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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

4th September 1877, No. 2,634.

Read again G.O., 23rd November 1875, No. 1,763.

Read also the following papers:—

No. 30. From Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 7th August 1877, No. 492.

With reference to the G.O., No. 1,763, of the 23rd November last, and to your official memorandum, No. 195, of the 28th May last, I have the honor to forward a letter from Major Jago, the Officer in charge of the Nilgiri Sholas, together with a letter from the District Engineer of the district.

2. There appear to be no accounts in the Commissioner's Office of the expenditure and receipts on the Nilgiri plantations prior to 1862-63. The District Engineer states that a sum of Rs. 1,754-12-8 was expended between 1859 and 1861-62 as per margin; but

	RS.	A.	P.
Expenditure in 1859	392	14	3
Do. in 1860	499	12	0
Do. in 1861-62	862	1	6
Total	1,754	12	6

all this period the plantations were, I believe, under this department, as shown in my letter to the Secretary to Government, dated 6th September 1862, and published in the Annual Report of this Department for 1862-63, and I do not know how he has arrived at these amounts. Major Jago has no records of any expenditure prior to 1862-63 in his office, but I think the items of expenditure

	RS.	A.	P.
Expenditure from March 1856 to April 1858	5,400	10	10
Do. for the two years 1858-59	5,359	8	6
Do. in 1860-61	1,656	0	0
Amount paid to D. P. W. for stores	692	7	3
Expenditure in 1861-62	332	8	0

from 1856 to 1861-62, as recorded in my letter, dated 6th September 1862, just alluded to, may be taken as correct. These items are as per margin, and were, I believe, all taken from our earlier

annual reports; the first two items agree with those given in Dr. Cleghorn's work entitled "Forests and Gardens of South India," pages 173 and 186, the 3rd and 4th items appear at page 17 of the Annual Report for 1860-61, and the last item appears in our Annual Report for 1861-62; the receipts for these periods appear to have been Rupees 480-7-2. With my letter, No. 140, dated 16th May last, I have given a statement showing all expenditure and receipts from 1862-63 up to 1875-76, but as the charges and receipts on the plantations and sholas appear to have been lumped together in the Commissioner's Office, and it is impossible now to separate them, these are not of much value as far as proving what the plantations have cost separately.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Major R. S. JAGO, Deputy Conservator of Forests, to Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, dated Ootacamund, 7th July 1877, No. 37.

In reply to your letter, No. 348, dated 6th instant, drawing attention to paragraph I, No. 223, dated 31st May last, having not been replied to, I have the honor to inform you that on writing to the District Engineer on June 6th I received the enclosed reply. The information contained in the District Engineer's letter not being fully explanatory on the matter, I addressed the Commissioner of the Nilgiris, dated June 6th, drawing his attention to my letter to him of the 17th of May, sending him a copy of your letter of the 31st of that month. Up to this date I have received no reply on the matter. From my recollection of the state of accounts regarding the plantations when I took charge of the jungle conservancy, I much fear no records will be found of what the older plantations cost, such as Bleak House and Sheffield. Requesting you will return me the Public Works Department officer's letter enclosed, I have, &c.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From Captain J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., District Engineer, Nilgiris, to Major R. S. JAGO, Deputy Conservator of Forests, dated Ootacamund, 9th June 1877, No. 220.

In reply to your letter, No. 7, of the 6th instant, I have the honor to inform you that from the records of this office I find the sum of Rupees 1,754-12-8, as per margin, was expended on the Australian Plantations at Wellington from 1859 to 1862. No receipts of the said plantation appear in the accounts during this period.

Expenditure in	RS.	A.	P.
1859	292	14	8
Do. in 1860	409	12	6
Do. in 1861-62	562	1	6
Total	1,754	12	8

No. 31. From Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 16th May 1877, No. 140.

With reference to G.O., No. 1,763, 23rd November last, I have the honor to forward a statement showing the total expenditure and receipts on the Nilgiri plantations and sholas as far as it can be arrived at. The records in the Commissioner's Office up to 1874-75 do not show the charges incurred on account of plantations separately from those on sholas; the whole appears to have been lumped. There has been no rent of land, as all plantations have been opened out on land belonging to Government.

STATEMENT showing the Charges and Receipts of the

ri Plantation from the commencement up to 1875-76.

Years.	CONSERVATION AND WORKING CHARGES.				Grand Total.	Receipts.
	Formation.	Protection from Fire.	Improvement and Conservation.	Fencing and Enclosing.		
1859-57	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1857-58	882				1,659	82
1858-59	1,534				2,289	154
1859-60	1,310			36	1,383	750
1860-61	1,516			4	2,108	565
1861-62	1,261			200	1,821	514
1862-63	1,100				1,757	934
1863-64	2,103				1,518	198
1864-65			2,06		6,411	3,204
1865-66					9,838	4,006
1866-67					9,703	3,554
1867-68					11,481	4,297
1868-69					17,111	3,188
1869-70	1,840		2,917		16,730	49,465
1870-71	11,546		4,279	300	47,255	13,200†
1871-72					94,274	44,119
1872-73						
1873-74						
1874-75						
1875-76						
Total						

* Establishment for avenues and sholas.

† Includes the receipts and charges of the sholas.

Ootacamund,
6th March 1877(Signed) H. A. GASS,
Ag. Dy. Conservator of Forests,
Nilgiri Division.

No. 32.

ORDER THEREON, 4th September 1877, No. 2,634.

Forest, No. 1.

THE Government regard the result
of the Nilgiri Eucalyptus Plantations,
so far, as fairly satisfactory.

2. The Conservator will issue the necessary instructions for preserving all
trees likely to grow into fine timber for this purpose; only inferior trees should be
felled for the fuel market.

3. He will also see that sholas are carefully conserved and improved by the
removal of dead and dying trees and by planting up. The wattle should, as far
as practical, be got rid of.

4. The Conservator will remember that the Government especially desire the
preservation of the "Norwood" Plantation as an accessory to Government House.

5. The Government must strongly condemn Colonel Beddome's insinuation
that Major Murray altered the distance for planting Eucalyptus with the probable
desire to show a wider acreage planted during the year. The remark is most
reprehensible.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Conservator of Forests.
" the Board of Revenue.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Financial Department.

Ed. A. E. Goodall.

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Plantations

N^o 140

Office of Conservator of Forests
Coimbatore 16th May 1877

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Atte Colonel R. H. Beddome
Conservator of Forests

To,

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department,
Fort St. George.

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

Alfred Seddum ^{Att. Colond}
Conservator of forests.

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To 492.
 Office of Conservator of Forests
 Cochin, 7th August 1877

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 Lieut. Col. R. T. Reddome,
 Conservator of Forests.
 To, C. G. Master Esquire,
 Secretary to Government,
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 in 1860-61. 1656. 0. 0.
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 Sir,
 Your most obed^t. Servant
 W. Beddome Lt. Col.
 Conservator of Forests.

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Inclosure
In the S.O. Order above noted
will be found certain
papers relating to the
future management of the
Mlavi, Sicalyphur &
Acencia Plantations -
The Commissioner &
the Conservator were at
issue - The Bd. summed
up the points of difference
and made certain specific
recommendations -
The S.O. deferred their
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had a complete financial
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This information as
far as is obtainable
the Conservator now
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Attainable -

Roughly the Plantations
have cost Govt. about
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do not appear to have
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I think Govt. had
in mind that the
fencing of the
distances for plant-
ing Eucalyptus to the
prohibited distance
a better average
for the year is a
most important
element to be
thoroughly understood

I am afraid
that all the
plantations
are not
yet
settled

It might perhaps be roughly
estimated at £50,000 or 60,000
had thus been realized -

In fixing the cost at £100
the balance 7,000 £ has been
allowed for cost of labor
operations which are included
in the 107,000 £ - These
charges however must have
been comparatively small
as a great deal of the cutting
was done on the licence
system -

The area of the Plantations
is about 960 acres -
consequently the cost to
Govt. has been at the close
of 1875/76 - per acre -
about or rather less
than 100 £ - if
interest be omitted
from the calculation -
there can be little doubt
that these plantations
are or will be capable
of paying fair interest

I have accepted the
cost as stated in the
report -
as regards the
interest the Govt.
as a rule do not
allow interest on
the capital of the
plantations -

on the money, but
the existing market-
does not appear to be
such as to warrant
their extension & of
the fuel requirements
of the District are
as regarded

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No. 2569/72
3682/72
Mlagui Inc

Plantations

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Order

the Govt regard the
wells of the Mlagui Inc
Plantations, so far, as
fairly satisfactory -

2. The Commissioner will
issue the necessary instructions
for preserving all trees
likely to grow into fine
timber for this purpose,
and inferior trees should
be felled for the fuel
market.

3. We will also see that
shotals are carefully
covered and improved
& the removal of dead
and dying trees &
planting up - The
Mlagui Wattle should
as far as practical be
got rid of.

4. The Comptroller with
numerous that the Gov.
especially desire the
preservation of the "Norwood"
plantation as an
accessory to Govt
house.

5. The Gov. report must
strongly condemn Col.
Madison's insinuation
that Major Murray
altered the distance
for planting Eucalyptus
with the probable desire
to show a wider
acres planted during
the year. The remark
is most reprehensible

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1.9.77

21 Feb. Com. of Jan 18-9-77
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21 " Q. W. Dept
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District Engineer's office
Potacumund 9 June 1877

N. 220

From

The District Engineer
Nilgiris

To,
The Deputy Conservator
of Forests
Potacumund

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 7 of the
6th instant I have the honor to inform
you that from the records of this
office, I find the sum of Rs 1754.12.8
as per margin was expended on the

Expenditure in 1859. 392.14.8

— 1860. 499.12.6

— 1861-62. 862.1.6

1754.12.8

Austration Plantations at

Wellington from 1859 to 1862.

No receipts of the said plantation
appear in the accounts during this period

I have the honor to be

Sir
Your most obt. Servt

Respectfully
Captain

District Engineer

No. 37

Ottawa
Deputy Conservator of Forests
7th July 1874.

From Major R. S. Jago
Deputy Conservator of Forests

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To The Conservator of Forests
Ottawa

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 348 of 6th instant drawing attention to Para 1 No. 223 of 31st May last having not been replied to I have the honor to inform you that on writing to the District Engineer on June 6th I received the enclosed reply. The information contained in the District Engineer's letter not being fully explanatory on the matter I addressed the Commissioner of the Mines dated June 6th drawing his attention to my letter to him of the 17th of May sending him a copy of your letter of the 31st of that month - up to this date I have received no reply on the matter. From my recollection of the state of accounts regarding the plantations

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From

The District Engineer

Allegans

1869
Recd June 1874

Informing the District Engineer
of the receipt of the letter
dated June 6th 1874

Enclosure II.

In a letter to the Secretary
to Govt. Mr. Jago from
the Conservator of Forests
No. 492 dated 1874

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plantations when I took charge
of the jungle Conservancy. I much
fear no record will be found of
what the older plantations cost
such as Teak, Honey & Shupils.

Regarding you with reference to the
H.P.W. Officer's letter enclosed.

Shame the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient Servt

W. L. Jones Major

Deputy Conservator of Forests

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See 3605/77

Enclosure 1
On a letter to the Secy
to Govt. H.P.W. from the
Conservator of Forests
to the Secy to the Secy
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1877-78.
Forest Department.

From
The Secy. Genl. of Forest
Department

To
The Conservator of Forests
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Dated 7th
Recd. 10th July 1877
No 37

Enclosing the District
Engineers letter regarding
expenditure incurred
on the Wellington plantation
prior to 1863-64 and informing
that the Commissioner who
has been twice addressed
the subject has not as yet
replied

In a letter to the Conservator
for of June 18 dated 5th March
1877 No. 191

Statement Showing the Charges and Receipts of the Dilgiri Plantations from the Commencement up to 1877

Conservancy and Working charges.

Years	Conservation	Protection from fire	Improvement and Conservation	Fencing and enclosing	Rent of land	Other outlay	Total	Establishment charges	Grand Total	Receipts
1856-57										
1857-58										
1858-59									5460	
1859-60									5260	450
1860-61									2348	
1861-62									333	
1862-63									1639	33
1863-64							497	1140	2259	154
1864-65	882			96			1134	1125	1583	780
1865-66	1534			1			1039	5114	2168	565
1866-67	1310						1688	480	1821	514
1867-68	1516						1381	1440	1757	934
1868-69	1261			200			1588	169	1518	108
1869-70	1100						1518		6411	3294
1870-71	2103						2229	1482	9838	4008
1871-72			2064				4645	5193	9703	3554
1872-73							3912	5791	14481	4297
1873-74							8765	5716	17111	2563
1874-75							11588	5523	16730	9465
1875-76	1840		2215				13220	3480	7255	13200
	11546		4279	300		3152	57291	36982	94274	14419

Under Imperial Conservancy

Under Forest Conservancy

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Oba. Conservator
Deputy Conservator
Office of S. M. M.
1877

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x Establishment for the
sholaks

Includes the receipts of
the sholaks

At present
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By order of
Dilgiri Division

In a letter to the Conservator
of Forests dated 5th March
1877 No. 191

In a letter to the Conservator
of Forests dated 16th May
1877 No. 192

In a letter to
for of Price to date
1877-1878

Rev. Mr. [illegible]
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Rev. Mr. [illegible]

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