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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th January 1864.*

No. 12. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th December 1863,
No. 7,624:—

Read the following letter from J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to W. HUDLE-
STON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 29th October 1863,
No. 357:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt with Board's Endorsement of the Orders of Government of the 24th July (No. 2,034), directing me to call on the Tahsildar of Atmakuru for an explanation of the cause of delay in procuring fuel for burning bricks for the masonry works on the Dornal road.

2. The applications were received in July and June last year.

Letter from the Sub-Collector in charge of Nellore, No. 206, dated 18th August 1862, recorded in the Board's Proceedings of the 25th idem, No. 5,620, Collector's letter No. 310, dated 5th December 1862, recorded in Board's Proceedings of the 18th idem, No. 8,238. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th April 1863, No. 2,195.
* Collector's letter No. 279, dated 31st August 1863, with the correspondence therewith submitted, recorded in the Board's Proceedings of the 12th ultimo, No. 5,756.

3. And from the Tahsildar's explanation it appears that some 130 Tamarind trees, 300 Tumma trees (Babul), 60 cart loads of firewood, and a certain number of acres of the latter class of fuel were altogether applied for.

4. As regards the Tamarind trees, I beg to refer the Board to the correspondence noted marginally.

5. As regards the Tumma trees, it is also my duty to refer to correspondence* of considerable length.

6. And in stating that the application for 60 bandies of firewood was made on the 16th June, and the requisite orders issued on the 5th July, I might conclude this report by simply stating that it will be thus seen there was no delay in this Department, and the failure to obtain the requisite fuel was because fuel had been applied for that either could not be cut with due regard to public rights, or could only with propriety be cut after consulting the villagers. But the case is one that so peculiarly illustrates the present bearing of the firewood question, that I beg to add a few remarks that may be given in a few words.

7. Of all the applications specified, the last was the proper one. It was to cut wood in six of our villages near the Ghâts where wood is plentiful, and, low down, might be cut to the improvement of the public health. The application was made for so many acres; leave was given; the land was marked out; and no wood was taken. In one of the villages according to the system, now ordered, 60 cart loads were granted, and were taken. The value of the wood taken depends on the extent to which those who cut it confined themselves to trunks, leaving the tops and branches on the ground. I can give no opinion on how far that fuel was really paid for; whilst the Tumma trees, for cutting which leave was given on the 21st October after consulting the villagers, were cut most wastefully; and the Tamarind trees, had leave been given, was cutting down to make the bridges on one line the only shelter travellers had on the other. As regards the Tamarind, I successfully prevented their being cut down then, but, enfranchized since by the Inám Commissioner, no delay will in future occur in supplies required for burning bricks for the Dornal road from the Virlagudipad Tope, &c., so long as the supply lasts; and thus, whether as regards Tamarind or Tumma trees, it will be observed, that the delay occurred in consequence of wood being applied for, that either should not have been cut at all, and now can be cut, or, if cut, should be recognized, which it was not; and where there was no delay and wood was cut, it was cut under a system it is not possible to check as regards Conservancy, and not cut where it might have been, and cutting would have improved the health of the neighbourhood.

8. To have gone to the western villages would have been 20 miles carriage and raised rates. It simplified matters to get a tope close by, that, it is true, had been planted for the benefit of travellers, but big trees would burn well; whilst, failing the Tamarind, to cut down with an unsparing hand the Tumma trees and pay by the cart load without reference to what more was left on the ground was the next best thing to be done, and is the system.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th January 1864.*

1. Ordered that the above letter be submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Order, No. 2,034, dated 24th July 1863.

2. The delay appears to have been unavoidable, and no blame is attributed by the Collector to the Tahsildar of Otmakuru.

3. Mr. Dykes refers to correspondence with which it is unnecessary to trouble Government, and it will suffice to say that he would insist on reserving as public Topes, Topes planted on favorable terms by private individuals, such Topes having in past times been a convenience to travellers; while the Inam Commissioner, the Board, and finally Government, have expressed their opinion, that the true way to encourage planting, is to leave the planter free to deal with the trees as he likes, under which opinion these Jari Inam Topes have been enfranchized.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, Secretary.

Referred to the Department of Public Works.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

14th December 1863.

No. 13.

ORDER THEREON, 4th January 1864, No. 6.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. T. Dunn.

No. 7,624.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 4th December 1863.

Read the following letter from J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 29th October 1863, No. 857:—

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5. As regards the Tumma trees it is also my duty to refer to correspondence* of considerable length.

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Of all the applications specified, the last was the proper one. It was to cut wood in six of our villages near the Ghats where wood is plentiful, and, low down, might be cut to the improvement of the public health. The application was made for so many acres; leave was given; the land was marked out; and no wood was taken. In one of the villages according to the system, now ordered, 60 cart loads were granted, and were taken. The value of the wood taken depends on the extent to which those who cut it confined themselves to trunks, leaving the tops and branches on the ground. I can give no opinion on how far that fuel was really paid for; whilst the Tumma trees, for cutting which leave was given on the 21st October after consulting the villagers were cut most wastefully; and the Tamarind trees, had leave been given, was cutting down to make the bridges on one line the only shelter, travellers had on the other. As regards the Tamarind, I successfully prevented their being cut down then, but, enfranchized since by the Inam Commissioner, no delay will in future occur in supplies required for burning bricks, for the Dornal road from the Virlagudipad Tope, &c., so long as the supply lasts; and thus, whether as regards Tamarind or Tumma trees, it will be observed, that the delay occurred in consequence of wood being applied for, that either should not have been cut at all, and now can be cut, or, if cut, should be recognized, which it was not; and where there was no delay and wood was cut, it was cut under a system it is not possible to check as regards Conservancy, and not cut where it might have been, and cutting would have improved the health of the neighbourhood.

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1. Ordered that the above letter be submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Order, No. 2,034, dated 21th July 1863.
2. The delay appears to have been unavoidable, and no blame is attributed by the Collector to the Tahsildar of Otmakuru.
3. Mr. Dykes refers to correspondence with which it is unnecessary to trouble Government, and it will suffice to say that he would insist on reserving as public Topes, Topes planted on favorable terms by private individuals, such Topes having in past times been a convenience to travellers; while the Inam Commissioner, the Board, and finally Government, have expressed their opinion, that the true way to encourage planting, is to leave the planter free to deal with the trees as he likes, under which opinion these Jari Inam Topes have been enfranchized.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.
Copy to J. W. B. Dykes, Esq., Collector of Nellore.

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Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

No.

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