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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 29th October 1858.

No. 183. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 13th October 1858, No. 4474.

SIR,

At the request of the Acting Collector of Madura, I have the honor to submit the following question for the decision of Government, viz, "the limit of a Collector's interference with the Avenue trees."

2. By Extract Minutes Consultation under date 21st April 1858 No. 768, it would appear that the Engineer Department in every District, with the exception of Tanjore, is vested with the entire control of the Avenue trees, only rendering an account of the sale proceeds to the Collector at the end of the official year, after deducting expenses for planting &c.,

3. The Collector of the District has, of course, the protective control over the Avenue trees, equally with all Government property, but the District Engineer, when fuel is required for Public Works, should, I certainly think, be required to intimate the same to the Collector, stating the quantity required, and the locality where the trees are to be felled.

4. In connection with this subject, I would beg strongly to recommend to Government some modification of their orders in Extract Minutes Consultation in the Revenue Department, No. 9, dated 6th January 1858, para. 11, as regards the Avenue trees in the Tanjore District, where the care of the trees is placed entirely under the Collector, and where they have been sold and felled without any reference to the wants of the Department Public Works, a practise resulting in extreme difficulty of obtaining Firewood for Government works, and greatly enhancing the price when obtained.

5. Fuel is an expensive article at all times in Tanjore, it has been rendered moreso by these indiscriminate sales, and it surely cannot be deemed advisable that Government should consequently have to re-purchase the timber at an advanced rate, when the working season commences.

6. The Collector of Tanjore has, indeed, promised to meet the difficulty by informing the Department Public Works when these sales are to take place, but it would be much more advisable that there should be some specific orders on the subject, and I would therefore beg to suggest, that no sales of trees should take place until the beginning of January, the commencement of the working season, (intimation of each sale being given to the District Engineer), when the Department would be in a position to purchase as required.

Letter from A. HATHAWAY, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura; to Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer, Fort Saint George, dated Kudukunal, 29th September 1858, No 1067.

SIR,

With reference to your letter of the 23rd Instant No. 3914, I would wish to have the instructions of Government as to the limit of the Collector's interference with the Avenue trees.

2. The objects mutually ~~arrived~~ *aimed* at, are preservation of the trees from destruction and misappropriation (which I presume can only be carried out by the Collector) and the supply of decayed and useless trees to the Public Works Department.

3. To ensure the former, it appears to me necessary that application should be made to the Collector (in whose custody is the fund derived from their sale proceeds) for permission to cut down trees when required; otherwise he cannot check frauds that might be committed by the villagers, or subordinate Officers.

4. It is natural that the desire to obtain the necessary fuel for carrying on works entrusted to them, should prevail in the minds of subordinates of the Public Works Department, over any care that the Avenues be maintained; and when the villagers find that trees are cut down without reference to the Collector, they will not abstain from taking what they want.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 29th October 1858.

5. The proposition for removing useless trees and the substitution of new ones should, I think, emanate from the Civil Engineer; as connected with his duties, but if their custody is removed entirely from the supervision of the Collector, I think the Avenues will suffer.

No. 184. ORDER THEREON, No. 2283; dated 29th October 1858.

1. In this letter, Lieut.-Colonel Lawford submits for the decision of Government, a question put to him by the Acting Collector of Madura, viz. how far the Collector of a District should interfere with the Avenue trees, which were placed in charge of the D. P. W. by Extract Minutes Consultation 24th April 1858, No. 768, in every District except Tanjore. Under this order the trees are placed under the entire control of the Engineers who however render an account of the sale proceeds to the Collector at the end of the official year. The Acting Collector of Madura now considers that inasmuch as the protective control of these trees (equally with that over all Government property) is vested in the Revenue Head of the District, application should be made to that Officer for permission to cut, when fuel is required for Public Works. The Chief Engineer agrees with him, and the Government see no objection to the arrangement.

2. Connected with the same subject, the Officiating Chief Engineer recommends that in Tanjore where the Avenue trees do not belong to Government but to the Mirasidars, and are under the charge of the Collector alone, sales of felled trees should take place at the beginning of the working season (January) as the present system of selling without reference to the wants of the D. P. W. has resulted in extreme difficulty in obtaining firewood for Government works,

3. The Government learn from the concluding para. of Lieutenant-Colonel Lawford's letter that the Collector has already promised to meet the difficulty by informing the Engineers when the sales are to take place. They are of opinion that this is all that can be expected. The trees are the property of the Mirasidars, and are sold on their account, the Collector as the custodian of their rights will see that such sales take place to the best advantage; and the Governor in Council is of opinion that it would not be just to restrict these sales to one particular time of the year, in order to favour the Public Works Department. Now that due notice is given of the sales, it will always be in the Engineer's power to make what purchases are required and to store the timber if not immediately wanted.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

N^o 1067

From A Hathaway Esquire
Acting Collector
of Madura

To
Major C. Lawford
Officiating Chief Engineer
Fort Saint George

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Madura 3
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29th September 1858

I have &c

/Signed/ M. Hathaway

Acting Collector

/True copy/

W. H. ...
Offg. Supy. Engr. & Civil

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Central Office of Mr.
Port St. George
13 October 1858

N 44/4

From Mr. [unclear]

The Offr. Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government. P.H.C.

Sir,

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At the request of the Acting
Collector of Madras, I have the honor
to submit the following question for the
decision of Government, viz, "the limit of a
Collector's interference with the Revenue
Treasurer."

Copy of C.O.
to Mr. [unclear]
Sept 1858

2. By Mr. [unclear] under
date 24th April 1858, No. 768, it would
appear that the Engineer Department
in every District with the exception of
Pangore, is invested with the entire
control of the Revenue Treasuries, only
rendering an account of the sale-
proceeds to the Collector at the end
of the official year, after deducting
expences for planting &c.

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Enclosure is a letter from the
Acting Chief Engineer

The Secretary to Govt.
P.H.C.

Despatch 13th
Received 3 October 1858

John [unclear]
1858/58

Copy of a letter from
the Acting Collector of Madras
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of the interference of the
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4. In connection with this subject, I would beg strongly to recommend to Government some modification of their orders in G.O. Minor Cases, in the Revenue Department, No. 9, dated 6th January 1888 para 11, as regards the Revenue Trees in the Tanjore District, where the care of the trees is placed entirely under the Collector, and where they have been sold and felled without any reference to the wants of the D.P.W. a practice resulting in extreme difficulty of obtaining firewood for Government works, and greatly enhancing the price when obtained. I feel

5. That as an expensive article at all times in Tanjore, it has been rendered more so by these indiscriminate sales, and it surely cannot be deemed advisable that Government should consequently have to repurchase the timber at an advanced rate, when the working season commences.

6. The Collector of Tanjore has, indeed, promised to meet the difficulty by informing the D.P.W. when these sales are to take place, but it would be much more advisable that there should be some specific orders on the subject, and I would therefore beg to suggest, that no sales of trees should take place until the beginning of January, the commencement of the working season, intimation of each sale being given to the District Engineer, when the Department would be in a position to purchase as required.

Fort St. George

13th Oct 1888

W. H.
S. S. J. C.

The Secretary to
Government P.W.D.

W. H.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Yours most obedt Servant
Samford S. S. J. C.
Off. Chief Engineer

W. 2288

from the Minutes of Consultation.
Undated the 29th October 1858.

Read the following letter from
the Chief Engineer

(See entry, 13 Oct 1858. No 4474).

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~~them at all~~

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mediately wanted.

W. M. P.
Oct 19/58

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Cons: 29th October

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Extract Minis: of Cons:
Of 29th October/58.

From the Offy Chief Eng^r & Master
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I see no objection to the
arrangement proposed in re-
gard to the cutting of a source
there for Public Works.

N^o 1830/184