M.R.O. 14—10,000—21-4-22.

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 927 Press ~~Mis.~~

410-411

Dated 24-4-1861.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

No. 410. Read the following letter from Captain H. R. MORGAN, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 9th April 1861, No. 436:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report with reference to the Order of Government, No. 736, dated 4th April 1861, that the Forests in North Arcot where the cutting of the Red Sanders takes place adjoin the Balpalli jungles.

2. I have lately* applied to Government for an Establishment for Mr. Morison of one Overseer and ten Peons. A portion of these with the Collector's Superintendent and two Peons now in charge of that part of the North Arcot Forests could easily supervise the Forest.

* *Letter, No. 393, dated 19th March* 1861.

3. The question is not only one of seignorage but of conservation, as unless the young trees of the Red Sanders be to some extent conserved, their speedy destruction may be anticipated.

4. Mr. Morison's report is agreeably to the orders of Government herewith enclosed.

From RODERICK MORISON, Esq., Assistant Conservator of Forests, to the Conservator of Forests, Madras, dated Chettigoonta, 11th March 1861, No. 30.

SIR,

1. I left Madras on the 23rd ultimo for this District.

2. I found 200 bandy loads of Red Sanders-wood at Arconum and Companypett. This wood was not cut in logs for posts, but in pieces for export as dye, and the licenses in the possession of the bandymen were signed by a Native authorized to do so by the Collector of North Arcot.

3. The Red Sanders being cut on the borders of the Cuddapah District, I would suggest that the same seignorage be paid as on that District, which is now six Rupees, instead of only one Rupee each cart load.

4. There being such a large demand for the Red Sanders, and so many applications for it, its value has much increased, and there will be no difficulty in getting the higher amount of seignorage.

5. If you would be so good as to write to the Collector of North Arcot, and instruct him to place his Superintendent and his two Peons under my instructions, I will see that the Forests bordering on that of Cuddapah are both remunerative and preserved from destruction. The greater part of the Cuddapah Forests being near Balpalli, Chettigoonta and Trippetty, and waste of my time being required here, I could easily superintend the working of the adjoining jungles.

6. I have many applications for Red-wood, and the Native merchants are most willing to give 6 Rupees a bandy load seignorage, and I have already issued a license in favor of a Native, who has, at my request, paid that much for each bandy load, to the Tahsíldár of Chitvail, taking forty bandy loads.

7. A large number of carts from Circambady take down firewood to Arconum and by rail to Madras. As fuel can be got in very large quantities from Circambady to Codoor, and only by the road side, I should also recommend a seignorage on it, as it is very profitable to the Natives, and they can well afford to pay it. Eight Annas each bandy load might be paid for fuel.

8. Besides the Red Sanders, common jungle wood is taken down from the borders of the Balpalli and Chettigoonta jungles, and a seignorage of eight Annas a bandy load is paid to the Superintendent at Circambady. I have had many applications for this wood, and on asking one Rupee for each cart load, the timber merchants are most willing to pay that sum. They

will of course elude paying that sum if the wood is cut beyond Balpalli unless I have a check on them, which I can only have by the Collector of North Arcot acknowledging my authority in his District. If the adjoining Forests are placed under my supervision I can frame rules, issue licenses, and preserve the Forests of both Districts.

9. I have issued licenses for ten thousand sleepers in the jungles between Yerragoonta Cotta and Balpalli.

10. My report on the Forests of Chettigoonta and Balpalli shall be forwarded in a separate cover.

No. 411. ORDER THEREON, 24th April 1861, No. 927.

1. The Government quite agree with the Acting Conservator as to the importance of measures to prevent the improper cutting of Red Sanders-wood, because otherwise the supply must eventually be exhausted. They do not object to the rate of seignorage proposed, if, as it seems, the price of the wood is such as easily to bear it.

2. The proposal to place the jungles in North Arcot contiguous to the Cuddapah frontier, under the Assistant Conservator of the last mentioned District, appears to the Governor in Council to be judicious. But before ordering the adoption of that arrangement, he resolves to obtain the opinion of the Collector of North Arcot upon it, through the Board of Revenue.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Transcribe

R. D. 4

No. 927

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 24th April 1861

Read the following
letter from the Officiating
Conservator of Forests —

States that the Forests in
North Arcot where the cutting
of the Red Sanders takes place ad-
-joins the Balpally jungles — and
suggests certain remidial measures —

Recd enter 9th April 1861 No 1361

The Govt quite
agree with the Acting
Conservator as to the im-
portance of measures to
prevent the improper cut-
-ting of Red Sanders wood,
because otherwise the sup-
-ply must eventually be ex-
-hausted. They do not object
to the rate of seignorage pro-
-posed, if, as it seems, the
price of the wood is such
as easily to bear it.

The

2 The proposal to
place the jungles in North
Arcot contiguous to the
Cuddapah frontier, under
the Asst Conservator of the
last mentioned District, ap-
pears to the Governor in
Council to be judicious
But before ordering the
adoption of that arrange-
ment he resolves to obtain
the opinion
of the Collector of North
Arcot upon it, thro' the
Board of Revenue.

4 Copies
Do
The Acting Conservator of Forests Circ. 25
13 " " Board of Revenue 24
with the enclosure
& the former papers

(5)

Measures to prevent the improper
cutting of Red Sanders wood in
the North Arcot

It is not in the power
of this Govt. to make
available for
these taxes, local labourers:
& they never have been
so hitherto - They
form a part of the
Revenue derived from
the cultivation of the Forest
Conservancy; Trifling in
this & other cases, but no
large in sum to establish

26.27
4-4-61

226.227
18-4-61

194-691

Revenue 1861 Departt.
Pro: of Govt for April

No 927.

Pro: of the Madras Govt
Dd 24th April 1861.

~~From~~ Bd of Rev 30th May /61 Cir 1383
(reply to Para 2). 27th June Nos 269-270.
Pro of Do — 24th July 1861
C Nos 1850 in Pro 23 [illegible]

Respecting the
adoption of measures to
prevent the improper
cutting of Red Sanders-
wood in the North Arcot
jungles.

Nos 10 & 11-