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18th January 1865.*

No. 160. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th December 1864,
No. 7,802.

Read the following letter from G. BANBURY, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 19th November 1864, No. 308 :—

1. As requested* by Captain Beddome, I have the honor to submit the accompanying schedules and letter regarding the seigniorage to be levied in the jungles under the conservancy.

* Dated, 15th November 1864, No. 1,133.

The rates for timber agree with those framed by Mr. Fraser, but to which Mr. Robinson objected as unduly oppressive. My short experience upon these matters precludes me from offering any opinion worth having, but it appears to me that Captain Beddome's reasons for the levy of the proposed rates are good and valid.

2. The rates now proposed, and those framed by Mr. Fraser, merely differ as regards roots and stumps of Red Saunders, Captain Beddome's being double those of the Collector. As the higher seigniorage prevails for these roots in Cuddapah, I do not see why they should be lower in North Arcot, traversed by the Railway and nearer to the Presidency.

3. The rights of the villagers appear to have been circumscribed within the narrowest limits, they are only allowed free access to wood of the unreserved kinds for building and agricultural purposes, but there must be many of the reserved kinds which they have hitherto enjoyed, for these essentially necessary purposes, free from any tax or seigniorage.

4. If not too late, I would beg to reiterate Mr. Robinson's objections against charging head-loads of fuel; the present exemption furnishes to half savage tribes a daily means of subsistence. Highway robberies committed by these rulers and Yenadies are, I regret to say, far more frequent than could be desired; withdraw the means of honest livelihood, and these outrages will increase I fear to a sad extent. Captain Beddome mentions nothing in his scheme about "head-loads of firewood," so perhaps he is ready to admit the justice of Mr. Robinson's views.

5. Mr. Fraser proposed five Annas for each bandy-load of fuel, Captain Beddome lays down eight Annas, owing to the large Railway consumption. If head-loads are exempted, as suggested, I think eight Annas might be the established rate for each cart-load.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Captain R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 15th November 1864, No. 1,134.

1. In accordance with the Government Order, No. 1,916 of the 19th of October 1864, I have the honor to forward, through the Collector of North Arcot and the Board of Revenue, the accompanying revised seigniorage list for the whole of the North Arcot forests placed under my Department.

2. The Chendragherry forests of North Arcot are a continuation of our Cuddapah tract of forests, and the Cuddapah rates have been in force in them since they were handed over to our Department,† if a lower rate was put in force, it would be easy for any one to take out a North Arcot license and fell in Cuddapah.

† 27th August 1862, vide Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 5,984 dated 9th September 1862.

3. The Cuddapah rates are higher than those of Salem or Kurnool, but the demand for timber at the rates as now in force is very large, this is not surprising when the proximity of the Cuddapah and North Arcot forests to Madras and to the line of rail is taken into consideration.

4. The list now forwarded contains all the valuable timbers of both the Chendragherry Talook formerly handed over to our Department, and of the Vellore and Poloor tracts as defined in my letter to Government, No. 860 of the 22nd of March last, and handed over to our

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Department in the Government Order, No. 1,916 of the 19th of October last. The Red Saunders and the Shamba are not found in Vellore and Poloor, and of some of the more valuable timbers only saplings or very young trees are now to be found. Under conservancy and the high rates of seigniorage they will again have a chance of reaching maturity.

5. I have proposed the same rate for the Vellore and Poloor Talooks, as that now in force

* Recorded in Government Order, No. 2,073 of the 18th of November 1864. in the rest of the North Arcot forests. Government have before them Mr. Barlow's report,† and the report† of Mr. Yarde, Sub-Assistant Conservator, and there is no doubt that from

the proximity of these forests to the line of rail and to Madras, a large demand on them has lately sprung up, and if a low rate of seigniorage is fixed, these forests will be rapidly denuded of all but saplings. As stated in my letter, No. 860 of the 22nd of March last, I do not anticipate much revenue at present from these forests, as they undoubtedly require rest, but under conservancy they may be made to yield a considerable revenue in future years.

6. Together with the seigniorage list, I forward a statement shewing the market rate per cubic foot of each of the timbers, the tax is on the cart-load, and cart may be said to average twenty cubic feet, though twenty-five to thirty cubic feet are sometimes carried by one cart.

*ENCLOSURE No. 2.
Seigniorage List for the North Arcot Forests.*

Botanical Name.	Tamil Name.	Seigniorage per two Bullock cart-load.
Tectona grandis ...	Tek ...	} 6 Rupees.
Pterocarpus santalinus ...	Chandam ...	
Do. Marsupium ...	Yeggi ...	
Diospyros Ebenum ...	Nellotti ...	
Do. Exsculpta ...	Tunki ...	
Dalbergia latifolia ...	Jutigi ...	} 5 Rupees.
Terminalia tomentosa ...	Erumadi or Nalla Maddi... ..	
Hardwickia binata ...	Nar Yepa or Acha... ..	
Bassia latifolia ...	Ippi or Illupi ...	} 4 Rupees.
Chloroxylon Swietenia (Satin-wood) ...	Biloo ...	
Vatica laccifera ...	Jallari ...	
Do. tumbugaia ...	Thamba ...	
Acacia stipulata ...	Konda cherugu ...	} 3 Rupees.
Vitex altissima ...	Nemili adugu ...	
Mimusops hexandra ...	Pala... ..	
Do. Elengi ...	Pogadu ...	
Nauclea parvifolia ...	Buta kadambe ...	
Terminalia chebula ...	Karakai ...	} 2 Rupees.
Seymida febrifuga ...	Sumi... ..	
Corocarpus latifolia ...	Chiriman or Yella maddi ...	
Acacia sundra ...	Karangali ...	} 2 Rupees.
Spathodea fulcata ...	Combadi ...	
Mangifera Indica, wild mango ...	Manadi ...	

The above timber brought out of the forests worked up to pay an additional seigniorage of Rupees two. Roots and stumps of Red Saunders to pay a seigniorage of three Rupees per bandy-load, Bamboos to pay a seigniorage of twelve Annas per cart-load.

Firewood...	8 Annas per cart load.
Charcoal ...	1 Anna per basket.

CAMP OOTY,
15th November 1864.

(Signed) R. H. BEDDOME, Captain,
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ENCLOSURE No. 3.

Memorandum of the market value of the reserved timbers of North Arcot.

Botanical Name.	Tamil Name.	
Tectona grandis ...	Tek ...	} Up to 3 Rupees per Cubic foot.
Pterocarpus santalinus ...	Chandam ...	
Do. Marsupium ...	Yeggi ...	} Rupees 3-12-0.
Diospyros Ebenum ...	Ebonies ...	
Do. Exsculpta ...	...	} " 1½ to 1¾.
Dalbergia latifolia ...	...	
Terminalia tomentosa ...	Erumadi or Nalla Maddi... ..	} " 1½ to 1¾.
Hardwickia binata ...	Nar Yepa ...	
Bassia latifolia ...	Ippi ...	} " 1½ to 1¾.
Chloroxylon Swietenia (Satin.)	Biloo ...	
Vatica laccifera ...	Jallari ...	} " 1 to 1½.
Do. tumbugaia ...	Thamba ...	
Acacia stipulata ...	Konda Cherugu ...	} " 1 to 1½.
Vitex Altissima ...	Nemilu adugu ...	
Mimusops hexandra ...	Pala ...	} " 1 to 1½.
Do. Elengi ...	Pogadu ...	
Nauclea parvifolia ...	Buta kadambe ...	} 1 Rupee.
Terminalia chebula ...	Karakai ...	
Seymida febrifuga ...	Sumi ...	} 1 do.
Conocarpus latifolius ...	Chiriman or Yella maddi... ..	
Acacia sundra... ..	Karangali ...	} 1 do.
Spathodea fulcata ...	Coombadri ...	
Mangifera Indica ...	Wild-mango ...	

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1. Ordered to be submitted for the consideration of Government, with reference to Government Order, dated 19th October 1864, No. 1,916, Revenue Department.

2. The Board observe that Captain Beddome has added nine kinds of timber to his former list of reserved woods, which now includes twenty-three species, and they understand the Acting Collector to consider the list to be objectionably large.

3. The Board are of opinion that the reserved list should be drawn out in every District by the Conservator and Collector in communication, and that disputed questions should be determined by Government in consideration of the arguments adduced on either side. They do not suppose that it was ever intended to give the Conservator *carte blanche* to reserve in any District every kind of tree that he considers to possess a money value, the unreserved species only being left free to the Ryots to use.

4. The Board also observe that the seigniorage for Sumi has been raised from Rupee one to Rupees three per bandy-load, and that for Chiriman from Rupee one to Rupees two. They understood that the former list shewed the Cuddapah rates, and they learn from Captain Beddome's present letter that the rates in Cuddapah are higher than those of Salem or Kurnool, so that the proposed rates for North Arcot must be many-fold more than those of the adjoining District of Salem for these kinds of wood.

5. The Board think it desirable that the Conservator of Forests should submit a statement of all the woods reserved by him in every District, with the names of the District in which reserved, and the District rate of the seigniorage, and his reasons for variations in the rate and reservation.

6. With such a list before them, the Government would be in position to prescribe some distinct rules on the subject; at present, so far as the Board can see, there is no guiding principle whatever beyond the fact that the kind of wood has a sale value. With reference to the remarks of the Acting Collector on the subject of head-loads of fuel gathered for sale being left untaxed, the Board are of opinion that the cases of the Iruelis and Yenadies is altogether exceptional and may be dealt with by the Collector at his discretion.

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No. 161.

ORDER THEREON, 18th January 1865, No. 75.

Forests, No. 11.

The Conservator will submit a statement of the nature described in paragraph 5 of the Board's Proceedings, noting also the local market price of each kind of wood.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
„ the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

L. Anderson
Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to G. Banbury, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot.
" to Captain R. H. Beldome, Officiating Conservator of Forests.

Exd. R. H. Lee.

For the Secretary to Government

19th Dec 1864

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4. For the Secretary to Government

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 6th December 1864.

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No. 7,802.

Submitting with remarks for consideration letter from the Acting Collector of North Arcot forwarding Schedules and letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests regarding the seizure to be levied in the jungles under the conservancy.

18th Decr. 1864

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