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No. 246. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th July 1876, No. 1,792, Forest No. 64 :—

Read the following letter from W. LOGAN, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 24th June 1876, No. 163.

REFERRING to G.O., Revenue Department, No. 1,557, dated 2nd November 1875, sanctioning an experiment proposed by me for reclothing with good timber the large tract of Government escheat land lying in the Kanotti Amshom of Kotteyam Taluq, I have the honor to bring to the Board's notice that when I proposed to make the experiment all the forests in the district were directly under me, and that the reversion to the system of an independent Conservator has altered my position with reference to this forest also.

2. The Board will observe that, in the sanctioned scheme, I proposed to put the tract directly under Mr. Peet, the Deputy Conservator in Wynaad; but Mr. Peet was then directly under me, and not, as he is now, in a semi-independent position, and I find that this interferes with the success of the experiment, because, for the scheme as already sanctioned, funds must be provided in the Wynaad Forest Budget, and I am not now at liberty to order funds to be paid from the allotments in that budget. Every thing has to go through the Conservator, and the delays, as may be imagined, in obtaining money are excessive.

Moreover, Colonel Beddome, to whom I proposed that the tract should be alienated from Mr. Peet's charge and put directly under me as Collector, writes in a letter, No. 863, dated 15th instant: "I cannot advise its being alienated from Mr. Peet's charge; the operations should be inspected and reported on by him." Our views on this question are not likely to agree, because there are many obvious objections to work, which is being carried on under my immediate orders, being subjected to inspection and report by an officer of Mr. Peet's standing in the service. I shall at all times, of course, be glad of Mr. Peet's professional advice and assistance, but I could never consent to my work being officially inspected and reported on by him. Colonel Beddome's proposal appears to me therefore to be impracticable in this respect.

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5. If therefore, on the other hand, the Board should consider that the experiment may continue under my supervision, I should wish to have placed at my disposal annually a sum equalling the average assessment on the ponam lands lying in this tract during the last ten years, viz., as the Board will see on reference to my first report on the subject, Rupees 610. If this is approved the only practicable scheme would be to constitute this a separate forest range with a separate budget, and I am quite willing that, in matters of account, the forest should

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6. I beg for early orders on the subject, as, under the present arrangement, matters are quickly coming to a standstill.

7. I am sending Colonel Beddome a copy of this letter in order to save time in the submission of his views to the Board.

THE Board are decidedly of opinion that the experiment should continue to be conducted under Mr. Logan's own supervision, and that his operations should not be subject to inspection and report by a junior Forest Officer. The requisite funds should be placed at the Collector's disposal from the Forest Budget, and the Conservator should report as to the arrangements necessary in matters of account, &c.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

N^o. 247 ORDER WRITTEN 24th July 1876. N^o. 007

Forest No. 19.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated July, 21st.

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Nos. 246-247.

Government Escheat Land in Kanath Amshom of Kotteyam Taluq, Malabar District.—Recording Proceedings of the Board of Revenue expressing opinion that experiment of reclothing with good timber should be conducted under Collector's own supervision, and that requisite funds should be placed at his disposal.

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Ch. C. L. L.
Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar.

„ the Conservator of Forests.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Ed. W. J. Lewis.

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Board of Revenue,
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PROCEEDINGS, 13th JULY 1876, No. 1,792.

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