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2nd December 1878, No. 1,936.

Read the following paper:—

No. 1. From Captain J. C. WALKER, Deputy Conservator of Forests, on Special Duty, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government (through the Commissioner of the Nilgiris), dated Mailkoondah, 23rd November 1878, No. 36.

I HAVE the honor to report that immediately on receipt of G.O. of 7th November 1878, No. 1,797-A, I sent for my camp from Coimbatore and on its arrival came out here, where I have now been for some days.

2. I regret to state that I find it impossible to "carry out the examination *immediately*." I have seen as much of the plantation as is possible at present by forcing one's way along a narrow path cleared through the dense thorny scrub, and think Mr. Barlow's estimate of 10,000 trees is not too high, at least 50 per cent. being stunted and all but valueless.

3. Nothing definite can, however, be known until the plantation is cleared and the trees enumerated, which I stated in my letter, No. 30, of 31st October, could, I thought, be done in two or three weeks.

It could be done within that time, but unfortunately I find that the present is harvesting time and it is difficult if not impossible, to procure labor, always scarce on the Koondahs. Were we to try and force it through the Monegars I fear there would be grave complaints both on the part of the villagers and planters in the neighbourhood who have given advances and are even now short of labor owing to the harvest.

4. I have done all I could to get the work done on contract, but find it quite impossible just at present.

5. Besides being a busy time with the ryots it is not pleasant nor remunerative work. The locality is remote, the season very cold and wet, and the jungle thorny, besides which the latter cannot be burnt or cleared for fear of damage to the trees and must be removed some distance.

6. I have, therefore, made the best arrangement I could under the circumstances, under which work will be commenced on or about the 5th December and concluded, I hope, by end of that month.

I think I can guarantee that it will be done within the sum sanctioned, and consider the expenditure advisable whether Government decide on retaining or selling the plantation.

I have taken steps to prevent any likelihood of fire meanwhile, and have only to regret the unavoidable delay which I deem it my duty to report.

No. 229.

SUBMITTED to Government for favorable consideration. The Commissioner considers, under the circumstances stated, that the delay proposed by Captain Campbell Walker at paragraph 6 is unavoidable and also of no great importance, provided proper precautions are taken against fire, as promised at the close of the paragraph.

OOTACAMUND,
26th November 1878.

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
Commissioner.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 2nd December 1878, No. 1,936.

Miscellaneous.

CAPTAIN WALKER's arrangements are approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner of the Nilgiris.
the Conservator of Forests.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Camp Mailkoondah
Plantation
23rd November 78

No 36

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Deputy Conservator Pts
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REVENUE.

To

THE COMMISSIONER
OF THE NILGIRIS,
&c., &c.,

Dated December 2nd.

Printed 6th.

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Encl.

G.O., 2nd December 1878, No. 1,938.

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Comm'rs Office
26th Sept 1868

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W Dalton
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Comm'rs Office
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26th Sept 1868

No 209

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort St George

4 Oct November/78 Ap
Lett. 101

Copy Lr to Capt Comg Engrs Dist Columbia
21. Oct Engrs Office
and endorsement of Hon Secy

Revenue 1878 Depart
No 52464.

From-
Commissioner, Hilg.

Dated 26th
Rec'd 28th November
No 229

Subg: with remarks
Capt Walker's letter stating
that it is impossible to carry out
examination and procure labor,
this being a busy time and
best arrangements made to begin
on the 5th December and finish by
end of June.

No 1926

Capt Walker's
arrangements
are approved
Lt
29/11

2 Dec 1878

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