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*Proceedings of the Madras Government Public Works Department,
21st July 1876. No. 1,850.*

Read again Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department,
dated 21st December 1875, No. 3,581.

Read also the following papers :—

No. 356. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department,
dated 11th March 1876, No. 361.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd February 1876,
No. 523, Forest No. 21 :—

Read the following papers :—

From Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to H. E.
STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras,
25th January 1876, No. 98.

With reference to the G.O., No. 17, of the 5th instant, I have the honor to
• *Vide G.O., No. 1,051, dated 13th July 1875.* inform you that the Public Works Department have already been informed* that in
the opinion of the Collector and Superintending Engineer the depôt must remain at
Coimbatore; this is also the opinion of Captain Campbell Walker, late Acting
Inspector, and of Mr. Douglas, the Forest Officer of the range.

2. We can never have the depôt at Pothanore, as it is not for the Public Works
Department alone but for general sales, and is most inconveniently situated. I do not
understand what General Walker means about the greater portion of the logs being
"twice moved over four miles of rail unnecessarily." Such is not the case; if the
Public Works Department like they can select most of these logs at Anamallay and
Mettapolliem and cart them direct to Pothanore, but we cannot undertake to do so.

3. The siding is much required, and will be a great boon to all purchasers and
bring traffic to the railway, and it is to be regretted that the construction has
apparently been suspended by General Walker. The work should be at once carried
out in order to facilitate the removal from depôt of the large consignments for the
current official year.

From the same Officer, dated Madras, 31st January 1876, No. 115.

In forwarding the enclosed letter* from the Collector of Coimbatore, you will
• No. 22, dated 25th January 1876. perceive that he does not see the necessity
of a siding at Coimbatore, and that he

advocates our keeping up a large depôt at Anamallay and a small one only at Coim-
batore. I have the honor to inform you that Mr. Douglas, Captain C. Walker, and
I are all agreed to the necessity of a siding at the Coimbatore Railway Station. The
Public Works Department timber will, as the Collector observes, generally be handed
over at our Anamallay Depôt, but the general public will not go out there to purchase,
and much timber at times must come into Coimbatore, besides all the timber from the
Mettapolliem and Bolumpetty Forests must come to that depôt.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests,) dated Coimbatore, 25th January 1876, No. 22.

In reply to Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th January 1876, No. 370, I have the honor to state that I see no need of the siding for the Anamallay timber at Coimbatore, and that it can be trucked at Pothanore.

2. Large scantlings can be far better prepared at the "Anamallay" Depot without the carriage of rough logs to Coimbatore (or elsewhere), and the small scantlings now in the Coimbatore Depot can easily be removed by cart or manual labor to the loading line which is close to the depot.

3. Hereafter the Public Works Department indent can be easily supplied from the "Anamallay" Timber Depot at Anamallay, where prepared and seasoned wood is now stored.

4. These conditions did not obtain before when other depôts were proposed.

5. As a matter of economy the wood being prepared at Anamallay is a great saving of expense, and being, after selection, carted direct thence to the railway truck, saves the additional expense of unloading in a depot and reloading in a truck.

6. Besides which there is no suitable site for a timber depot at Pothanore, which moreover would entail much expense in acquiring and in maintaining.

7. The small or minor depot at Coimbatore Station can be maintained for local retail supply.

8. It is handy to the Superintending Engineer, Deputy Conservator, and the local public.

9. Large orders would be supplied direct by selection of a Public Works Department Officer from "Anamallay" Depot and trucked at Pothanore.

10. There is a good road to Anamallay Town from Coimbatore via Pollachy.

11. The reason why this depot was not available before was that the wood was stored mostly in the forest and not prepared for Public Works Department purposes.

12. Now the "Anamallay" Depot seems to be the simplest and best arrangement, and wood once selected there would be removed by the purchasers without entailing on the Forest Officer duties of cartage and correspondence with the railway, leaving him to his legitimate duties of working the forests, preparing the timber, and lodging it in an accessible depot.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. MACKENZIE,
for Collector.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G.O., dated 5th January 1876, No. 17.

2. As it seems to be the general opinion that a depot must be maintained at Coimbatore, and as all the Forest Officers regard a "siding" at that station as necessary, the Board support the recommendation.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

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COMMUNICATED to the Public Works Department with reference to G.O. in that Department, 21st December 1875, No. 3,581.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

No. 356-A. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 21st April 1876, No. 522.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 12th April 1876, No. 497.

WITH reference to the G.O., No. 361, dated 11th March last, I have the honor to submit a letter* from Mr. Douglas, the

* No. 367, dated 31st March 1876. Deputy Conservator of South Coimbatore, and to request that the question of a siding at the Coimbatore Railway Station may be held in abeyance for the present. When I addressed the Board on the subject, I was led to believe that Mr. Douglas thought this siding much required; he now appears to have changed his opinion. It will be necessary to consider also the Bolampetty and Mettapolliem timber (North Coimbatore Division) as well as any from Mr. Douglas' Division, but I think that the question should lie over until Mr. Douglas and Mr. Morgan can prove that the transactions would justify the expense.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From C. G. DOUGLAS, Esq., Deputy Conservator of Forests, Anamallay Range, to Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund, dated Coimbatore, 31st March 1876, No. 367.

From Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd February 1876, No. 523 (Forest No. 21), I observe that the necessity of a siding for the Coimbatore Depot is still under discussion.

2. I understand that the construction of this work would be somewhat expensive, and am of opinion that, unless all timber is sold from the Coimbatore Depot, our transactions will barely justify the outlay.

3. The idea of a depot siding emanated from me originally, but I was at the time under the impression that the Public Works Department timber would be sold here and not at Anamallay.

4. If the Public Works Department timber is in future selected at Anamallay and proper arrangements are made for its reception and despatch without unnecessary delay at Pothanore, there would appear no occasion for a depot there at all.

5. Hitherto timber for Madras and Beypore has, as General Walker remarks, been twice moved over four miles of rail because of the defective arrangements for loading at Pothanore. I brought this to notice in 1873, but nothing seems to have been done, as lately, on sending timber direct to Pothanore from Anamallay for the Public Works Department, I was induced by the representations of the Station Master to bring it on here, where there is a crane, &c.

6. I do not think a depot at Pothanore would answer; it might be a convenience to the Public Works Department, but an expense to this department, which the unprofitable rates obtained hitherto from the Public Works Department do not warrant. I do not think it would do

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so well as the depôt at Coimbatore for the purpose of sales on the retail system which is about to be tried for the smaller scantlings. The depôt here is conveniently situated for supervision; it has the advantage of being close to the station, and cannot escape the notice of merchants resorting to the Coimbatore market. At Pothanore a depôt site near the station, if procurable, would be expensive and labor under the disadvantage of not lying in the neighborhood of the local timber yards.

7. I ought to mention that the draft of Mr. Wedderburn's letter, No. 22, of 25th January 1876, published with the Board's Proceedings under notice, was sent to me for remark, and I agreed with him that a siding was not required if the Public Works Department were to take delivery at Anamallay, and that a depôt at Pothanore was not at all desirable in the interests of this department. I was not aware of the correspondence to which the Collector's letter bore reference, so merely stated my views as requested.

8. I now regret I did not think of explaining my change of opinion to you as the Collector omits to notice it.

9. I would suggest a trial of one year to see whether the sales here are likely to warrant outlay on a siding.

COMMUNICATED to the Public Works Department in continuation of G.O., 11th March 1876, No. 361.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 356-B. From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 16th May 1876, No. 38.

In reply to memorandum, No. 575, of 28th March 1876, I have the honor to enclose copy of Mr. Douglas' letter on the subject. Mr. Morgan, who has a small depôt near my cutcherry, has sent no reply, and probably cannot give an exact answer.

2. Before incurring the expense of a siding, I would recommend a year's trial of the present depôts without one. Mr. Morgan's has only been opened a few months; indeed, a siding in the Anamallay Depôt would not much benefit him, as it would be as easy to load at once at the goods shed. Of course, no Mettapolliem wood would by any possibility have to be loaded at Coimbatore as is suggested in the Conservator's letter, and the Sholakara and Bolumpetty production is not likely to be great.

From C. G. DOUGLAS, Esq., Deputy Conservator of Forests, South Coimbatore, to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated Coimbatore, 5th April 1876, No. 5.

In reply to your endorsement, No. 47, of 31st March 1876, I have the honor to state that, if the Public Works Department timber is to be taken over at the Annamallay Depôt and loaded at the Pothanore Station as suggested in paragraph 9 of your letter, No. 22, of the 25th January, printed in Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 523/21, dated 22nd February, it is impossible to state, with any degree of accuracy, the number or weight of logs likely to be loaded at the

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Coimbatore Station; the timber purchased at the Coimbatore depôt may or may not be sent out of the district; in either case it will be bought by private persons, as Government departments usually select at the Forests or Annamallay.

No. 357.

ORDER THEREON, 21st July 1876, No. 1,850.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 31-A.

As neither the Forest Officers nor the Collector appear to think that a siding at Coimbatore would be justified by the probable amount of business to be transacted there, the subject will remain in abeyance.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Coimbatore.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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N. 5. Office of Dy. Conservator of
Forests, South Coimbatore
Division, Coimbatore
5th April 1876.

C. G. Douglas Esq.,
Dy. Conservator of Forests.
South Coimbatore.

A. Wedderburn Esq.,
Collector of Coimbatore.

Sir,

In reply to your endorsement
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is to be taken over at the Annamallay
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I have seen
signed / C. J. Douglas
Dy. Commissioner
(True copy)

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M. S. S. S. S.
Collector

Copy of letter from
the Dy. Commr of Forests
Anaimallay Range
on the subject of the
the letter of the
Collector of Forests,
Madras.

See letter from the
Collector of Forests to the
Dy. Commr of Forests
Anaimallay Range
dated 16th May 1876.

10/4 No. 38.

Coimbatore Collector's office
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Coimbatore 16th May 1876.

From, A. Wrodderburn Esquire,
Collector of Coimbatore.

To, Major General G. W. Walker, R.F.,
Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department.

Sir,

In reply to Memo No. 575
of 28th March 1876, I have the honor
to enclose copy of Mr. Douglas' letter
on the subject. Mr. Morgan
who has a small depot, near my
cutcherry, has sent no reply, and pro-
bably cannot give an exact answer.

2. Before incurring the expense
of a siding, I would recommend
a year's trial of the present depôts,
without one - Mr. Morgan's has
only been opened a few months.

Enclosure 1 copy
Letter n. 575
April 1876.

all persons who
are employed
shall have
access to the
information.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most obedient Servt
McClintock
Collector.

P. 1878 Department
 No. 5290

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

Read the following:—

Proceedings of Government } (M. No 361 dt 11 Mar 1878)
 Revenue Dept }

Read again:—

Proceedings P. W. Dept. (— 3581 dt 21 Dec 1875)

All authorities con-
 curred concisely in opinion
 that the Timber Depot
 should be at Coimbatore
 not at Pothanore; hence
 there can be no necessity
 for a siding at that
 station.

2. But if the P. W. Dept
 is to be supplied from
 the Anayamullay Depot,
 none of their timbers (and
 they are the largest custom-
 ers) will pass Pothanore
 to go to Coimbatore.

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It is moreover not intended why all the timber from Metapollen must come into Coimbatore; as much of it will be required to supply the Vengaloor demand. And it is not likely that the supply from Bolampally will be large enough to justify the cost of a siding.

3. Under these circumstances His Grace the Governor in Council is of opinion that at neither station need such ^{and} expense be incurred.

G.M.W.

Exd. Co. 25-3-76 R 28-3-76

No 1050

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 21st July 1876
Read ^{again} the following:—

Pro. P. W. Department— (N.E. No. 3581 of 21st Decr 1875)

Read also

Pro. in the Revenue Dept. (— 361 — 11th March 1876)

do — do — (— 522 — 21st April —)

From The Collector of Coimbatore (— 38 — 16th May —)

It is evident that
Pothanore and not Coimbatore
is the station to suit Public
Works officers as that at
which a Timber siding
should be constructed. But
there is no information to
show what number or
weight of logs is likely
to be supplied there. And
As neither

neither the Forest Officers
nor the Collector appear
to think that a siding at
Coimbatore would be justifi-
fied by the probable
amount of business to be
transacted there, the subject
therefore will remain in
abeyance.

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No 356/57

D. E. Coimbatore ✓
C. E. R. R. ✓
Rev Secy. ✓
Dated 7/8/76

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To



The N. C. Committee

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Sending Timber Depot
at Coimbatore - The
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to remain in abeyance

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