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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th February 1877.*

No. 767. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th February 1877, No. 556 :—

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Bangalore, 7th December 1876, No. 1,404.

REFERRING to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 88-8,366, of the 29th of September last, I have the honor to report that a good museum of all forest produce and economic botany is very much needed in this department, and I have often felt the want of it, as Dr. Brandis remarks "it must be special and cannot be combined with any general museum" as in such cases the different Indian products are quite mixed up with foreign produce, and are to a great extent lost sight of in a general collection, and are seldom, if ever, of any practical value to Forest Officers or others studying or interested in the subject of forestry or forest produce.

2. Small collections have been formed in the Forest Offices in many of our divisions, and some forest officers have given attention more or less to the woods, fibres, gums, dyes, &c., of their forests; but such collections have been of a desultory nature and not of much general utility, besides in the forest offices at Mangalore and Manantoddy and in the Anamallays and all our western forests (the districts most rich in different products) the effect of the south-west monsoon is such that nothing of this nature can possibly be kept for long, every thing gets completely spoilt. I think, or all divisions should collect for it, and I would suggest that a large room in the Revenue Board Office at Madras should be devoted to this purpose, or if such cannot be spared that a small building should be erected.

SUBMITTED to Government.

2. The space in the Board's Office building, even after the proposed removal of some of the offices now accommodated there, is all wanted for the Board's Office and the Survey Department. Possibly space might be found for a forest museum in the Public Works Stores buildings lately vacated.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 768. ORDER THEREON, 24th February 1877, No. 813.

Forests, No. 24.

COMMUNICATED to the Department Public Works with reference to the suggestion contained in the latter part of paragraph 2.

(True Extract.)

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

Public Works Department.
Board of Revenue.

Govt. of Madras
REVENUE.
THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
No. 567-768.
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Forest Museum. — Communicating to Department Public Works Board's Proceedings on the subject of — with reference to the suggestion that space might be found for the Museum in the Public Works Stores buildings lately vacated.

No. 556.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

H. E. Stokes

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Conservator of Forests.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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No. 556.

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Conservator of Forests
with reference to the suggestion
in the letter dated 1/2/77
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