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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 27th April 1867.

No. 393. Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Camp, Ootacamund, 17th April 1867, No. 2,320 :—

1. Referring to paragraph 2 of the Government Order, No. 816 of the 8th of April, calling my attention to paragraph 7 of the Despatch from the Secretary of State, dated 28th February last, No. 8, I have the honour to inform you that I am very doubtful whether it would be expedient to apply for the services of men from Europe for our Forest Department to commence upon such high salaries as 300 £ per annum; on such a salary as this they would have to be placed in charge of ranges at once, and they would not possess the knowledge of the language and the tact in dealing with the natives, which requisites are found in Officers of a few years standing selected from the Army, nor can I think that a training of two years in any European forests is at all necessary. The whole system of forestry, as pursued in Europe, is as different from anything in a tropical country, as our enormous jungle tracts are from any of the forests or plantations in Scotland or Germany, or as our trees are from those of Europe.

2. A general knowledge of arboriculture and nursery and transplanting work, soon picked up in any of the large nursery grounds in England or Scotland, would of course be of use, and a knowledge of land surveying and the rudiments of Botany might also be added but a strong constitution and an aptitude for a forest life should be a *sine qua non*, and I would strongly recommend that two or three men of the gardener or forester class should be selected and sent out for this Presidency; they would probably possess all the knowledge required, except that of land surveying, and they might be put through a course of this before they left Europe. Now that we are undertaking plantations and reserves in almost every district, we have ample work for several men of this class; they might commence upon 80 or 100 Rupees a month, and rise gradually to Rupees 200 or 300 per mensem, as they become qualified to take charge of a range or a sub-range.

No. 394. ORDER THEREON, 27th April 1867, No. 950.

Forests, No. 12.

The Government desire to receive Dr. Cleghorn's remarks on the subject of the above letter, as he has resumed charge of the Forest Department in this Presidency.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Conservator of Forests.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Inclosed I receive herewith remarkers the Subject of the above letter - as he has requested charge of the Forest department in this Presidency

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Fort St George
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