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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th September 1874.

No. 257. Read the following letter from Captain C. WALKER, Officiating Inspector of Forests, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 15th September 1874, No. 296 :—

With reference to G. O., No. 1,027, dated 14th August 1874, I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that shortly after taking charge as Officiating Inspector of Forests I was struck by the clearing on the Coonoor Ghaut, particularly with regard to a portion just above the Government Garden at Burliar, to which I called the attention of the Superintendent, Nilgiri Sholas (Captain Jago), and the Deputy-Conservator in charge of the Mettapolium range (Mr. Ross), as the question regarding the supervision of the slopes was then under consideration.

2. Mr. Ross subsequently reported that he had visited the spot referred to, and found that the parties had had a putta for years. Although I thought this strange, I did not take further action in the matter, as I felt confident that the Commissioner or the Collector would check any felling without authority.

3. I would suggest that Colonel Morgan, who has an intimate knowledge with the ghaut and the clearings which have taken place from time to time for many years, be called upon to report fully on the matter, although he is not now in charge of that portion of the slopes.

I can testify from my own observation to the extensive denudation which has taken place during the past five or six years, notwithstanding the repeated orders to the contrary.

4. I consider that the slopes on the opposite side of the ravine just below Mr. Herklot's clearing should receive attention. They have evidently been cleared for *Kumari* in former years, and are now covered with a dense mass of undergrowth and thorns yielding little or no good timber. I believe that if the rank undergrowth were cleared away and kept under for a few years, seedlings of the better descriptions would shoot up, and aided perhaps by a little planting here and there would eventually reclothe the hill slope with a comparatively valuable and certainly more picturesque growth.

No. 258. Order thereon, 29th September 1874, No. 1,233.

Forests, No. 21.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be communicated to the Commissioner of the Nilgiris, and that he be called upon to submit the report called for in G. O., 14th August 1874, No. 1,027, without any further delay.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Commissioner of the Nilgiris.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

From

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FOR ORDERS.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE.

To

Dated September 1874.

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioners of the Revenue to request that you will cause the Collectors under you to observe the following Order, passed by the Board on the 27th August 1874, No. 1927, which is to be in force from the 1st day of September next.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 257-258.

Copies of this Order have been sent to the Collectors of Revenue at the undermentioned Stations, and to the Superintendent of Police at the Presidency, with instructions to communicate the same to the Officers under them.

Collectors of Revenue at Chingleput, Conjeeveram, Poonamallee, Saidapet, Tripassore, Vellore, Arcot, Wandiwash, Chittoor, Palmaner, Cuddapah, Kurnool, Bellary, Adoni, Anantapur, Dharmavaram, Hindupur, Penukonda, Rayadrug, Gooty, Madakasira, Tumkur, Chickballapur, Kolar, Bangalore, Hosur, Krishnagiri, Salem, Attur, Namakkal, Erode, Coimbatore, Pollachi, Dindigul, Karur, Trichinopoly, Musiri, Manapparai, Tanjore, Kumbakonam, Negapatam, Mannargudi, Pattukottai, Trichendur, Tinnevelly, Palamcottah, Srivaikuntam, Ramnad, Paramakudi, Sivaganga, Madura, Periyakulam, Dindigul, Palni, Cumbum, Uttamapalaiyam, Vellore, Tiruvannamalai, Cuddalore, Chidambaram, Vriddhachalam, Villupuram, Tindivanam, Gingee, Ongole, Kandukur, Kavali, Nellore, Gudur, Venkatagiri, Chittoor, Palmaner, Kalahasti, Tirupati, Cuddapah, Jammalamadugu, Proddatur, Kurnool, Nandyal

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Under Secretary

Supt Nilgiris

No 296.

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Coonoor 15th September 1876.

From Captain Campbell Walker

Offg Inspector of Forests.

To, C. G. Master Esqre

Actg Secretary to Government

R. D.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servt.

Cauvery Weather Captain
Offg. Inspector of Forests

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From

The Offg Inspector of Forests

To

The Asst Secretary to Govt

N. W. P.

Dated 15th September 1875.

Despatched

Received 16th September 1875.

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Enclosures Nos.

Subject.

Reprint, with reference to G.G. No 1027 of 14th Augt 1874 on the extension of cleaning into Common Shisham Order.

Order that the foregoing letter be communicated to the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, for information and that he be called upon to submit his report on the matter called for in the Govt. Resolution No 1027 dated 14th August 1874 at an early date.

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Asst Secy to Govt

Copy forwarded to the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, for information and early report.

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Asst Secy to Govt

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