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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 7th June 1862.

No. 134. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 30th May 1862, No. 1,972:—

Stating that in the event of the proposed transfer of the Hoonsoor Forest to the Forest Department it may be placed under the orders of Colonel Hill, and that the Commissariat may be required to enter the market as Public Works Department does. (Vide Military Proceedings, 30th May 1862, Nos. 623 @ 626.)

No. 135. ORDER THEREON, 7th June 1862, No. 1,283.

Communicated to the Chief Engineer for information.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department.

Read the following letter, from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, Camp Kakencottah, 4th March 1862, No. 834; to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

1. I have the honor to request you will be good enough to bring to the notice of Government, the state of the Hoonsoor Forest in Mysore.

2. It appears that in the year 1800, this Forest was made over to the Commissariat Department for the Gun Carriage Manufactory, then existing at Seringapatam.

3. In this valuable Teak Forest, I cannot learn that any Conservancy has ever been attempted. I would, therefore, suggest that it be placed and worked under my orders, and that the Commissariat enter the market, and purchase their Timber in the same manner as the Department of Public Works.

4. It appears on inquiry, that no less than 4,000 Teak Saplings were cut for telegraph posts, that the system of felling pursued is one of reckless waste, trees of 36 feet have their ends, some 20 feet long, cut off, and left to rot. I have myself seen some 40 trees cut down, and the ends, averaging 12 cubic feet of good timber, left on the ground.

5. The system of "Tukkul" or temporary clearing has been largely practised in this Forest, hundreds of acres of valuable Teak cut down and destroyed.

6. The Manager of the Forest has not been into it for the last 30 years, he is more than 70 years of age, and quite incapable of looking after the Forest.

7. Captain Hunter has reported that there is a plantation of Teak trees formed by the Commissariat, it consists of 70 young trees, and cost 90 Rupees, or at the rate of twenty times the cost of a like number of trees in the Nellumboor Teak plantations.

8. I propose that the belt of Teak Forest in Wynaud, which averages six miles in breadth, and 30 miles in length, and extends from Nellacottah on the east, to Brahmagherry on the west, with the Hoonsoor Forest, which averages 130 square miles, and is bounded by the Gumchee on the east, and the Cubbany on the west, be placed under the charge and worked by an Assistant on a salary of Rupees 700 per mensem.

9. The Establishment may be of the same strength as that on the Anamallies. The probable expenditure for the Establishment would be 12,000 Rupees annually, working charges 10,000 Rupees, total 22,000 Rupees, the returns would amount to at least 40,000 Rupees a year, or a clear profit of 18,000 Rupees.

10. From what I can learn, it appears that the Commissariat gave a contract to certain parties to cut 700 Teak trees, the Contractor to have as a perquisite all wood over 20 feet in length—from what I saw in the Forest it was clear to me, that the Contractors had left all over 20 feet on the ground, and had helped themselves to entire trees as a perquisite, indeed a case is now pending where the Contractors had a contract for 700 logs, and are accused of having stolen 2,000 logs.

11. On sending for the Manager to inquire into the working of this Forest, I received for answer, that neither the Manager or any one else was present.

12. In the event of these Forests being worked by me, it will be necessary for the Mysore Government to have an Assistant of their own.

ORDER THEREON, 20th March 1862, No. 626.

As the Forest in question is said to be under the management of the Commissariat, the Acting Conservator's letter will be transferred to the Military Department for consideration.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

Referred to the Commissary General for early Report.

21st March 1862.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,

Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, Madras, 4th April 1862, *No.* 901 *; to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George.*

1. I have the honor to request you will bring to the notice of Government, that an Order was issued by Government on the 28th April 1859, No. 577, to the effect: "That the Forest "there referred to, be considered a reserve Forest for Government purposes, that it be joined to "the tract of Mysore now worked by the Officer of the Commissariat Department at Hoonsoor, "and put under a regular system of Conservancy."

2. Since this Order was issued, an Officer has been appointed, but the Hoonsoor Forests has not yet been made over to him, I therefore have the honor to request, that this Forest may as speedily as possible be made over to my Assistant, Captain Hunter, so that it may be properly worked and conserved.

ORDER THEREON, 9th April 1862, No. 790.

1. Referred to the Military Department, in continuation of the Order in this Department dated 20th March 1862, No. 626.

2. The Acting Conservator should have referred to his letter, dated 4th March 1862, No. 834, in this letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

Referred to the Commissary General, in connection with Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, No. 626, dated 20th March 1862.

11*th April* 1862.

From the Commissary General, Madras, 16*th May* 1862, *No.* 34 *; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.*

I have the honor, with reference to Order of Government, dated 20th March 1862, No. 626, to forward original correspondence relative to the Hoonsoor Forest in Mysore, and from which, it is apparent that Captain Morgan has been premature in stating that no Conservancy has ever been attempted, but I do not think that there can be any objection to its transfer to the Forest Department, should Government consider such a step desirable.

Letter from Major Elphinstone, 28*th April* 1862, *No.* 1402, *with seven enclosures.*

2. It appears that Teak Saplings were cut for the Telegraph Department, but only at a time when they were most urgently required, *viz.*, during the mutinies of 1857-58.—Had Captain Morgan shewn the courtesy usual on these occasions to the Executive Officer at Hoonsoor, by intimating to him his intention of visiting the Forest, the necessary officials would have been present to have afforded every information that he had required.

3. Should the transfer in question take place, I would venture to suggest that it should be stipulated that the Forest Department should at all times be prepared to furnish on payment, whatever Timber may be required for Government purposes, by the Commissariat Department at Hoonsoor.

From the Sub-Assistant Commissary General, Grazing Farm, Hoonsoor, 28*th April* 1862, *No.* 1402 *; to the Commissary General, Madras.*

With reference to your memorandum No. 4933 of the 22nd March 1862, enclosing Minutes of Consultation, No. 626 of the 20th March 1862, (herewith returned) forwarded to me for explanation and report, I have the honor, in reply, to send the Reports of Gopauliah, the Forest Writer, in charge of the Commissariat Gun Carriage Forest, and of Staff Serjeant Huson, who has personally inspected the Forest, as also the documents as per margin, and to state in explanation as follows:—

Enclosure No. 1, *Correspondence regarding Commissariat Gun Carriage Forest.*
„ „ 2, *Do. do. Telegraph Posts.*
„ „ 3, *Memo. of cost and saving to Government.*
„ „ 4, *Copy of an Agreement.*
„ „ 5, *Copy of letter from the Superintendent of the Astagram Division.*

1—3. A reference to the enclosure marked No. 1, being a correspondence regarding the Commissariat Gun Carriage Forest, will show that it was handed over to this Department in 1830, also the means which have been adopted for its Conservancy.

4. No Teakwood has been supplied by this Department for Telegraph Posts since I have had charge of it, but from the correspondence in this Office—*vide* enclosure marked No 2—it appears that 2,079 Posts were supplied from the Commissariat Gun Carriage Forest on the requisition of the Engineer Department at Bangalore, in 1854, 55 and 56.

5. The system of Tukkul appears to have been allowed from the beginning in moderation, in open places where there is no Teak wood, with a view to encourage the Coorumbers who get small pay.

6. This I presume to be a misprint. The Forest Writer has served eleven years in the Forest Department, and never comes to Hoonsoor, unless ordered to do so.

7. On referring to the Report of the Forest Writer, it will be seen that the young Teak plantation numbers 1,300 Saplings. This is corroborated by the Staff Serjeant's Report. The cost of the plantation is 92 Rupees.

8. The present Forest Establishment is as follows:—

1 Forest Writer on	Rupees	52	8	0 per month.
4 Coorumbers, at Rs. 2-0-8 each,	„	8	2	8 „
2 Camaties, at „ 2-0-0 „	„	4	0	0 „
Total Rupees...		64	10	8

9. The enclosure marked No. 3, shows the cost and saving to Government for the year 1862-63, of the Commissariat Gun Carriage Forest as worked by this Department.

10. Enclosure No. 4, is copy of the Agreement on which Teak logs have usually been hitherto supplied from the Forest, when no public Cattle is available for the purpose. It will be seen that only tops and branches, but *no logs* form the perquisite of the parties who cut and bring in the logs, nor has there been any deviation from this rule up to this time. With regard to the latter part of that paragraph, I referred to the Superintendent of this Division for information on the subject, and beg to enclose his reply.—Enclosure No. 5.

11. The Forest Writers's explanation on this point is correct. But I have the honor to submit here, that the course of proceeding adopted has been unusual, as no intimation was received by this Department, of the Officiating Conservator's wish to visit the Forest attached to this Department, nor of his intention to make a Report upon it.

From B. Gopaulliah, Forest Writer, Hoonsoor, 26th April 1862 ; *to the Sub-Assistant Commissary General, Hoonsoor.*

I humbly beg leave to inform your Honor, that I have received your letter, dated 28th March 1862, together with copies of Minutes of Consultation, No. 626, dated 20th March 1862, and that of a letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, regarding the Commissariat Forest in Mysore, in reply, I beg to represent as follows:—

1. That the Forest under my charge is every where in flourishing state, and not one tree is destroyed by others but by the people of the Mysore jungle Establishment.

2. The Forest is divided into three parts, called Baigoor, Bunkawady and Besulwady, notwithstanding it is so, the two latter parts are now under the control of the jungle Darogah against all legal objections made by our Department.

3. This Forest is very useful for the Commissariat Department to meet the demands of Timber and other furnitures, which are always complied with in cheapest rate, and I doubt not there will be a profit of thousands of Rupees for a year by looking over the accounts in the Office.

4. I supplied some Teak Saplings for the use of the Electric Telegraph Department in 1854 and 1855, agreeably to the orders received from the Office. The number supplied by me was

2,079, and not 4,000—and there are no ends of Teak Saplings could be made from them as what was supplied, measured in length 24 feet.

5. The system of Tukkul has always been carried on by the Coorumbers from the beginning, without destroying the Teak trees and Saplings—but since these two years, they have been strictly ordered not to cut any trees as is done in the Cacuncottah, Malayalum, &c. Forests, in which the Tukkul is carried on to a great extent of land, not only by the Coorumbers, but also the Ryots.

6. I am visiting the Forest at all times when demands are made upon the Department for Timber, &c.—and looking after the Government property very carefully with a small Establishment as follows:—

Four Coorumbers, at 2-0-8 each	8	2	8
Two Camaties, at 2-0-0 „	4	0	0
And my Pay	52	8	0
Total per month...	64	10	8

From this small Establishment, I supply from the Forest every year, about 3 or 400 logs, and agreeably to the late Military Board's letter,* and Minutes of Consultation,† I also complied with the requisitions therein made for large Teak beams, measuring 28 feet long, 22 inches broad, and 18 inches thick, for the erection of the Dragoon Barracks, &c., at Bangalore. I have been in my present employment as Forest Writer since 1831, when it was handed down by my late father Kristniah on his having been pensionsd after a long and faithful servitude of twenty-five years in the Forest Department. My services in the other Departments are as follows:—

* *No.* 349, *dated* 31*st July* 1841.
† „ 3208, „ 24*th August* „

From 1824 to 1833, in Gun Carriage Manufactory.

From 1836 to 1837, in the late Amrut Mahal Department.

From 1838 to 1840, in the Commissary General's Office at Madras—and when my late father attained old age I was under him looking after his duties as Forest Writer from 1841 to 1850. My age is under fifty-six years—and I am capable to transact more duties than my present one—I beg herein to enclose copies of Testimonials bestowed upon me, my father Kristniah and my Uncle Codundaramiah—the latter had held the appointment of General Superintendent and Head Cash-keeper in the Commissary General's Office at Madras, for a long period.

7. Regarding the Teak plantation, the Officiating Conservator alludes to in his letter, I beg to state, that in 1860, I received orders from Captain Loudon, Assistant Commissary General, to make up a small Garden for Teak plantation, and accordingly cleared about ten acres of waste ground for trans-plantation. There are now, after many plants destroyed and dead, 1,300 Saplings, the destruction of them in most part, occasioned by the surrounding ground, having been taken possession by the jungle Darogah for Coffee cultivation, who wantonly done so by cutting the Bamboos and other trees, and making them fall on the Saplings. The total expense incurred about the cultivation, is Rupees 92.

8. With reference to the 10th paragraph of letter from the Officiating Conservator, I beg to state, that none of the Teak logs prepared by the Contractors were stolen from the Gun Carriage Forest, some of the end pieces of the logs prepared since the last two years, are still in the Forest, as they could not be removed from thence in consequence of the Wodder Carts engaged by me for their conveyance having been seized by the jungle Darogah to his charge, and in the meantime as there was no water and grass in the Forest, I could not get Cattle and men to collect and remove them from thence to Baigoor, but measures will be taken for their disposal, as ordered by your Honor, hereafter.

9. The Officiating Conservator states in his Report, paragraph 11, that I was not present when I was sent for, in reply, I beg to say, that I was detained at that time at Hoonsoor (part of February and March) on account of adjustment of my accounts in the Office.

Gopaulliah, Bramin, was a Writer in my Office at the Gun Carriage Manufactory for several years, both at Seringapatam and after the transfer of that Establishment to Madras, I can recommend him as an useful and intelligent young man. He left the Manufactory at his own desire in consequence of ill-health.

MADRAS, 19*th January* 1837.

(Signed) W. CULLEN, Colonel,
Commissary General.

This is to certify that the bearer B. Gopaulliah, Bramin, served the Commissariat Department as a Writer for the space of two years and five months, during which period I believe he has conducted himself to the entire satisfaction of the Executive Officers, and now resigned it at his own request.

MADRAS, 31*st May* 1841.

(Signed) J. BOWER,
Dy. Asst. Commissary General.

Kristniah, Bramin, Forest Writer in the Commissariat Department at Muggay, in Mysore, having applied to me for a Certificate of character when employed under me in the Gun Carriage Department at Seringapatam, from 1826 to 1830, I hereby certify, that he afforded me perfect satisfaction during the above period, and that I considered him a very intelligent, active and useful servant.

QUILON, 6*th January* 1843.

(Signed) W. CULLEN,
Major General.

Madras, 4th May 1838.

Codundaramiah, Bramin, served under my orders in the Executive branch of the Commissary General's Office at Madras, from the 1st November 1836, up to the present period. He has been charged with duties of the Grain and Provision Department, Cavalry Supply, Arrack Department, Cooperage, Public Cattle, Barrack Supply and various other duties involving great labour and responsibility. These duties he has performed with a zeal and assiduity highly creditable to himself and advantageous to the Service. I am impressed with a high opinion of integrity, and it gives me great pleasure to record my favorable sentiments of this valuable public servant.

(Signed) A. McCALLY, Captain,
Acting Commissary General.

Report from Commissariat Staff Serjeant E. Huson, Hoonsoor, 12th April 1862; *to the Sub-Assistant Commissary General.*

I beg respectfully to inform you, that I have agreeably to your orders, examined the Hoonsoor Teak Forest, and the result of that examination I beg to report as follows:—

4th Paragraph—Complains of the system of felling and of the ends of trees being left 20 feet long to rot in the jungle.	I saw about 30 trees with the ends left 5 to 15 feet in length, but none so long as 20 feet.
5th Paragraph—Tukkul is here complained of as being practised to a very great extent.	I should suppose there to be about 50 acres.
7th Paragraph—States that only 70 young Teak Plants are in the Plantation, and which cost 90 Rupees.	I counted the trees in the Plantation and found 1,300.
10th Paragraph—Here 700 trees are said to be cut and 2,000 logs stolen.	I counted about 550—this number of trees will give about 1,481 logs, which number of logs are now at Hoonsoor and Muggy.

From the Acting Commissary General, Grazing Farm, Hoonsoor, 22nd December 1859, *No.* 913; *to the Commissary General, Madras.*

I have the honor to return the original correspondence received with Colonel Hill's letter of *No.* 3503. the 14th November last, regarding the Teak Forests in Mysore worked by this Department, on which subject my observations are requested.

2. In the margin is a list of the correspondence which has taken place relative to these Forests since the removal of the Gun Carriage Manufactory from Seringapatam to Madras, copies of which are, in obedience to Colonel Hill's letter* of the 7th instant, herewith forwarded—from them you will learn that on the said Manufactory being transferred to Madras in 1830, the felled Timber laying in the Forest and the Establishment were ordered to be made over to this Department, which accordingly took place.

Letter from Commissary General to Captain Cox, dated 9th March 1830.
Do. Military Board, to Commissary General dated 23rd February 1830.
Do. from the Secretary to Government to Military Board, dated 23rd February 1830.
Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated 2nd March 1830.
Letter from Commissary General to Major Cox, dated 18th Nov. 1834.
Major Cox's reply thereto, dated 1st December 1834.
Letter from Commissary General to Major Watkins, dated 2nd June 1838.
Do. from Military Board to the Commissary General, dated 22nd May 1838.
Do. from Major Watkins to Commissary General, dated 22nd July 1838.

*No. 3829.

3. You will further learn that in 1834, the question was put to Major Cox by the Commissary General, as to whether he had charge of and exclusive control over the Forests allotted to the Gun Carriage Manufactory—to this question he replied in the negative.

4. In 1838, a similar question is put to Colonel Watkins, then in Commissariat charge here, and he replies in the affirmative.

5. A careful search of the records between the dates of these two letters has been made, but nothing has been discovered as to when or under what authority this control was assumed, since that time this Department appears to have exercised this control unquestioned, and the Gun Carriage Forest has been recognized as being under the Commissariat.

6. This Forest is composed of three pieces, called Bisselwady, Bunkawady and Bhyre-Guddeh—the first on the north, the two last on the south of the Cupney river—I enclose two native planks* of these pieces bearing General Cullen's signature for your inspection.

*To be returned.

7. The supplies of Timber drawn from these Forests have been most valuable, and have enabled this Department to meet demands from the Ordnance and Engineers' Departments, and for Barrack, Hospital and other furniture. The trees are selected under instructions from this Office according to the purpose for which the wood is wanted, thus suitable Timber is procured at comparatively small wastage of labor and material, which would be the case if logs of the average quality purchased in the market were used, from scarcely one of which a plank fit for the Ordnance could be procured. Emergent requisitions are frequently received, and there are always Indents on the Wood-yard for some of the articles above referred to, it is therefore absolutely necessary that this Department should have at all times at command good sound Timber of all sizes, and I trust that whatever change may be introduced, that this may not be overlooked.

8. The strictest orders have been issued to the Forest servants on no account to fell Teak beyond the boundary of the Gun Carriage Forest, with which they are well acquainted—they are now felling Timber in Bhyreguddeh, as I happened myself to witness, which I believe no one will deny, is included in the Gun Carriage Forest.

9. Only one complaint of encroachment against the Forest servants has reached me, and this was in 1837. The copies of the correspondence which then took place are attached for your information.

10. I have in conclusion to state, the number of Teak trees of all sizes to be found in the Forests, and also the quantity of jungle Wood of all kinds will vouch for the care which has been taken of them by this Department under the arrangement sanctioned by you in 1856—there is not now a log remaining in the Forest, except those just felled of the present year, all have been conveyed to a place of safety, and arrangements have been made for the preservation of the young Teak springing up in different directions, as also for planting, agreeably to the instructions issued by the Conservator of Forests.

From the Commissary General, Madras, 9th March 1830; *to the Assistant Commissary General.*

I have the honor to transmit for your information and guidance, copy of a letter from Mr. Secretary Clerk to the Military Board, dated the 23rd ultimo, and of an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated the 2nd instant, respecting the transfer of Timber from the Gun Carriage Manufactory to this Department.

I also transmit to you copy of a letter from the Military Board, dated the 23rd ultimo, by which you will observe, that the Superintendent has been directed to hand over the Timbers according to the Registers by which the Contractor was paid for it; and I beg to suggest that your Assistant, Lieutenant Ogilvie, may be detached to see this arrangement carried into effect, assisted by a properly qualified person to ascertain the dimensions and quality of the Timber.

I beg to be favored with your sentiments on the several propositions contained in the letter from the Military Board.

From the Deputy Secretary Military Board, Fort Saint George, 23rd February 1830; *to the Commissary General.*

The Military Board having received the instructions of Government to cause the removal of the Gun Carriage Manufactory to the Presidency, with the least possible delay, and to transfer the Timber belonging to that Department to your's, I have the honor, under the orders of the Board, to state that Lieutenant-Colonel Cullen has been instructed, "that all further removal "of Timber from the Forests or other places may cease, and the Forest Establishment of one "Writer, one Peon and twelve Camaties may be handed over, together with all the Timber "in the Forests at Baigoor, Heranundy and Seringapatam, according to the Registers by which "the Contractor was paid for felling it, to the charge of the Officer of the Commissariat, from "whom he will obtain a receipt for the same."

"He will communicate with the Commissariat Officer regarding the refuse Timber, Tools, "Stores &c., &c., which it will not be desirable to remove; transferring to Captain Cox, what-"ever he may wish to receive, and disposing of the remainder without loss of time by "public sale."

"You are authorised to sell all Timber and other Carts, after transferring to the Commis-"sariat Officer such as may be required for that Department, but without crippling the means "of removing your own, as they can be turned from the Presidency hereafter if necessary."

The object in giving these instructions is to avoid the delay, which would be caused by a re-measurement of the Timber, and as the registered scantling is taken as the tree would yield in cubical contents when squared, your Department will receive a larger quantity than will appear by the registers; the Board hope you will concur also in the transfer of the Forest Establishment, these people being best informed where the Timber in the Forests is to be found, and the Board will be prepared to recommend to Government the permanent or temporary transfer of these people as you may wish.

As the peremptory sale of refuse Timber, Stores, Tools, &c., at the moment of removal, would probably be effected only at a considerable loss to the public, the Board would suggest that whatever can be turned to account by the Commissariat, may be received, if not indeed the whole of the articles not required to be removed, for eventual sale, the amount realized, after deducting all charges of custody, sale, &c., to be credited to the Ordnance Department.

The Board presume that a proportion, if not all the Timber Carts, may be of use to the Department of Supply, and you will observe that Colonel Cullen has been directed to appropriate them accordingly, if required, either immediately or to be returned from Madras, and they will be happy to receive from you any suggestions connected with the subject which you may be pleased to offer.

From the Secretary to Government, Military Department, 23rd February 1860; *to the President and Members of the Military Board.*

Paragraph 1st. I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, No. 25.

2. As it does not appear that any portion of the Timber which has been felled in the Mysore Forests is intended for the use of the Gun Carriage Manufactory, and as it is of importance that that Establishment should be removed to the Presidency at the earliest possible period, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is of opinion, that the whole of the Timber which has been felled might with advantage be made over to the Commissariat in the Forests, whence it could be removed as required to the Grazing Farm in Mysore by means of the public Cattle, with little or no expense to the Government beyond what must be necessarily incurred were the Cattle unemployed.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, Military Department, 2nd March 1830.

Read the following letter :—

From the Deputy Secretary to the Military Board.

Recommending that the Department of Supply may be instructed to receive the Timber both in the Mysore Forests and elsewhere, from the Superintendent of the Gun Carriage Manufactory, according to the Register of it without the necessity of re-measurement to save delay in the removal of the Establishment.

Here enter 26th February 1830.

Resolved, with a view to prevent any delay in the removal of the Establishment of the Gun Carriage Manufactory, that the Department of Supply be directed to receive the Timber both in the Mysore Forests and elsewhere, from the Superintendent of the Gun Carriage Manufactory, according to this Register of measurement.

From the Commissary General, Madras, 18*th November* 1834 *; to the Assistant Commissary General.*

Adverting to the monthly charge of 72 Rupees for servants of the Forest Establishment, I request you will be good enough to state your opinion as to the necessity of keeping up such an Establishment. I should be glad to be informed also, whether you have charge of and exclusive control over the Forests formerly allotted to the Gun Carriage Manufactory, or over those in your immediate vicinity on the Frontiers of Coorg.

From the Assistant Commissary General, Grazing Farm, Hoonsoor, 1*st December* 1834*; to the Commissary General.*

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated the 18th ultimo, and in reply to state, that it will be necessary, I conceive, to retain the Forest Conicopoly and at least four of the Coorumbers for the present for the care of the Timber remaining in the Forest, Baigoor and at Heranundy, but the other five Coorumbers may be discharged immediately, and the whole Establishment as soon as the Timber has been removed and disposed of.

The number of logs remaining at the above places is noted in the margin—the unserviceable logs I have been authorised to sell, which I propose doing immediately—and on the return to the Farm last month of the Cattle recently employed with His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, I detached a Karkhana for the purpose of removing the remaining logs to the Farm.

	Logs.	*Good.*	*Bad.*
In the Forest...			
At Baigoor...	0	81	29
At Heranundy...	0	32	74

I have no charge or control over the Forests formerly allotted to the Gun Carriage Manufactory, or over those on the Frontiers of Coorg—this Department has however permission to obtain from the latter whatever Timber it might require, but nothing further. Permission has likewise on several occasions been granted by the residents to the Superintending Engineer in Mysore to obtain Teak Timber from the Coorg Forest.

From the Commissary General, Madras, 15*th December* 1834 *; to the Assistant Commissary General.*

I have the honor to convey to you authority for carrying into effect the arrangement suggested in your letter of the 1st instant, relative to the Forest Establishment.

From the Commissary General, Madras, 2nd June 1838*; to the Assistant Commissary General.*

I have the honor to forward for your information and report, copy of a letter from the Military Board, requesting to know whether the Forests in Mysore, formerly appropriated to the service of the Gun Carriage Manufactory, have been reserved for that Department, and desiring my opinion as to the practicability and advantage for again resorting to that source for supplies for the Gun Carriage Manufactory at Madras.

2. I shall be glad to know whether in receiving charge of the Timber left by the Gun Carriage Manufactory in the Forests, the Department at Hoonsoor has been allowed to continue in the exercise, and if so, that you will report their present condition and resoures for the supply of the Gun Carriage Manufactory.

3. When I transferred charge of the Timber and Forest Establishments to Major Cox in 1830, I considered, from frequent personal visits previously made, that there remained at that time several years supply of trees, at the then rate of annual demand of about 5 or 600 trees, and this exclusive of the Forests on the Untersuntah side of the river towards Bisselwady, where also the Gun Carriage Manufactory had been at one time in the habit of felling their Timber.

4. Independent however of the Mysore Teak Forests, there are, I believe, very valuable Forests along and within the Coorg Frontier.

5. The charge for the Timber itself is trifling, and the only question of consequence therefore is, the Carriage Carts to carry 18 or 20 cubic feet each to Madras, may, I should suppose, be got for from 25 to 30 Rupees, or perhaps less, were the traffic regularly established, and the Timber therefore might probably be deposited at Madras for less than 2 Rupees per cubic foot.

From the Secretary Military Board, Fort Saint George, 22nd May 1838 *; to the Commissary General.*

Adverting to previous correspondence on the subject of supplying Teak Timber for the service of the Gun Carriage Manufactory, I have the honor, by order of the Military Board, to intimate that it is expected, from the great demand on the Western Coast, the price will rise to Rupees 50 per candy at Aleppie at a freight to Madras, of Rupees 50 per ton, pending the uncertainty of being able to effect an arrangement for the provision of Teak Timber from Pegu, and referring to the expected cost of that in Travancore, the Board have directed me to request you will ascertain, if the Forests in Mysore and Wynaud, which are still, it is believed, reserved, should they be required, could not be resorted to with a prospect of ensuring a regular and advantageous supply, your long acquaintance with localities, &c. &c., and experience in the Department, will enable you to form a more correct judgment on this important question, than could be obtained from an inquiry otherwise set on foot, the Board have on this ground been induced to request you will favor them with your opinion on the subject. It is hoped that a sufficient quantity of wood for one year's consumption may be obtained at Calicut in August or September, it is to future provision that the Board is directed.

From the Assistant Commissary General, Grazing Farm Hoonsoor, 22nd July 1838 *; to the Commissary General.*

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd ultimo, and in reply to report, that this Department has been allowed to exercise the same control over the Forests in which wood was formerly cut for the use of the Gun Carriage Manufactory as used to be, and that from their condition, I apprehend no difficulty would be experienced in cutting from 5 to 600 trees annually in them and within the Coorg Frontier for the use of that Establishment, at from 3 to 4 Pice for cubical foot.

With respect to its conveyance to Madras, perhaps it would be as well to advertise for tenders, though a person named Veerapah Pillay, residing at Seringapatam, has offered to transport from the Forests where it may be cut, to Madras, at the rate of one Rupee and three quarter per cubical foot. I may observe that this person was formerly employed in conveying the logs for the use of the Manufactory at Seringapatam, and is therefore, I imagine, a competent person to employ.

From the Deputy Commissary General, Madras, 14th November 1859, No. 3503 ; to the Assistant Commissary General, Hoonsoor.

I have the honor, by desire of the Commissary General, to forward an original communication* from Dr. Cleghorn, regarding the Forest attached to your Department for your information and such observations as you wish to offer.

* *Dated 8th November 1859, No. 838.*
To be returned.

The Commissary General has sanctioned Major Clerk removing other woods than Teak, on condition, that as suggested by Dr. Cleghorn, he should supply any logs that might be required by this Department.

From the Deputy Commissary General, Madras, 7th December 1859, No. 3829 ; to the Assistant Commissary General, Hoonsoor.

I have the honor, by desire of the Commissary General, to request you will furnish this Office with copies of any correspondence which may be found in your Records, having reference to the transfer of a certain Timber Forest from the Gun Carriage Manufactory, to the Commissariat Department, for the information of the Commissioner at Mysore.

MEMORANDUM.

Letter No. 114, dated 16th July 1853, from Major C. Green, Superintendent of Maramut, requiring 4,160 Teak Posts, 24 feet in length, 6 inches in diameter, for the use of the Electric Telegraph Department.

Teak Posts supplied by the Commissariat from the Gun Carriage Forest, as follows : —

	Long.	Small.	Spars.
3rd May 1854	128	239	0
11th September	226	0	0
23rd October	90	1	0
5th February 1855	567	0	0
5th August	150	129	323
10th February 1856			
Total	1,387	369	323

GRAZING FARM, HOONSOOR, 28th *April* 1862.

(Signed) G. ELPHINSTONE, Major,
Sub-Asst. Commy. General.

Memorandum shewing the profit arising in preparing Teak Timber from the Gun Carriage Forest, in the Commissariat Department, compared with the rates of Mysore market for the year 1862-63.

Mysore Superintendent's price for 700 Teak logs containing 15,400 cubical feet, at an average rate of 1-12-7 per cubic foot	Rs.	27,511	7 4
Hire for Cutting and Squaring and Carriage for 700 Teak logs containing 15,400 cubical feet from the Gun Carriage Forest to Hoonsoor at 0-5-11 per cubic foot	Rs.	5,694 12 8	
The Pay of the Forest Establishment for a year, at 64-10-8 per month	Rs.	766 0 0	
		6,470 12 8	
Balance saving to Government for a year		21,040 10 8	

GRAZING FARM, HOONSOOR, 28th *April* 1862.

(Signed) G. ELPHINSTONE, Major,
Sub-Asst. Commy. General.

I, Buswah, inhabitant of Hoonsoor, do hereby agree and contract to prepare and convey on my own Carts for delivering over either at Hoonsoor or to the Engineer's Department at Bangalore, as the case may be (200) two hundred good sound Teak logs.

The logs are to be felled in the Kiggutnaud Talook in Coorg, they are not to be less than 22 cubic feet, and I bind myself to obey the orders of the Superintendent of Coorg, which may be at any time issued to me by his servants, as to the manner in which the trees are to be cut.

For each log delivered at Bangalore, I am to receive payment at the rate of Rupees (13) thirteen, including duties and all the charges incurred thereon, and if they are delivered at Hoonsoor at (5-8) five Rupees eight Annas each, I being allowed to take the tops and branches, &c., the above payment is to be made on logs being examined and approved of at Hoonsoor.

I hereby agree and bind myself and my heirs, to Captain J. Loudon, Assistant Commissary General, or his successors in office, to deliver the logs at the rate of not less than 25 per month, so that the whole shall be lodged in Bangalore before the expiration of twelve months, from 1st September next.

Should any of the trees assigned to me for felling, contain 44 cubic feet or upwards, I bind myself to deliver two logs from every such tree as I may fell.

The trees to be examined by a servant of the Department, deputed by the Commissariat Officer at Hoonsoor.

For the due fulfilment of this my agreement, Hoonsoor Kitchsetty, Merchant of Hoonsoor, is my security to the amount of Company's Rupees (200) two hundred, which is to be paid to Captain J. Loudon or his successors in office in the event of any infringement of this Agreement on my part, or if any loss arising to the State therefrom.

(Signed) *(In Telugu.)*

(Signed) J. LOUDON, Captain,
Asst. Commy. General.

HOONSOOR, 13th *July* 1860.

From the Officiating Superintendent, Astagram Division, Mysore, 17th April 1862, No. 407 ; to the Sub-Assistant Commissary General, Hoonsoor.

With reference to your letter, No. 1289 of the 2nd instant, forwarding an extract from a letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to the Government, and requesting me to inform you, whether a case is now pending in any Court in which the Contractors of your Department are accused of having stolen 2,000 logs of Teakwood out of the Commissariat Forest, I have the honor to inform you, that no such case is pending in any of the Courts under my jurisdiction.

ORDER, No. 1972, 30th *May* 1862.

Ordered that the foregoing letter from the Commissary General, with its enclosures, be communicated to the Revenue Department, with advertence to Proceedings in that Department, above recorded.

2. The Governor in Council observes that in the event of the proposed transfer of the Hoonsoor Forest to the Forest Department, being carried into effect, the stipulation referred to in paragraph 3 of Colonel Hill's letter, should be conceded.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.
" Commissary General.
" Controller of Military Finance.
" Inspector General of Ordnance.
" Department Public Works.

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

Recd. 1862 Department
Pro: Mr. Lord &c.
No. 1731 June 6/62

Pro: Madras Govt
in the Military Department.

Dated 30th May
Recd 5 June } 1862.

No. 1972.

Stating that in the event
of the proposed transfer
of the Bonsor Forests to
the Forests Dept. it
may be placed under
the orders of Colonel
Bell and that Commy
=sariat may be required
to enter the market as
P.W.D. does.
No. 1283 of Military Letter an order

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Communicated to the
Chief Engineer for information.

C. Hebbert
5th June 1862.

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