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No. 157. Read the following letter from Captain C. WALKER, Officiating Inspector of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 22nd May 1875, No. 135 :—

I HAVE the honor to bring to the notice of Government that besides the Mudumallay elephant the Collector of Coimbatore has some (two I believe) of the Anamallay elephants at the Collegal keddah. They have now been there for six months, and were to have been returned by the 1st April, but I believe are still there, and that Mr. Wedderburn shows no inclination to send them back.

2. Forest operations on the Anamallays recommence next month, and, as we have heavy indents from the Department of Public Works and Ordnance Department to meet, it is more than usually necessary that there should be no hitch on account of want of elephant labor. Besides, elephants, like other animals, require rest during the hot months, and a long and fatiguing march to and from Collegal, and, I presume, work of some description there is not the best preparation for the working season in the forests.

3. I brought all this to Mr. Wedderburn's notice when in Coimbatore towards the end of March, and pointed out that Mr. Douglas could not be held responsible for the work of his division if his elephants were taken and kept away; Mr. Wedderburn vouchsafed no information as to the probable date of their return.

4. I do not, for a moment, dispute that a Collector, under existing arrangements, is justified in transferring the working material of the Forest Department in his district in the manner he considers most advantageous to the interests of the department; but I venture to doubt whether he is competent to deprive the department altogether of its material, and thereby jeopardise its revenue as Mr. Wedderburn has done in this instance.

Mr. Wedderburn, in his letter recorded in Board's Proceedings, No. 100-2,335, dated 22nd March 1875 remarks "that the capture of additional elephants is of greater importance to the interest of the State than the collection of some scattered Teak logs." I venture, however, to remark that the Forest Department is a large department and great interests are dependent on it.

The capture of elephants is accessory to the department. The department can hardly be considered accessory to the incident of the supply of part of the material necessary to its working.

I fully admit the importance of the keddah operations as pointed out in G. O., No. 859, of 27th April 1875; but the forest-revenue of the Anamallay and Mudumallay ranges alone aggregates one lakh and a-half per annum. The elephants caught in the Collegal keddah will probably not realise such a sum.

The loss and inconvenience to Government departments and the general public, which will ensue if we fail to bring our supply of Teak timber into the market, should also, I would submit, not be lost sight of.

5. It has been suggested that we should hire elephants, but, in the first place, it appears to me that it would be preferable if Mr. Wedderburn had hired for the keddah, and so exhibited its true cost and financial results which will not otherwise be apparent; and, in the second place, it is very difficult at any time to hire elephants so well trained as ours are for their special work, and, as we have put off doing so till so

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near the working season in the forests, trusting to Mr. Wedderburn's promises, I am informed that it will be all but impossible to get any even at exorbitant rates.

6. It is noteworthy that the Commissariat elephants, which, I believe, have not such heavy work to perform as ours, have all been removed from the keddah months ago under orders in the Military Department, which is perhaps more interested than any other in the capture, but is evidently not prepared to risk its elephants for any time in the work, neither could any practical forest officer afford to keep his elephants at work during the hot season; and had not Mr. Wedderburn availed himself of the ex-officio position in which he has been placed as regards this department, they would long since have gone into summer quarters and be fresh for their work in June.

7. I have, therefore, the honor to suggest that Mr. Wedderburn may be requested to fix some date within which he will return all the forest elephants to their legitimate work, and that Government, taking into consideration the various interests at stake, and particularly the stoppage of all public works if we fail to supply the timber indented for, may be pleased to issue such instructions for future guidance as will obviate the inconvenience and possible loss which has arisen from the continued employment of forest elephants on other than forest work against the wishes and advice of the Deputy Conservator and without the knowledge of the Inspector, whose opinion has never been asked by the Collector.

I forward copy of this letter to the Board of Revenue.

No. 158.

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Miscellaneous.

This letter will be forwarded to the Collector of Coimbatore for report through the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Coimbatore
" the Board of Revenue,
" the Officiating Inspector of Forests.

Edw. F. R. Bantleman.

Coimbatore 11
June 1875

My dear Maquay,
From a letter the
Douglas arrived on
yesterday, from the
Herald of the 1st. There
have two elephants
now being captured at
Kalyand, one to the
Colonel with his
1st and 2nd battalions.

an independent of-
low working, are all
likely to be realized.
There also stand from
the Mackenzie. The height
here of 10000 feet
near the source of the
"Souris" with depths.
He had got by within
a mile of the head
when they (Clapdons)
were charged by a
herd of half wild
cattle back onto

the hill. Clapdons & his wife
about - Mackenzie began
a piece of work. They and
I got up trees out of the
way of their cattle. What
as you know are portions
of the Mackenzie
in these hills - He says
that John Macmillan with
support the head
quarters, Mackenzie
has had more trouble
than most land
men - the place
and perhaps he is one
of the best.

2. Forest operations on the Animulaga
commence next month and we have
some doubts from the Department
of Public Works as to whether the
forester must it seems the
wisely saying that there should
be no delay on account of a small
defect in the timber. Besides, the
the other animals require not being
the last months and a large quantity
of wood and some collection of the
bones must of course be made. The
cost of the last preparation for the
wintering of the animals in the forest.

3. I thought that the best method
of collecting the bones of the animals
was to send the bones of the animals
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probable date of their return. 1853

4. I do not see a moment's delay
that a collector under existing circum-
stances is justified in transferring the
writing material of the forest to the
parkland in his District in the
concern. He considers most advantage-
ous to the interests of the Depart-
ment, but I venture to doubt whether
he is competent to deprive the
parkland of the material of its material
and thereby jeopardize the material
as well as the bones have done in
the instance.

5. The bones of the animals
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dated 1853 and 1854. The bones of the
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of greater importance to the interest
of the State than the collection
of some dried bones of the bones.

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that the Great Department is a
large Department and great in
number of people on it.

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 ered necessary to the incident of the
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 necessary to its working.

Went to school at the same time as
the other children who were present.

[illegible]

I am not ready to send a sum-
 mary of the last week of our relations to
 Government. I prefer to wait until we
 have made further contact with some
 of the friends of the negro cause in
 the South. I do not want to appear

of dead timber into the market channels.
Also, it would submit not be too lightly
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ago under orders in the Military
Department which is perhaps
more interested than any other
in the capture, but is evidently
not prepared to send its elephants
for any time in the work, and the
only practical point of view
appears to keep the elephants at
work during the hot season, and
then all the work to be done
in the cold season. The collector
has been placed in
charge of the Department, and wants
to know the number of elephants
which he has at his disposal, and
the number of elephants which he
has at his disposal.

I have been thinking the same
point that all the elephants may
be required to be sent to the
work, and will return all the good
elephants to their legitimate work.

and that Government taking into
consideration the various interests
of the public, and the stopping
of all public works if we fail
to supply the timber intended for
may be pleased to issue such in-
structions for future guidance as will
obviate the inconvenience and possi-
ble loss which has arisen from the
employment of forest elephants in other
than forest work against the wishes
and orders of the Deputy Commis-
sioner without the knowledge of the
Inspector whose opinion has never
been asked by the Collector.

I forward copy of this letter
to the Commissioner.

Yours truly,
C. J. J. J.
Campbell
Off. Secretary of Govt.

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