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No. 201. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd February 1875, No. 226, Forest No. 14 :—

Read the following letter from Captain C. WALKER, Officiating Inspector of Forests, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 1st February 1875, No. 565 :—

WITH reference to G. O., No. 8, dated 4th January 1875, I have the honor to submit a memorandum regarding the constitution and transfer of charges consequent on the formation of the Nilgiri and North Coimbatore Ranges, as originally proposed in my letter recorded with G. O., No. 1,362, dated 23rd October 1874.

2. I consider that Mr. W. R. Morgan, the present Deputy-Conservator in charge of Mettapoliem, etc., is best qualified, for the present at least, to have charge of the new North Coimbatore Range, and in this view Mr. Wedderburn concurs.

3. A re-arrangement of the office establishments of the present Mudumallay and Mettapoliem Ranges will receive attention on the general revision; meanwhile, I beg that the Board will obtain the sanction of Government for the temporary transfer of the Head Accountant in Colonel Morgan's office to that of the Mettapoliem or North Coimbatore Range Officer, and the retention of the Clerk known as the Sathiamungalum Forest Writer, now in Colonel Morgan's office, from and after the 1st April 1875. The Commissioner and Collector approve of this proposal, by which the office work can best be conducted without any extra expense.

4. The Board will observe from paragraph 4 of the memorandum that the instructions and communicate them to all the officers concerned, and direct their being acted upon pending sanction.

5. A formal notification in the Gazette of the re-transfer of the Nilgiri Sholas to Imperial Conservancy, and re-arrangement of forest charges, should, I think, be issued on or before the 1st April, for the information and guidance of all concerned.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

*Memorandum on the constitution of the New Forest Ranges, "Nilgiri and North Coimbatore,"
with instructions for giving and receiving over charge, etc.*

THE Government of India having sanctioned* the re-transfer of the Nilgiri Plateau Forests to Imperial Conservancy, and the local Government approved† of the constitution of

*G. O., No. 99, dated 16th January 1875.

†G. O., No. 1,362, dated 23rd October 1874, and No. 8, dated 4th January 1875.

two new ranges to be known as the "Nilgiri and N. Coimbatore" Ranges, the former under the charge of Captain Jago, Deputy-Conservator of Forests, at present in charge of the plateau forests, and the latter under Mr. Morgan, Deputy-Conservator of Forests, at present in charge of Mettapoliem, etc., the said ranges will be constituted from the 1st April next, on which date Colonel Morgan will formally give over charge to the officers mentioned above, despatching the usual certificates to the Accountant-General, and duplicates through this office to the Board of Revenue.

2. The Nilgiri Range will include the forests and plantations of the Nilgiri Plateau, at present under Jungle Conservancy, the Mudumallay and Seegoor Forests. The North Coimbatore Forests will consist of the present Mettapoliem and Bolumpetty Forests along with the

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th March 1875.*

forests in the three taluqs of Collegal, Bhowany and Sathiamungalum, hitherto managed by the officer in charge of Mudumallay, etc.

3. Colonel Morgan will close the accounts of all the forests under his charge up to the 31st March, and prepare and submit the annual reports; the cash balance, office registers and records being formally handed over on the 1st April, excepting such records as may be required for compiling the annual returns and reports which he may retain, giving a receipt for them to the relieving officer.

4. It is, however, necessary that the relieving officers should go round with Colonel Morgan before the final transfer of charge, and receive instruction from him as to the method in which operations have been conducted, etc., etc., and more particularly satisfy themselves as to the stock of timber, sandalwood, carts, cattle, elephants, tools and stores, now in the several depôts and stores, for which separate receipts must be given previous to the final transfer.

5. Colonel Morgan will, therefore, please arrange to meet Mr. Morgan as early as possible during this month, and accompany him round the Collegal, Bhowany and Sathiamungalum Taluqs, and Captain Jago in March, when they should visit Mudumallay, Seegoor and the Mysore Depôt.

6. It does not appear necessary to give more detailed instructions as to the transfer. Each officer must satisfy himself of the correctness of the stock, comparing quantities and value with last returns, deducting sales, and adding subsequent increases to stock by felling or purchase. The sandalwood in depôts will probably have all to be weighed, and a certain proportion of logs measured out of the whole number counted.

MADRAS,
1st February 1875.

(Signed) C. WALKER, Captain,
Officiating Inspector of Forests.

THE Board approve the instructions which Captain Walker has drawn up regarding the constitution and transfer of charges consequent on the formation of the new forest ranges of the Nilgiris and North Coimbatore, and resolve to communicate them to the Collector of Coimbatore and the Commissioner of the Nilgiris for guidance, in anticipation of the approval of Government.

2. The sanction of Government is requested for the arrangement proposed in paragraph 3 of Captain Walker's letter.

3. The Board see no necessity for a notification of the alteration of ranges in the Gazette.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 202.

ORDER THEREON, 16th March 1875, No. 430.

Forest, No. 13.

THE Governor in Council observes that the Officiating Inspector had no authority for the statement in his memorandum, that Government had approved of the new ranges being placed, "the former under the charge of Captain Jago, the latter under Mr. Morgan."

2. As time presses, no objection will now be made to the transfer being carried out in the terms of the memorandum. The arrangement, however, is open to reconsideration.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th March 1875.*

3. The inequality of the ranges proposed to be constituted has forcibly struck His Excellency in Council. According to this arrangement, the 3rd-Class Deputy Conservatorship of the Nilgiris and Mudumallay will comprise, at the outside, from 900 to 950 square miles, all told (scarcely one-tenth of the Nilgiri Plateau is woodland), within a ring fence of 20 miles round Ootacamund.

	Sq. Miles.
Hills	750
Mudumallay, say	200
Total	950

4. As regards the 4th-Class Conservatorship of North Coimbatore, it is not easy to calculate the extent or area of the range. It extends from the entrance of the Palghaut gap round the head of the Bavany (Bolumpetty and Mellapetty Forests) and Moyar Rivers, and comprises the whole length of Satyamangalum and Collegal Taluqs to the banks of the Cauvery at Cauverypuram—a line of not less than 200 to 250 miles. The range will consist of, at least, 1,700 square miles of difficult and inaccessible forests and highland country. This is exclusive of the open cultivated country.

Taluq.	Total.	Forest say.
Coimbatore	323	250
Satyamangalum	947	600
Collegal	745	550
Bavany	537	300
Total	2,552	1,700

5. The Board will, in communication with the Inspector and Conservators of the districts concerned, consider whether a better division cannot be made, and report thereon.

6. The sanction asked for in paragraph 2 of the Board's proceedings is granted.

7. The Governor in Council concurs in the opinion expressed in paragraph 3.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Officiating Inspector of Forests.
„ the Accountant-General.

Exd. W. H. French.

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Memorandum on the constitution of
of the New Forest Ranges "Nilgiri" and
"North Coimbatore" with instructions
for giving and receiving over charge ^{am.}

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Forests at present in charge of the
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Mr. Morgan, Deputy Conservator of
Forests at present in charge of the
Mettur ^{pollen} ^{am.}, the said ranges will be

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approved
yet

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated March 1875

Board

Board

G. O., 10th March 1875, No. 430.

MARCH.

Nos. 201-202.

New Forest Range of the Nilgiris and North
Coimbatore.—Authorizing the ... being placed
under the charge of Captain Jago and Mr. Mor-
gan; relieving the inequality of the ranges; and
requesting the Board, in communication with the
Inspector and Conservators of the district, to
report whether a better division cannot be made.

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2. The Nilgiri Range will include the Forests and plantations of the Nilgiri plateau at present under Jungle Conservancy the Mudumallay and Seegoor forests. The North Conna-
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3. Col. Morgan will close the accounts of all the forests under his charge

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4. It is however necessary that the relieving Officers should go round with Col. Morgan before the final transfer of charge and receive instructions from him as to the method in which operations have been conducted or ~~or~~ and more particularly satisfy themselves as to the stock of timber sandalwood, carts, cattle, elephants, tools and stores now in the several depots and stores for which separate receipts must

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certain proportion of logs measured^{✓ 30}
out of the whole number counted.

Office of Inspector of } Signed Campbell Walker Capt.
Forests Camp Madras } Offs Insp. of Forests
1st February 1875

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H. P. Colman

Acting Secretary


C. N. Karasima Chetty

Mr. French.

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Proceeding of the Board of Revenue
dated 2nd February 1875 No 226

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From,

Captain Campbell Walker
Officiating Inspector of Forests

To,

J. H. C. Stokes Esquire
Acting Secretary to Board of
Revenue, Madras

Sir,

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submit a Memorandum regarding the
constitution and transfer of charges
consequent on the formation of Nilgiri
and North Coimbatore Ranges as origi-
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with G. O. No 1362 dated 23rd October 1874.

Enclosure in Proceeding
of the Board of Revenue
to the Acting Secretary
to Government P.D.
2nd February 1875.

Ans 404/75

Memorandum on the
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Forest Ranges: Nilgiri
& North Coimbatore.

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3. A re-arrangement of the office establishments of the present Mudumallay and Mettapolliem ranges will receive attention on the general revision; meanwhile I beg that the Board will obtain the sanction of Government for the temporary transfer of the Head Accountant in Colonel Morgan's Office to that of the Mettapolliem or North Coimbatore range officer, and the retention of the clerk, known as the Lathiamungalam Forest writer now in Colonel Morgan's Office from and after the 1st April 1875. - The Commissioner and

and collector approve of this ¹⁴³⁰ proposal by which the office work can best be conducted without any extra expense.

4. The Board will observe from para 4 of the Memorandum that the taking stock should commence at once and will therefore I trust approve of the instructions and communicate them to all the officers concerned and direct their being acted upon pending sanction.

There seems no necessity for this as it has not been normal

5. A formal notification in the Gazette of the re-transfer of the Nilgiri Sholas to Imperial Conservancy and re-arrangement of Forest charges should I think be issued on or before the 1st April for the information and guidance of all concerned. I have ^{own}

Office of Inspector of Forests
Camp Madras
1st February 1875

Edw Campbell Walker Capt
Off^r Insp^r of Forests

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| True copy & Extract |

H. H. H. H.

Acting Secretary

The Acting Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
with copy of Memo

C. M. Narasimha Chetty

No. 404

13th of Rev.

Dated 2nd February 1875.

FOR ORDERS.

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Hills - 750
Mudumalai 200
Say 950

Compare 73/74 from 300

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Proceedings of the

Board of Revenue

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Dated 2nd Feb/75

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Applying & communicating to

Col^l of Sindbare & Com^{rs} of M^{ys}

instructions of Sup^{ts} of Forests

regarding the constitution of the

of charges consequent on the

formation of new great ranges

of Nilgiris & Sindbare & M^{ys} -

tion of Govt to certain arrange-

ments proposed by the Forest

from 1st April 1875.

For orders

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and highland country. This is the basis
of the present estimate. The

4 The tract admits of more
equitable distribution, but the
question arises; if Collegal be
added to the Hill Range, could
Captain Jago undertake it? I fear
that there is but one answer ^{to this}

I regret that I cannot
see my way to support the thing
M J

This is a very unequal
distribution and should I
think be submitted to
Walker for further con-
sideration. I always under

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 already lay.

FOR ORDERS.

I understood that without
 increase of charge this
 was impossible, & that it
 was arranged that
 Col M's charge & the
 Keilgherries should form
 one range - and that there
 was not more than
 enough for one officer
 In the rest - he had better put the
 peccation to Col. Walker
 as between the 2
 ranges - stating that the
 can't it is put by Col. Walker
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 That I did not
 think it was help
 for it.

Revenue Department.

No. 430

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 16 Feb: 1875.

Read the following Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Approving and communicating
 to Col of Coimbatore & Hon. of Nilgiris, in
 time of Inspr. of Forests regarding the constitution
 and transfer of charges consequent on the
 formation of new fresh ranges of Nilgiris and North
 Coimbatore, and requesting sanction of Govt. to certain
 arrangements proposed by the Inspector

H. E. 27 Feb: 1875

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	<u>2552</u>	<u>1700</u>

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least 1700 sq. miles of difficult and inaccessible forests and high land country. This is exclusive of the open cultivated country.

5. The Board will, in communication with the Inspector and Conservators of the Districts concerned, consider whether a better division cannot be made and report their opinion.

6. The sanction asked

asked for in paragraph 2
of the Board's Proceedings is
printed

7. The Governor in
Council concurs in the
opinion expressed in para-
graph 3.

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14. To the Board of Officers, 17 May
13. The Offg Inspector of Forests &
to the Accountant General

Thos. J. ...
J. ...
Chas. ...

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Ed. ...

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New Forest Range
of Cumberland
& Helgairis -

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