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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
27th October 1864.*

No. 520. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue
Department:—

Regarding the timber supplied to Public Departments from } (Here enter 21st October 1864, No. 1,913.)
Government forests.

No. 521. ORDER THEREON, 27th October 1864, No. 3,089.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineers, in continuation of Proceedings, No. 2,067,
dated 18th July 1864, with a request that they will report on the points referred to in
paragraph 4.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st October 1864.*

No. 258. Read the following letter from Captain R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Camp Ooty, 5th September 1864, No 1,051 :—

SIR,

1. In reply to paragraph 3 of the Government Order No. 1,237 of the 14th of July, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Officer in charge of the Mudumallay forest in explanation of the rates charged by him for Mudumallay timber.

2. When the Government Order was published prohibiting all inter-departmental payments I issued a Circular to the Officers of my Department that in future timber was to be supplied to all Government Departments without payment, but that a voucher should be taken for the amount at the market rate at the time of supply.

3. It seems clear to me that the market rate is the only fair charge; if a fixed tariff was attempted, the Department of Public Works would of course be dissatisfied if the market price fell below our rates, and they could of course refuse to take our timber and draw their supplies from the market; if on the other hand, an increase in the expenses of felling and carting or other circumstances caused an unavoidable rise in the market rates, we should not be showing a fair return.

4. When the Barracks were being built at Wellington, the market rate for first class Teak at Ootacamund was 1 Rupee and 1-4 per cubic foot, the great increase of late in the price of grain, wages, &c., has nearly doubled the expenses of felling and carting, and first class Teak now fetches these prices in the forest below the Ghát, and at Ootacamund the market rate was risen to 1-8 and 2 Rupees.

5. Previous to the Government Order prohibiting inter-departmental payments, the Officer in charge of the Mudumallay forests had received an advance of 40,000 Rupees from the Lawrence Asylum, and had agreed to supply a large amount of Teak at the price of Rupee 1 4-0 per cubic foot, if all classes were taken indiscriminately, a selection however has been made, so the timber has been charged for according to the class taken, this alteration, however, had nothing to do with the re-payment of the 40,000 Rupees, as stated by Colonel Walker. The classes are regulated by the length and scantling. If the Public Works agree to pay the market price for the class they require, the best of these classes will be reserved for them on their indent being received.

6. With reference to paragraphs 3 and 4 of Colonel Walker's letter, I wish to point out that the Anamallay and Nellumboor Establishments are the only Government Forest Establishments in the District alluded to by Colonel Walker; until very lately the former forest was worked exclusively for the Bombay Dockyard and the Gun Carriage Manufactories, and even after the Dockyard was shut up it was not desirable to throw the timber into the market as it had been offered to the English Admiralty. From the latter forests there was nothing available except saplings (the thinnings of the plantations).

7. In future the Department of Public Works will always be informed of the stock of timber available from Government forests; a Circular to this effect has been forwarded to all the Officers of my Department.

8. With reference to the concluding remarks in paragraph 4 and to paragraph 7 of Colonel Walker's letter, Government I believe are aware that it has never been the duty of the Forest Department to deliver timber beyond their established Depôts; to carry out what Colonel Walker seems to think our vocation we should require much larger establishments than we now have.

9. Colonel Walker complains of the Government seigniorage of 1 Rupee per tree charged in the Davie Shola, as heavy, the trees may be said to average five bandy loads each, and many of them can be sawn up into good planks for building or scaffolding. I think I am far within the mark if I state that timber cannot be purchased on private lands at even double this rate. The Lawrence Asylum had a grant of one Shola near their site, but they now think it desirable to reserve portions of this and are consequently indenting upon the Davie Shola.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st October 1864.*

No. 259.

ORDER THEREON, 21st October 1864, No. 1,943.

Forests, No. 13.

1. The Governor in Council directs that timber supplied to Public Departments be invariably charged for (in account) at its market value. The Department requiring the timber must specify the description, quality, &c., needed, and will be charged accordingly.

2. The Forest Department will afford all reasonable assistance in having the timber conveyed to the place where it is required; but it is not its duty to deliver timber except at its own Depôts and in its forests, nor can it bear the expense of so conveying it. The cost of this must be paid by the Officer requiring the timber in cash.

3. The Lawrence Asylum must be charged, in account, with the regulated seigniorage for all firewood purchased by it from the Conservancy Department.

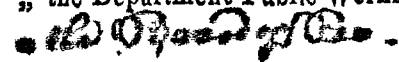
4. The system of supplying wood free of actual payment has a tendency to encourage waste. It will be ascertained in the Public Works Department what checks are in force to ensure timber thus supplied being duly accounted for; to secure estimates being correspondingly reduced; and to prevent expensive timber being used where cheaper would answer equally well.

(True Extract.)



Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests,
„ the Department Public Works.



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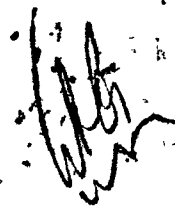
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27th Octr/64



To The Superintending Engineer
" Controller of P.W. Accounts
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With an Order
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