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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th July 1871.*

No. 141. Read the following Endorsement of the Revenue Department, dated 20th June 1871:—

From the Conservator of Forests, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Camp at Ootacamund, 12th June 1871, No. 336.

With reference to paragraph 7 of the Government Order, No. 603, of the 31st March last, I have the honour to forward a letter * from the Forest Officer of the South Canara Range. He suggests—

* No. 150, dated 9th May 1871.

1st.—That certain spots in the district should be fixed upon by our department in communication with the Department Public Works officers as depôts for storing Department Public Works timber.

2nd.—That the Department Public Works officers should send in, about two years in advance, an indent showing the quantity and class of timber required for the year.

3rd.—That sanction should be granted for the purchase of two elephants and ten timber carts and sets of bullocks at an expenditure not exceeding 8,000 Rupees.

2. Sanction was accorded several years ago for the purchase of elephants, but the department could not at that time procure any. I would strongly recommend that the purchase of both the elephants, carts, and bullocks should be sanctioned, as they are very necessary to the proper and economical working of the forests, and will be a saving in the long run against the cost of hiring elephants. If this is sanctioned our department will always be able to keep a stock of seasoned timber ready in the depôts, and, if it is not taken by the Department Public Works, there will not be much difficulty in disposing of it in some other way.

3. The Department Public Works can scarcely be expected to send in their indents two years in advance, but they might be called upon to send in, if possible, in January each year an indent of their requirements for the year following, and also to give us as long notice as possible of any extraordinary demand.

4. If this scheme for depôts and the purchase of plant receives the sanction of Government, we shall shortly be in a position to meet all indents, and every effort will be made to meet the present requirements from the stock of timber now available in our present depôts.

From the Assistant Conservator of Forests, to the Conservator of Forests, Madras Presidency, dated Mangalore, 9th May 1871, No. 150.

In reply to your letter, No. 2,710, dated 3rd April 1871, and with reference to the information required in the last paragraph of Government Proceedings, No. 603, dated 31st March 1871, I have the honour to inform you that it is possible for this department to collect at a few spots, mutually agreed on, in this district, such timber as may be indented for by the Department Public Works.

2. To carry the timber to the sites of their numerous scattered works will be a difficulty that I think should be solved and overcome by the Department Public Works, as they will be in a position to lighten the task by working the timber into scantlings before attempting to remove it, and as it will not be advisable to draw our conservancy establishment from their legitimate duties to employ

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them in supervising the carriage of Department Public Works timber in all directions throughout the district.

3. The following, I think, might be laid down as rules for working our timber supply to the Department Public Works:—

I.—Certain spots in the district should be fixed upon for Department Public Works timber depôts, and to these *alone* should this department be required to carry timber.

II.—Early in January, in each year, a list should be furnished to this department, showing the quantity and class of timber required for Public Works to be delivered at each depôt by the end of the year following.

III.—This list will be received shortly before the felling season, and arrangements will be made in preparing our general stock to provide any special timber required for Public Works.

IV.—As soon as the felling season is over, Overseers should be deputed from the Department Public Works to mark with a distinct stamp, and the last two figures of the number representing the year, those logs that are found to meet the requirements of the Department Public Works as shown in their list.

V.—Owing to the weight of dense unseasoned woods, the expense of floating suggests the advisability of the timber remaining to season under shade in the Forest depôts until the rains of the second moonsoon, when they will be floated and carried in time to be handed over to the Department Public Works at their depôts before the end of the year following that in which they were indented for.

VI.—It must be understood that the Department Public Works cannot refuse to take over any of the timber previously marked by them, and which is delivered within the prescribed time.

VII.—As soon as the timber is handed over it should be credited in the Forest accounts, calculated at the Forest depôt rates, *plus* the cost of carriage.

4. For this and next year endeavours will be made, as soon as the depôts are fixed on, to provide the Department Public Works from the present general stock of timber.

5. In order to carry out the above arrangements it is absolutely necessary that we should have the aid of elephants, carts, and bullocks. To hire these will be an excessively expensive expedient, neither will it always be practicable.

6. Our present expenditure every year (and this will be very much increased by providing timber of large size, and, in many cases, away from water carriage for Public Works,) in elephant hire aggregates, at the end of every two years, a sum of more than sufficient magnitude to tempt any elephant proprietor in this district to part with his animal.

7. It appears from Mr. Cadle's report for 1868-69, that a sum of Rupees 8,000 was then available for purchase of elephants. I cannot find from subsequent records whether this sum is still allotted, but if it is not I request that a similar amount be placed at my disposal to enable me to purchase, as soon as possible, two elephants and ten timber carts and pairs of bullocks. The former will cost from 2,500 to 3,000 Rupees each, and the latter about 200 Rupees a set.

8. The eight buffaloes belonging to the range have proved themselves thoroughly useless to us, and may with advantage be at once disposed of.

9. I am in communication with the Range Engineers in the district regarding the most central for them, and, for us, the most convenient, spots for their depôts.

I await their replies, which shall be forwarded to you. In the meantime, I have the honour to request that the Government views on these proposals may be forwarded to me as early as possible to guide me in framing arrangements, which must be made with little delay.

10. In the event of the Department Public Works, for economical reasons, desiring timber from Government Forests contiguous to any work, in preference to carrying the timber from their nearest depôt, I wish to know whether this department is to fell and square such timber, or whether the cutting of it may be entrusted to the other department.

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REFERRED to the Public Works Department for consideration of the proposals regarding depôts and indents.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 142. ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1871, No. 1,811.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 4.

THE Government approve of the proposal to store timber for Public Works at depôts in South Canara to be

mutually agreed on by the Conservator of Forests and the Superintending Engineer of the Division, and they believe that, as suggested by Major Beddome, there would be no difficulty in the Superintending Engineer furnishing an indent in January of each year of the quantity and description of wood that will probably be required in that and in the following year as an approximate guide.

2. Officers of the Public Works Department would no doubt be glad to have the opportunity of obtaining a supply of good and seasoned timber at the depôts, but it seems unnecessary to bind them down to take it as required by their indents, for if really good, no difficulty would be experienced in disposing of it elsewhere, if from want of funds or change of design the Superintending Engineer did not want all he had expected to require.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To Superintending Engineers.
.. Major R. B. Kennedy.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
.. Revenue Department.
.. Conservator of Forests.

Exd. S. T. Augustin,

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The Superintending Engineer.

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G. O. 8th July 1871, No. 1811.

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