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No. 14. Read the following letter from H. CLEGHORN, Esq., M. D., Conservator of Forests; to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras 4th January 1858, No. 248.

SIR,

In reference to the order of Government contained in Extract Minutes Consultation dated 22nd March 1853, No. 349, and referred to in Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 12th November 1857, No. 1153, wherein it is laid down that Local Superintendents (now called Assistant Conservators) of Forests shall prepare the accounts current of the respective Districts which are then to be submitted to the Collector and countersigned by him, I beg to offer the following observations regarding the peculiar position of the Collectorate of Canara, and solicit that for some time at least, the accounts may continue to be framed in the Collector's office.

1st. The export timber trade of Canara is entirely with Bombay, Arabia and beyond seas, and the inland traffic with Dharwar Belgaum, &c. The purchasers and contractors are resident on the coast and are generally well known to the Collector, to whom I apply for advice and information.

2nd. Urgent Telegraph messages, indenting for timber for Government* purposes, have not unfrequently been received, and these have hitherto been addressed to the Collector or the Assistant Conservator in charge, who has referred to the Collector, or to myself for authority to comply with the message, and much time would be lost were it necessary in every case to refer to me, as I might at the time be in a remote District.

* *Bombay.*

3rd. The Native officials who levy custom at the mouths of the numerous rivers, also keep a register of the number of billets of wood, sleepers, crooks &c., so that there is a saving of additional employees by the present arrangement, and as the accounts of these officials are furnished to the Collector, it would be very difficult for the Assistant Conservator to include these in his accounts.

4th. The present Collector and Sub-Collector have been officially connected with Canara since Mr. Blane originated the scheme of Forest Conservancy in that District, and have both suggested valuable measures of improvement, and are deeply interested in the Conservancy of the Forests, which cover a large portion of the District.

5th. I need hardly observe that the intimate connection between the collection of Revenue, and the management of the Forests renders it almost impossible to draw a line between one and the other in a prosperous District like Canara. This does not hold with regard to the Anamallay Forests, which occupy a circumscribed tableau entirely reserved for Timber without cultivation of any kind.

6th. The Assistant Conservator in charge of North Canara has eight or nine places of auction to attend, and is absent *nine* months travelling; his route is always known to the Collector.

For the above reasons, I have the honor to request that the accounts of the Forest of Canara may continue for the present to be kept in the office of the Collector.

No. 15.

ORDER THEREON, No. 183; dated 11th February 1858.

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing letter, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council complies with Dr. Cleghorn's request, as an exceptional case, to allow the Forest accounts of Canara, for the present, to be kept in the office of the Collector of that District.

2. Dr. Cleghorn is requested to submit to Government, as soon as possible, the Manual of Instructions with a set of forms of accounts to be kept in the Forest Department, which it was ordered in para. 15 of Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 12th November 1857, No. 1153, should be prepared by Mr. Maclagan, Assistant Conservator of Forests.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 248.

Madras.
Office of Conservator of Forests
4th January 1858.

From,
H. Cleghorn Esqr. M.D.
Conservator of Forests

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

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant.

H Cleghorn
Conservator of Forests.

Read vide 7th March/55 No. 67.
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Dy to Cons: 11th February
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From
The Conservator of Forests
To The Secretary to Govt.
Revenue Departt.
Fort St. George

Dated 4th
Recd 5th } January 1858

Enclosure
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Submits observations and for reasons stated requests that the Accounts of the Forest of Canara may continue for the present to be kept in the Office of the Collector.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 11th February 1858

Read the following letter from the Conservator of Forests.

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4th March 58 No. 82 of 15 May

Authorizing as an exceptional case that the Forest accounts of [illegible] be kept for the present in the Office of the Collector of that District and requesting Doctor Cleghorn to submit the manual of Instructions with a set of forms of accounts to be kept in the Forest Department.

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