Darjeeling District to be Reserved Forests under the Indian Forest Act, 1865.

From the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, to the Commissioner of the Darjeeling Division, No. 1214, dated 25th September 1874.

I am directed to forward, for publication in the Calcutta Gazette, a notification declaring the Belgiri Forests in the Darjeeling District to be Reserved Forests under the Indian Forest Act, 1865.

2. The Lieutenant-Governor has also decided that the Belgiri Forests shall be managed by the Forest Department, and I am to request that you will make over charge of them to the Conservator of Forests, Eastern Circle, as soon as he is ready to take them.

3. The Lieutenant-Governor has also decided that the Hill Forests shall be retransferred to the Imperial Department, and I am to request that you will make over charge of them to the Conservator of Forests, Eastern Circle, as soon as he is ready to take them.

4. The Lieutenant-Governor has also decided that the Hill Forests shall be managed by the Forest Department, and I am to request that you will make over charge of them to the Conservator of Forests, Eastern Circle, as soon as he is ready to take them.

5. The Lieutenant-Governor has also decided that the Hill Forests shall be managed by the Forest Department, and I am to request that you will make over charge of them to the Conservator of Forests, Eastern Circle, as soon as he is ready to take them.

(2) that left Jago
"Light" he offered
service in the Regular
Local Inspectorate
should be observed
Letter of 11
3. In the first place
the Board observe
that under the
new organization
of the Local Inspectorate
the conversion or
re-transfer
contemplated by the Governor
and to have been
fully carried into
the former transfer
in 69 from the Local
Insp. was included
to secure to him

† See n. 60. 5th Dispr
69. No. 2272

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Such course as that
recommended by
the Commissioners of
Local Inspectorate
† The question as to
whether these transfers
can be made without
the previous sanction
of the Secretary of
State. When the
transfer was effected
in 69 they were
"under no obligation
should a change be
made involving a
transfer of Imperial
Balance to Local Funds
without the previous
sanction of the Secretary
of State. The re-transfer would
involve the consent

of the course there
forbidden but as the
Hill fruits are not
at present enumerated
Directions might be
framed on this score.

5. Capt: Jago seems to
have been appointed Local
Forest officer in September
69. It is therefore Clear
to all the Forest officers
in the 3rd class Deputy
Conservators & might
refer that class which
would give them 500 Rs
a month or about what
he used to draw.
Only since 3000 Rs =
six months pay would this year
be required & this amount
there is reason to believe
will be available
Captain

* See para 7 p. 10 Sept. 69.

6. He comes next below
two Chevy officers in
Jany 69.

* See para 5 of
Conser. letter in
P.D. 20th May 74 66
649.

Jago is reported
to have a
"practical as well as
a theoretical knowledge
of forestry acquired by
a regular course of
study in England"
Lac

Letters to Order in C.A. 2566

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Have us down- that the proposed Course & return for the Red Sea by Habab & the Imperial de Bastard - onto the Sanctuary & the Coast of Adel - that I should do so - Some other Expeditions in fact has been attached to the Red Sea - their value is small and the failure very serious - & practical difficulties to depart any considerable - I think therefore that the idea of a Special Mission must be given up - possibly the Roberts might be able to detach a person to the Dep. for this Charge

to the Mukadam
dulle & Segur when Cob Nayak
setters. I do not myself think that
the Instructions Clara can be
extended so as to comprise
Satyamangalam & Coimbatore -
per contra possibly do such
& such a clause.

As regards bringing Capt
Jago into the Imperial Dispatch
on the head of those Ob Lan
borne the brunt of the day in
the Mysore - this seems to me
quite out of the Question

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Notes by Mabie ch Robinson
in ch 2566. 1/17 Sept/74.

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le dre when ch kng an
letter - the fun tm to at fm the
for decision is the last knock
of dealing in the the kingdom
Bucks - & blacks & blackstaves -
St to know that up to the 31
March 1869. there would be
here the burials - and here called
after by the King in ad to the

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to his other Duties. He
f.o 29 11 March 1869 they
have entitled Lord and
Edward under the Act. who
were last year Lieutenant - the
other two of the Military Officers
+ Col (then Capt)
Birch and the
other deceased
in holding the
Civil. The Act
of 1869 is to
[illegible] declared between Lord
acquired in this arrangement
It follows therefore that if the
Facts are to be re-considered

Imperial, in the Commissioners
Income Tax and the Collector
in Lord's case and the Surveyor
as it is clear in Lord's case that
in the Commissioners
+ Talk to Price Collins & Bird about this case?
Surveyor. The Net Income
of the £12.100 and the
Sum
of £17.750 to be taxed
Sum in the Duty only does not
travelling allowance for the Office
charge - Nothing for living in
(Capt) has sent to us
by the Auditing Officer in the Income

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Paid him - I cannot benefit
from the benefits he might have
the difference of Rs 5600 between
the 2 bracketed words & the check
which is to be made good -
fully from the savings of previous
years - but this fund should be
charged only on the part of Indian
life but being willing to ac-
-cept a loss on one - and an
exhibition seems to have been
that these two units would keep balance
I be better on Block and the

2/ Cont. than under the Head
Dept. The argument that the
Court is, & ought, to be treated
the Cont. is, & ought, to be treated
has removed the reason of the
change in W&G is good - but on
financial results are to be
closely scrutinised -
If the part of Indian Cricket
& the transfer, the Secretary of
Finance must be at least a better on

an Officer of the Existing Establishment can not be
Stand for the charge - The Establishment is fixed numerically
the Office - Mr Rose - has to be
absorbed in the 4th class when
a Vacancy occurs. Mr Rose is now
in fresh charge - but if absent long
time, he is not fit for the duty - It
is understood that Col Kemp can
have a Holland for the time - but it
will be time enough I imagine before

before it is known whether he can
get it - Mr Winterbotham 3d. class
is not expected to return - but the
seems uncertain - If an Officer
cannot be made available, there
must be a vacancy for the Deputy
for an Assistant Officer - The
Speck Farm can hardly be deemed
fitting - I should hardly think it
the Rents will be more than Rs 350 -
(4th class) & the total Rs 150 the
selling allowance total 500 Rs per
annum - Stamps would be to hinder

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to

to the Establishment of Cadet Corps - Should his Lordship be pleased to confirm his Rank the 10th Instant to enable him at once to enter upon the Establishment is pleased - and that for the future his Rank may be taken to Rank next to Cadet Walker & Co Henry Cunningham, and that he may be put to the Duty - as I have already said, put in March 1864 Expected to join the Corps a Military Allowance for the Great charge - He is presently in Debt following, then allowed him to avail himself of

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the Services of a Military Officer from Walking to - if the Chief order him - one - on Rs 80 to his Allowance - his being living a Military charge - But that the Selected Officer Cadet Corps - But that Officer was never absolutely by the post - nor has he been been considered a Member of the Duty - To bring him in mind - as to if he took along been in the Duty would - I am to Sir, his

unjust to those who are in it.

I believe further that at the

rules of the Rle. for superior that

advantage should be taken of this

first vacancy to absorb the Boys

and I see then that it is the true

line to the Rgt

the Officers now in the Battn.

in consideration of 3 yrs service. The

Clerk for the time should be Sergt.

500 - but is only receiving 350 - and

Government costume in the Ct Regt

leave the Battn/ on the Roster R 341 vice

Ross his promn/ - and Capt Walker Inv.

-d with allowance of 100 Rs Each.

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Note. Lt Ross is not actually a supernumerary. He still a number of Officers is not in excess of the sanctioned scale.

Note. The re-organization order (24) Jan (7th No 148) (Mar 25 dy) and promulgated from Gradation about the Corps of Officers Commanding shall not be made until the Individuals in each case served three years in the lower Grade."

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Neilgherry Hunts

Post Galle Head
D. D. Sun C.S.
d/12 Sept. 54
on Board D.
5 Augs 54
Rs. 2095

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Memo:

As desired in Memo
of Friday the 10th
September 54. the
following suggestion
is circulated

"Should Captain
Jago be asked if
Hunts himself
Equal to and would
care to undertake
the charge of the
Forest range now
under Colonel Morgan
in addition to
the Neilgherries?"

2. A Statement
is also appended
showing the cost
of the Forest Establish-
ment if arranged
as the sanctioned

* Brydon Mally & Seegar } under the Comm[r] of the Nilgiris

Bowring & Collegal } under the Collr: of Coimbatore

I do not think this expedient
I do not see any special claim
that Capt. Jago has beyond a
general title on the Government
patronage of the Nilgherries
Government to select the disp
General Service in his profes
sion - Hunts Hall to prove
qualities unbecoming & make
a Tender of Special Service for
Capt Jago & to give any under
stood Rank of claim & the

Scale-Col Morgan
being absent.

As there is now
no officer in the
2nd class Col: Morgans
place could not
be immediately
filled up & a balance is left
in the 1st class
2. In this case
the officer whose
name stands next
will be entered
in a class higher
than that to
which they actually
belong at present
4. If Col: Morgans
retirement
Department will
have one supernumerary
officer short of the
sanctioned scale

Halfpenny range so long as
he chases & told at
Peckham after the
Col Morgans retirement
& place be filled up & Sanctd
posting. Instant reference to m
divisionals.

first bar. J. H. B
Brougham & Forster
of the 1st class has
since the 24th April
72 bells acting
as a Deputy Conservator
of the lowest class.
The vacancy in the
1st class will not free
Rs 450 towards
absorbing this officer
& introducing another
& practically there
must also always
be savings from the
pay of three absent
on furlough.

Yes

At present the sanctioned scale is not fol-
lowed i.e. there are supernumeraries in the 4th
Class, and no incumbents in the 2nd Class.
When Colonel Morgan retires there will
be a vacancy in the 1st Class, and Captain
Walker, the other 2nd Class Officer, is now
acting as Inspector, & will practically no one
in the 2nd Class

If the standard
of the standard
are filled up
by promotions. If the
officers are left in
their present scales
the whole of Col: Morgans
pay & Rs 1042 & 96
Rs travelling allowance
will be available

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It would be inexpedient as well as contrary to the rules & practice from the 3rd to the 7th Class and the opportunity might be taken of filling up the 2nd Class and thus giving promotion through the Department while leaving the permanent and temporary vacancies in the 1st Class unfilled.

The sanctioned number of officers is 18. deducting Col Bellairs, absent, and Col Ferguson absent on leave, and adding Lt Brigham who is acting in the 4th Class for Lt Carter, there are only 16 present. When Colonel Morgan retires there will be 15.

If the promotions shewn in the list in red ink are made (or any similar arrangement with reference to Capt Jago) the Lieutenancies Promotion & Retirement Regulations of 1873 there will still be funds available for the employment of another supernumerary Lieutenant of the 4th Class or for filling up Conservators of the 4th Class or for filling

If it was considered desirable to employ Capt Jago he might then be brought in at the bottom of the 4th Class and the only officers who would have cause for complaint would be the three probationers whose names were appointed in January & August 1872.

However such a position is not considered suitable for Capt Jago he might be brought in at the bottom of the 3rd Class in place of Lt Morgan in which case he would supersede 9 officers in the Department.

This Statement was prepared 24/9 1874.

C.O. 9/174

Establishment as sanctioned by the Government of India, G.O. 27 September 1872 No. 359.

1 Inspector		1,200
2. Deputy Conservators 1st Class @ 700 Rs. each		1,400
3 Do. 2nd Class @ 500 Do.		1,500
4 Do. 3rd Class @ 350 Do.		1,400
4 Do. 4th Class @ 250 Do.		1,000
4. Probationary Assistants @ 150 Do.		600
18		7,100

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Cost of existing Establishment if arranged on sanctioned scale. Y. Mauritius

Colonel Morgan.

1.	Col. Beddome. Inspector		1,200
1	Captain C. J. Walker. Dy. Conservator 1st Class. Personal allowance 700 Rs. 100 —		800
3	[illegible]		[illegible]
4	[illegible]		[illegible]
	Mr. A. W. Peet	1st Class	250
4	Mr. J. F. Ferguson	Do.	300
	Mr. H. H. Garde	Do.	250
	Mr. J. Sheffield	Do.	250
	Mr. G. F. S. Rous	Do. Supernumerary	250
	Mr. E. H. Bilcan	Pro. Asst.	150
3	Mr. G. Hadfield	Do.	150
	Mr. A. W. C. Stambrough	Do.	150
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Memoranda & Notes on Rev Pro.

(Bd. 5 Aug 1874.) No. 95.

R G O 25 September 1874 No 1214

Taluqwar particulars of Expenditure under [illegible] Conservancy Funds for the year [illegible]

Taluq	Jungle			Fuel Reserves			Plantation			Nurseries			Commission for Collection	Inspecting Estt.	Miscellaneous charges	Total allotment	Remarks
	Number	Extent in acres	Allotment of the year	Number	Extent in acres	Allotment of the year	Number	Extent in acres	Allotment of the year	Number	Extent in acres	Allotment of the year					
						1920 for working charges as detailed in the Budget	15	927	3600	.	.	.	240	5880	100	11750	

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Total amount of expenditure proposed by the [illegible] Pillairi Scholars for 1874-75 - - - 11410-0-0

Commission for the Collection on account of firewood sold in Commissioner's Office - 240-0-0

Contingencies - - 100-0-0

Total Rs 11750-0-0

Ootacamund Commissioner's Office 24 March 1874

(True Copy) [illegible]

(Signed) W. R. for Comr.

Estimate of Receipts of the Jungle Conservancy Fund for the year ending 31st March 1875

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Particulars	Actuals 1873-74	Estimate 1874-75	Estimate 1874-75	Remarks.
Sawn Teak Timber and Bamboos.	4945	4,000	5000	
Rent of Jungles	"	"	"	
Sale of Trees	6425	2000	1,000	
Fees for charcoal burners	1"	900	"	
Miscellaneous Receipts as per particulars shown in the Column of remarks.	58	100	100	* Fines levied on cattle for trespass &c.
Total	11428	18000	15100	

Commissioner's Office
Octacamund
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Copied J. P. Cockerell
Commissioner

Copy

H. Conolly.
Commissioner.

Commissioners Office
Ootacamund 28th September 1874

No. 64

From

J. P. Cockerell Esqre
Commissioner Nilgiris

To

The Under Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Ootacamund

Sir

I am requested in your official Memo No. 102 dated 21st instant to forward herewith copy of the local Budget for 1874-75.

2. I beg to point out that Rs 12,100 are the anticipated receipts during the year inclusive of the balance of Rs 5,555 expected on 1st April last at the time of the preparation of the Budget.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

J. P. Cockerell
Commissioner

Under Secretary
Receipts Rs 7,750
Balance 4,350
Total Rs 12,100

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Date 25th September 1874

Commissioner's Office,
Ootacamund.

To

The Secretary
Government
Revenue Department
Ootacamund

Gentlemen,

Report

SUBJECT.

Forwarding as requested
Local Funds — for 1874-75

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servant
[illegible]
Commissioner of Nilgiris

G.O. 25 Septr 1874
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This confirms the re-
Sales & Condition of Mar
Estimate Expend 17750
Receipts 12100
Bal: 5650

Actual 12/73 11,420.

This dept can bear
no further charge a
bridle path Gudalur
Road provided &
as Asst Surgeon is lodged & supplied

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Date 25th May 1874

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Village	Village	Area	Area	Description and Number of trees already planted		Description, acreage and number of trees proposed to be planted		Number of Coupon Book	Particulars of Establishment at each Topse or Plantation	Amount of Column 8	Amount of Establishment for 1874-75 chargeable to Works	Amount of Establishment for 1874-75 chargeable to Revenue
		Acres			No replaced		No accepted					
1	2	3	4	5		6		7	8	9	10	11
		1	38	Arambey Plantation								
				Eucalyptus	31000 6000							
		2	11	Bally Plantation								
				Eucalyptus	15000 "							
		3	96	Overseer's and Hospitality Plantations								
				Eucalyptus	41000 5600							
				Acacia Delbata	18000 "							
				Acacia Melanoxylon	23000 5000							
Tolanad		4	15	Curitheevely Plantation		Tolanad						
Coteemunde				Eucalyptus		50 " Coteemunde						
				Acacia Delbata	6000 "	Eucalyptus	6000	50				
				Acacia Melanoxylon	2900 "							
		5	8	Madana Plantation								
				Acacia Delbata	2000 "							
				Acacia Melanoxylon	6000 "							
		6	7	Snowdon Plantation								
				Acacia Delbata	3000 "							
				Acacia Melanoxylon	6000 "							
		7	9	Barly Bruens Plantation								
				Eucalyptus	250 "							
				Acacia Delbata	2000 "							
				Acacia Melanoxylon	6250 "							
		8	20	Shenghaut Bally Plantation								
				Eucalyptus	20000 4000							
				Acacia Melanoxylon	2000 "							
		9	26	Sherwood Plantation								
				Acacia Melanoxylon	4000 "							
				Eucalyptus	4000 2000							
		10		Annabul Plantation								
				Eucalyptus	6000 "							
		11	100	Aundy Plantation								
				Acacia Melanoxylon	51000 "							
		12	8	Brooklands (Princes)	8000 "							
Parenganad Coonoor		13	235	Black Horse Plantation		Parenganad Coonoor						
				Acacias	21760 25000	Eucalyptus	60,000	40				
		14	110	Newman Plantation (Rallia)	6760 3580							
				Eucalyptus								
				Acacia Melanoxylon	27000 7160							
		15	220	Murray Plantation (Old Forest)								
				Eucalyptus	18220 "					115500	90	

1	Overseer at Rupees 110 per mensem	110×12	1320 . .
5	Peons at Rupees 10 per mensem	50×12	600 . .
1	Horse allowance of Superintendent Nilgiris		
	Forests at 150 Rs per mensem	150×12	1800 . .
	Probable amount of planting charges for the Coteemunde Plantation 50 acres at 900 Rupees per 20000 plants		2100 . .
	Probable amount of departmental working charges for the Coteemunde plantations		6720 . .
1	Overseer at Rupees 130 per mensem	130×12	1560 . .
5	Peons at 10 Rupees per mensem	50×12	600 . . .
	Probable amount of Contract, planting charges for Coonoor plantations - 40 acres at 600 Rupees per 20000 plants		1500 . .
	Probable amount of departmental working charges for Coonoor plantations		2500 . .
	Commission for Collection on acreage of Firewood Sold at Commissioners Office		240 . .
	Contingencies		100 . .
			14450 . .

Establishment of Plantations for 1874-75 chargeable to Works — 14450 . .
Establishment of Nilgiris Forests for 1874-75 chargeable to Revenue — 14450 . .
Commission for Collection on acreage of Firewood — 240 . .
Contingencies — 100 . .
Grand Total 14450 . .

Coteemunde
1st week 1874

* In last year's Estimate an error was made in copying 60000 as planted the actual amount is now lowered altered after deducting 2500 trees, the number planted out during the year.

(True Copy) H. C. Cockerell
Commissioner

(Signed) Robert Fyfe
Superintendent Nilgiris

FOREST No. 122.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 5th August 1874, No. 2,095.

Read the following :—

Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 4th June 1874, No. 689, Revenue Department.

ABSTRACT.—*Forest of Coimbatore and Nilgiris.*—Accepts Board's proposed arrangements regarding the boundary between —, with remarks; calls for reports on certain observations made by Captain Walker on the Hill Plantations, and on certain occurrence alluded to by the Collector of Coimbatore.

Letter from J. R. COCKERELL, Esq., Commissioner of Nilgiris, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 13th June 1874, No. 48.

CAPTAIN JAGO, the Superintendent of the Forest Conservancy on the Nilgiri Hills, having been withdrawn by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for Military duty, I have been instructed by G. O., Revenue Department, No. 566, dated 8th May 1874, and by Board's Proceedings, Forest Miscellaneous No. 138-3,313, dated 19th May last, to report the course that should be adopted for the Conservancy of the Forests. I have been in oral communication with the Acting Inspector of Forests on the subject, and I now submit the following views with the concurrence of Captain Walker.

2. The range of Colonel Morgan, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, who resides at Ootacamund, now consists of Mudumilly and Segoor, in the Nilgiri District, and Collegal, Bhowany, and Sattiamungalum, in the Coimbatore District. The charge of the Deputy-Conservator at Mettapolliem comprises the Forests at Bolamputty, Chennah Nair, and the eastern slopes of the Nilgiris so far as the timber worked down the slopes is concerned. The charge of the Superintendent of the Nilgiri Forests is the plateau of the Hills, and the timber worked up to the plateau from the slopes.

3. It is probable that it may not be thought desirable to alter the charges of Colonel Morgan and the Deputy-Conservator of Forests at Mettapolliem so long as Colonel Morgan remains in the Forest Department, and if the charge of the timber worked down the slopes was withdrawn from the Deputy-Conservator at Mettapolliem, he would not, as Captain Walker thinks, have enough to do, putting aside the important consideration that the timber worked downwards can be looked after much more conveniently by an officer residing at Mettapolliem than by an officer living on the Hill plateau.

4. But Captain Walker and I are both of opinion that eventually it will be found advisable to re-distribute the ranges referred to, placing one Forest Officer in charge of Mudumilly, Segoor and the Nilgiri plateau, and extending the range of the Mettapolliem Officer, so that his range may include not only the district he has at present, but the Taluqs of Sattiamungalum, Collegal and Bhowany also. For the present, however, we believe that the survey, demarcation and [illegible]

of the plantations on the Nilgiris should no longer be delayed, and this is a task that will require a considerable time to complete in a reliable manner and will involve labor which, with the planting in hand, will fully occupy the Plateau Officer.

5. Accordingly Captain Walker agrees with me in recommending that as a temporary arrangement, the Plateau Officer should simply retain the charge held by Captain Jago. This officer is Mr. Ross, Deputy Conservator of Forests, who by Government Order, 28th May 1874, No. 649, pending the result of the present recommendation, was transferred to the Nilgiris plateau.

6. The salary Mr. Ross has drawn from the Imperial Department is 250 Rupees a month, with a fixed sum of 150 Rupees for travelling. If the Board and Government consider that the management of the Nilgiri sholahs and plantations should remain local, it will be necessary to provide for this amount from the Local Conservancy Fund to which Mr. Ross will be so to speak lent, but this might be open to objection on the part of the Accountant-General as regards qualifying service to pension, and on the other hand, Captain Walker and I concur, that under the altered conditions of the Forest Department, there can be no reason why the special appointment should continue and why the management of these Forests should not revert to the Special Department, in which case Mr. Ross will draw the pay of his grade as before, the receipts and expenditure being credited and debited to Imperial instead of Local. This appears the simplest course, and so long as sufficient funds are annually provided for planting, I consider it the best.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The main reason which induced the Government in 1869 to transfer the Hill Sholas and Plantations from 'Imperial' to 'Local' was "that on general grounds it was inexpedient to permit the existence of any department in the small Range which was placed under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of the Hills over which he could not exercise the fullest control." As the funds collected within the district were not sufficient to meet the salary of a competent officer to be placed in charge of the Department the services of a Military Officer were obtained, temporarily, without charge, and this arrangement has been continued during the past five years and has worked very satisfactorily. As, however, the Military Department can no longer spare an officer free of charge and as the total receipts of the Hill Forest Department cannot now be expected to rise beyond from Rupees 14,000 to Rupees 18,000 per annum, it is clear that some new arrangement must be made.

3. The re-transfer of the Hill Forests to the Imperial Department, appears to be the simplest course, and under the new organization of the Department, the Commissioner will continue to be Conservator and will be able still "to exercise the fullest control" over the Department. The Board consider that Captain Jago's approved service as Hill Conservator entitles him to some consideration and that under the exceptional circumstances of his case, he might be offered service in the regular Forest Department should he desire to enter it, and should his services be available for civil employ. The Board believe he would be senior as a Forester to most of those now on the list.

4. Hereafter as proposed by the Commissioner, Segoor and Mudumully might be added to his range, and the Coimbatore portion of Colonel Morgan's charge might be transferred to the Mettapolliem officer. For the present, the conservancy of the Hills and the proper supervision of the valuable plantations will fully occupy his time.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Commissioner of Nilgiris.
" to the Collector of Coimbatore.
" " the Inspector of Forests.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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Forest No. 122.

Forests on Nilgiris.—Letter from Commissioner on subject of Conservancy of—, submitted for orders of Government, with Board's opinion that simplest course appears to be the re-transfer of the Hill Forests from Local to Imperial Department, and that Captain Jago who was lately in charge of these forests, be offered service in the Forest Department.

Jago