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No. 3. Read the following letter from A. O. HUME, Esq., C.B., Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, (Forests,) to A. MACGREGOR, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 10th June 1875, No. 620 :—

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 307, dated 26th February last, submitting an explanation by the Collector of Malabar in respect to the area of the Walliar Fuel Reserve, in which it is said that, as funds are not available to admit of a large area being thoroughly conserved at once and fenced in, it has not been possible to entirely exclude cattle, and that it has, therefore, been thought best to admit them freely into the portion not thus conserved, so that a heavy growth of grass and consequent danger from fire might be lessened. It is, also, added that the Teak with which the whole of the reserve is studded is beyond the reach of much injury from fire.

2. In reply, I am directed to state that it can hardly be said that any Teak tree is beyond such risk, for, if the fire does not kill it, it will cause its stem to grow hollow and unsound. It may be admitted that cattle keep down the grass and thus somewhat diminish the danger done by fires; but experience in other parts of India has shown that with the grass cattle eat and tread down the seedlings and coppice shoots; and the result of the injury done by both fires and cattle is an incompletely and irregularly stocked jungle, the annual wood and timber production of which per acre is not likely to give an adequate return for the heavy outlay incurred in the purchase of the estate. This outlay having been Excellency the Governor-General in Council to suggest the adoption of adequate measures for the protection and improvement of the estate. The needful funds might be provided by transfer from another sub-head of the grant under "Forests."

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 1st July 1875, No. 983.

Forests, No. 2.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue.

2. It is understood that an allotment has since been made for fencing, and it is hoped that it will be found possible hereafter to allot funds to this range sufficient to admit of more thorough conservancy being adopted throughout the stock.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 620

FROM

A. O. HUME, ESQUIRE, C. B.,

Secretary to the Government of India,

Department of Revenue,

Agriculture and Commerce,

TO

The Secretary to the
Government of Madras.

Simla, dated 10th June 1875.

Forests.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter N^o. 367 dated 26th February last submitting an explanation by the Collector of Malabar in respect to the area of the Walliar Fuel Reserve, in which it is said that as funds are not available to admit of a large area being thoroughly conserved at once and fenced in, it has not been possible to entirely exclude Cattle, and that it has therefore been thought best to admit them freely into the portion not thus conserved, so that a heavy growth of grass and consequent danger from fire might be lessened. It is also added that the Teak with which the whole of the Reserve is studded, is beyond the reach

of much injury from fire.

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any Teak tree is beyond such risk, for --
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shown that with the grass Cattle eat --
and tread down the seedlings and --
coppice shoots, and the result of the
injury done by both fires and Cattle
is an incomplete and irregularly --
stocked jungle. The annual wood --
and timber production of which per acre
is not likely to give an adequate return
for the heavy outlay incurred in the
purchase of the estate. This outlay
having been incurred with the sanction
of the Government of India, it is --
incumbent upon His Excellency
the Governor General in Council to
suggest the adoption of adequate
measures for the protection and
improvement of the estate. The
needful funds might be provided
by

" transfer from another sub-head
the grant under "Forests".

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. S. S. S.

Secretary to the Govt. of India

Rs.

Dec: 1895: 24th
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from
The Secy to the M.A. Board
24th 1895
A 620

Dated 10th
Dec 18th 3 Jan 1895

Observing that the above is the
condition of the money and generally the results of
the inquiry from the Secy to the M.A. Board
it is suggested that the Secy to the M.A. Board
may please to send the Secy to the M.A. Board
a paper copy of the report of the Secy to the M.A. Board
on the condition of the money and generally the results of
the inquiry from the Secy to the M.A. Board
to the Secy to the M.A. Board
from the Secy to the M.A. Board

Chas. J. J. July 1895

With Order

No 983

Committed to the Board of
Revenue.

It is understood that an allotment
has since been made for fencing
it is hoped that it will be found
to be sufficient to all the needs of
this range and to admit of
more thorough surveying being adopted
throughout the block -

Attest

Chas. J. J. July 1895