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From

H. FORBES, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George.

To

LIEUTENANT GENERAL SIR MARK CUBBON, K. C. B.,
Commissioner for the Government of the Territories of
His Highness the Rajah of Mysore.

SIR,

1. I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to communicate the accompanying correspondence submitted by the Chief Engineer, regarding certain timber cut by contractors under permission in the Myscre jungles, for the use of the Military works at Bellary, but which the Contractors are now prevented from removing by the Mysore authorities; and to request that you will be good enough to issue orders for the necessary permission being accorded for the removal of the wood, in order that no impediment may be offered to the commencement of a new Hospital at Bellary, a work of necessity that has been ordered for immediate execution.

Dated 5th September 1857, No. 3485, and its enclosure.

2. Captain Cunningham remarks in his letter to the District Engineer of Bellary, dated 15th June 1857, No. 412, that the proceedings of the Contractors were so flagitious, as to have been made the subject of notice by the Madras Government, and that this circumstance had chiefly led to the introduction of the present rule, under which Contractors are prohibited from having access to the Nuggur Forests. On referring to the records of this office however, the only communication upon the subject has been Mr. Pycroft's letter of the 22nd October 1856, No. 1939, in which the fact of the Contractors having cut wood for the Military buildings at Bellary, through the intervention of the Mysore authorities, was brought to your notice, with the intimation that no further supply of timber was required by this Government at the time. This caution was deemed desirable, to provide against a possible contingency, as the Contractors had already cut on favorable terms a larger quantity of wood than was then actually required by Government, and it was not improbable that, if unchecked in their operations, they might continue cutting on the same terms for their own special profit.

3. In the present case, the wood has been already cut under the permission originally accorded by the Superintendent of the Nuggur Division, and is *de facto* the property of Government. I am here directed to draw your attention to Extract Minutes Consultation of the 22nd October 1856, communicated with Mr. Pycroft's letter of that date, in which a brief resumé is given of the circumstances under which timber was allowed to be cut in Mysore, and removed from time to time for use on the Military works at Bellary; and from it, it will be observed that the quantity now lying in the Mysore jungles is but a balance of the supply originally applied for by the Executive Officer at Bellary, and is thus actually due to the Government. Lieutenant Fisher reports that the Contractors have advanced 15,000 Rupees for this timber, that it is already cut, and may be floated down in a few days while the freshes continue in the Toongabudra; but that delay beyond the present month may render this impracticable this year, as the existing facility cannot be relied upon in the months of October and November.

4. I am desired to submit that it is of *great* importance, in the present certainty of a large European force shortly arriving in and garrisoning different parts of this country, that the Bellary Hospital should not be delayed a whole year, as it will be, if the wood required for its construction cannot be brought down the river in this month; and that it is important also that the

estimate for the work should not be exceeded, as it will be, if the Government be now compelled to purchase timber in the bazaar, while at the same time, the wood lying cut and ready in the Mysore jungles, as being seasoned, is doubly valuable for the important Military work in hand. The rule now laid down by the Mysore authorities, prohibiting free access to the forests, and requiring Contractors and Agents to attend the periodical sales of timber about to be established, is doubtless a wholesome one; and one with which the Madras Government would not wish on any future occasion to interfere, I am directed to press the position in which this Government is placed with reference to the necessity for the immediate erection of the Bellary Hospital; and to request that no stoppage may be put to the fulfilment of a contract already made; but that on consideration of the circumstances I have pointed out, you will permit the Contractors to make use of the present season, to transport to the Bellary District, the remaining quantity of timber they have contracted to supply, which is reported to be 1620 logs, or 38,880 cubic feet.

5. A copy of this letter will be sent to the District Engineer of Bellary, and I am directed to request that that Officer may be furnished with a copy of your reply, in order that he may take action on the orders which the Government have requested you to give.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

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Fort St George
16th Augt 1785

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To The Commissioner
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Dated 16th September 1857.

From the C.P.S. 5th October/55

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