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CONSERVATION OF GOVERNMENT FORESTS

Reports as to area under control of Forest Dept.
The conservation of the remaining area must await the
time when funds are available.

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No. 886.

December 23rd, 1912.

Sir,

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With reference to the question asked by Mr. Watt in the House of Commons in regard to the conservation of Government Forests in this Protectorate and your reply thereto, I have the honour to report as follows.

2. Excluding the coast forests and mangrove swamps there are under the direct control of the Forestry Department some 1,312 square miles of timber, 587 square miles of which are under intensive management, the balance being partially protected against fires or other encroachments. There is in addition an estimated area of 1,000 square miles which has not yet been dealt with by the Department.

3. The conservation of this further area would involve a considerable expenditure and must,

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RIGHT HONOURABLE
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I think, await the time when funds will be available for its protection and development. There appears to be no immediate necessity to bring under departmental control forests to which we are unable at present to devote that degree of attention which alone would make such control of any practical utility.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

H. Conroy, Resident.

GOVERNOR.