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[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording Bmt of the Supt of
Stationery forwarding copy of his letter addressed
to the Revenue Board Land Revenue (Forests)
suggesting that certain arrangements may
be made whereby the supplies of gum required
by officers in the Mafussal may be made
direct to them by District Forest officers.

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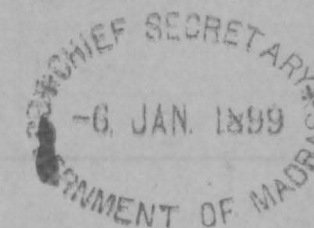
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SUBJECT.

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to the Board of Revenue
Land Revenue (forests) for
information re gawing the
supply of gum ^{to be made} by the
District Forest Officer

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In G.O.No.177, Financial, dated 23rd February last, the Government directed that the supply of gum to officers in the Mufassal, should be made by this office in lieu of the irregular local purchases which were in force. On receipt of the G.O.I addressed all District Forest Officers enquiring whether gum such as is used for the preparation of liquid office gum was collected in their districts; and if so, in what quantities and at what price it could be supplied to this office.

2. The replies from the following districts were to the effect that no such gum is collected therein:-

South Malabar	North Arcot
Godavari	Cuddapah
South Coimbatore	South Canara
Ganjam	Tanjore
Vizagapatam	and Salem.
Nilgiris	

3. Samples of gum available were forwarded to me from the following districts:-

(North Coimbatore

North Coimbatore	Trichinopoly
Chingleput	North Malabar
Salem	Anantapur
Kistna	and Kurnool.
Nellore	

The following districts reported that the right to collect gum is leased out every year:-

South Arcot	Madura
Tinnevelly	Bellary (as regards sandur).

4. The District Forest Officer, North Coimbatore, informed me that he could supply about 2500 lbs of gum annually and that this amount would probably be increased if the demand was regular. He estimated the actual cost delivered at Madras at Rs. 6/8/0 per 100 lbs and he asked Rs. 10/- for that quantity. The District Forest Officer, Chingleput, offered 800 lbs in January at 3½ as per lb. The District Forest Officer, Salem, said he could supply about 500 lbs at 4 as exclusive of transit charges, and he added that the Mufassal price was 2 as a lbs. The District Forest Officer, Kistna, intimated that about 1100 lbs of gum could be supplied annually at Rs. 6/- per maund of 25 lbs including transit charges. The District Forest Officer, Nellore, offered 200 lbs at an inclusive charge of 3 as, while the District Forest Officer, Trichinopoly, estimated his supply at 25 lbs only at an inclusive charge of Rs. 1-4-9. The District Forest Officer, Anantapur, though it possible to collect a thousand pounds of gum at a cost of about as- as 1-6 ps., per lb. The District Forest Officer, North Malabar, asked Rs. 1/- a lb for his 200 lbs.

5. After an inspection of the samples forwarded to me and considering the prices asked when compared with that paid by this office in the local market, which I may mention is now as 2-6 ps per lb, and also in view of the quantities offered, I came to the conclusion that the only district that could meet the requirements of this office as regards quality and price was North Coimbatore, and I have accordingly made an arrangement with the District Forest Officer to supply me after the 1st April next with 2500 lbs of gum at Rs. 10/- per 100 lbs delivered at the Railway Station, Madras. I also asked the District Forest Officers

Officers of Kistna and Chingleput whether they could reduce their prices with the result that the former now quotes Rs. 5/12 - per 25 lbs and I have enquired whether that includes conveyance charges to this office. The latter states that he cannot take less than 3 as per lb. At present, however, I can get as much as I require at 2½ as.

6. My Object in addressing the Board on this subject is to suggest that it should be possible for an arrangement to be made under which the supplies of gum required by the several officers in the Mafussal should be sent direct to them by District Forest Officers. The annual consumption in the Presidency may roughly be taken at 10000 lbs. I forward a sample of the gum which I am now obtaining at as 2 - 6 ps a lb. I cannot help thinking that it would be possible for the collection of such gum and its supply to be undertaken by the Forest Department at a rate which would be remunerated to itself and yet effect an appreciable economy on present expenditure. There can be no doubt that much of the gum which finds its way into the Stationery Stores came originally from Government Forests. That being so the system which I now advocate would do away with the middle man or men, as the case may be, and therefore could not but result in a saving.

7. I am aware that gum suitable for the purpose is obtainable from trees which are found in certain districts only, but if the supply from those districts proves to be sufficient and it seems probable it would increase to meet a steady demand - it will be simple to divide the demands suitably among the Districts for supply. There would be a considerable saving in conveyance charges if the supplies of gum were made direct from the districts as suggested above instead of through this office.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(signed) J.N. Atkinson

Agent of Stationery.

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True copy forwarded to the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department, Port Saint George, for information with reference to G.O. No. 177, Financial, dated 23rd February 1898.

L. A. Munson
Superintendent of Stationery.

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