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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

23rd November 1880, No. 2,680 W.

General  
Establishment.

Read the following paper :—

No. 84. Endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 4th November 1880.

From Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Camp, Periyakulam, 16th October 1880, No. 832.

REFERRING to your docket, dated 27th July last, on the Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department, No. 1,593 W., of 7th idem, I have the honor to forward a letter\* of explanation from Mr. Cherry, the Deputy Conservator in charge of the Anaimalai Forests.

2. I trust that this will satisfy Government that this Department is not to blame in the matter. It will be seen (*vide* also G.O., No. 706, dated 21st March 1879,) that the Public Works Workshops, represented by Mr. Faulkner, were informed that there was first class timber at the Forest Depôts and at the foot of the timber slip, but that Mr. Faulkner would not proceed there although within 8 miles of the spot, but the 25 logs now complained of were selected by his Agent, a presumed competent officer; the transport of timber for Government Departments at Madras was formerly undertaken by the Commissariat Department, and it is scarcely the province of this Department, but if thrown upon us delays are unavoidable owing to the small means at our disposal and our small establishments.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department, with reference to paragraph 1 of G.O., 7th July 1880, No. 1,593 W.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,  
Secretary to Government.

No. 85. ORDER THEREON, 23rd November 1880, No. 2,680 W.

It is evident from this correspondence that the Workshops cannot profitably use timber supplied by the Forest Department.

2. The General Superintendent is accordingly authorised to procure what timber he requires by means of public advertisement calling for tenders, the Forest Department being at liberty to tender on the same footing as private traders.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,  
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the General Superintendent, Public Works Stores and Workshops.  
" Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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**PUBLIC WORKS**

To  
THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,  
PUBLIC WORKS STORES AND  
WORKSHOPS,  
&c. &c. &c.

Dated November, 23rd.

Issued

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Encl.

G. O., 2nd November 1880, No. 2,000 W.

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 84-85.

Timber for the Public Works Workshops.  
—The General Superintendent authorised  
to procure the — by advertisement calling  
for tenders.

No. 882

Office of Conserv. of Forests  
Camp, Periacolum  
15th October 1880.

From  
Colonel R. H. Reddome,  
Conservator of Forests.  
To, C. G. Master Esquire,  
Secretary to Government,  
Revenue Department.

Sir, Referring to your docket dated  
27th July last on the Proceedings of  
Government P.W.D. No. 1593 W of 7th  
idem I have the honor to forward a letter  
of explanation from  
No. 1160 of 28th Sept. '80  
from Mr. Cherry, Deputy  
Consr. to the Conserv. of Forests. Deputy Conservator  
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tablishments.

I have the honor to be  
Sir,  
Your most obedt. Servt.  
J. H. Anderson, Colonel  
Conservator of Forests.

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

READ the following:-

Indorsement in the Rev. Dept dated 11 Nov 1878  
in letter from the Conservator of Forests No 832 dated  
15 Dec 1880.

FOR ORDERS.

This correspondence  
comprehensively shows that  
the brickshops cannot  
profitably use timber  
supplied by the Forest  
Dept. Irrespective of the  
delay incidental to the  
supply, it is shown that  
the cost for inferior  
timber is double that  
paid in the local  
market for Burmah

Teak of fair quality.  
R. S.

And this matter of delay is a very important item in the account, as it involves a large stock being maintained to work upon while the Forest Dept are complying with the demands made upon them.

It would doubtless be advantageous to the State to utilize the timber from their own forests or lands, if this timber could be obtained of good quality, at prices fairly approximating to those ruling in the local markets, and if the supplies could be promptly delivered. But when experience shows that

none of these conditions can be fulfilled, it would, the Chief Engineer is convinced, be bad policy to place any restriction on the hands of the workshops in regard to the purchase of his timber.

He should accordingly be allowed to procure what timber he wants by advertisement calling for tenders. The Forest Dept being at liberty to tender on the same footing as private traders.

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FOR ORDERS.

*From the General*

No 1160

Coimbatore Forest Office  
Camp Dhimbam.  
28<sup>th</sup> September 1880.

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From

The Dy. Conservator of Forests  
Coimbatore Division

To,

The Conservator of Forests  
Coimbatore

Sir,

With reference to your letter 532 dated 29<sup>th</sup> July, and reminder dated 7<sup>th</sup> instant, requiring an explanation on the refusal of the Public Workshops to accept certain timber sent to them, I have the honour to ask your perusal of the following piece of voluminous correspondence, that has taken place on the subject, since it first arose.

About the end of 178, Sergeant Alderton of the G. C. Factory, was selecting for his Dept., some 300 logs, in the Annamalai Depots, with the assistance of the Forest Ranger.

About this time, Public Workshops also applied through you, for all the timber in Ponani Depot.

You instructed Mr. Williams to advise Public Workshops to see timber at Coimbatore and Annamalai, as Ponani timber was very inferior.

Mr. Williams forwarded your letter to Workshops with enquiries.

Workshops replied through you, that Mr. Faulkner would visit Coimbatore and Annamalai.

You replied to Workshops, advising a visit, first to the Annamalai village depots, and then to foot of the hills and into the forests if necessary; and that Mr. Williams will communicate with and meet Mr. Faulkner.

Mr. Williams also wrote to Workshops from the Annamalai, stating he would be there during following fortnight, and would meet Mr. Faulkner in Annamalai village at 24 hours notice, and adding, that in these forests and at foot of the hills, he thought that the Workshops would meet all their requirements.

Three weeks after, Mr. Williams again wrote, asking Workshops to make selection as soon as possible, as timber was being carted away to the coast.

A fortnight after Mr. Williams' second letter, and over a fortnight after the limit placed by Mr. Williams on his stay in the Annamalai

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750 43 6 Nov 79

321 43 21 Nov 79

Late, the Workshops suddenly wrote to say, Mr. Faulkner would leave Madras the next day, inspect Coimbatore depot, and then proceed to Poona.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst. Mr. Faulkner inspected Coimbatore depot, and Mr. Williams being laid up with fever, he went alone to Annamalai, where Ranger Peria had been ordered to meet, and as last him.

3779 recorded in G.O. 7064 dated 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 79. 1220 d/15<sup>th</sup> March 79. 4504 d/18<sup>th</sup> do. 1220 d/15<sup>th</sup> March 79. 4504 d/18<sup>th</sup> do. 1334 d/11<sup>th</sup> do. 4566 d/15<sup>th</sup> do. 449 d/22<sup>nd</sup> May 79. 331 d/18<sup>th</sup> June 79. 578 d/16<sup>th</sup> June 79. 536 d/21<sup>st</sup> do. 708 d/17<sup>th</sup> do. 30 recorded in G.O. 1373 d/17<sup>th</sup> July 79. 160 d/19<sup>th</sup> Jan 80. 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 80. 400 d/20<sup>th</sup> Jan 80.

Ranger Peria reported that Mr. Faulkner remained 2 days at Annamalai village, condemned the timber there, and on being told there was good timber at the Forest depots, declined to proceed further, as the weather was against it, and he was in a hurry to return, for he was leaving Madras for Coimbatore.

Mr. Williams wrote to Workshops, that after much delay, Mr. Faulkner inspected, and had requested G.O. Sergeant Alderson to be sent at Annamalai Forest, selecting for his Department to choose 25 logs for the Workshops. Mr. Williams also asked that further selection might be immediately made, should the Workshops require more timber in that year.

Mr. Faulkner then reported, condemned the Annamalai depot timber, stated that the best was in the Forest, engaged in selection of G.O. Timber, that the rain came down in torrents, and that he had asked the G.O. Sergeant to select for the Workshops, 25 of the best from the Forest stock.

Your office hereupon, urged Mr. Williams to stop sharing all over the Forest depots, and thereby allowing him to make such a complaint of insufficiency of good timber.

Mr. Williams thereupon defended himself, by stating the foregoing circumstances.

Your office addressed Government on the subject, and operated Mr. Williams from blame, - Communicated to the Public Works Dept.

I can find nothing on record then, till 11 months afterwards, but my office accuses me, that during this time, considerable difficulty was experienced in transporting to Madras, some 300 of the logs selected by G.O. Factory; owing to Monsoon, bad roads, and Contractors striking for high rates; and that it was not until the G.O. demand had been satisfied, that Mr. Williams began to dispatch the 25 logs selected by Sergeant Alderson, for the Workshops.

Since in January following, I find a letter from Mr. Williams, informing the Workshops, that 13 logs had been dispatched by rail.

On the following day, the Workshops telegraphed to Madras, asking for more timber.

On the same day, Workshops also wrote enquiring

the price of the timber, including transport, and asking why it was being sent to them.

In view of reply to above, Mr. Williams addressed the railway regarding the cost of transport - And again a month later, wrote a reminder to the railway.

The railway replied, giving particulars, and pointed out that reply to first letter was written on 11<sup>th</sup>; but as no stamp was enclosed for it, it was handed to the office, and not sent by post.

Mr. Williams then at once wrote to Workshops, giving the estimated cost of the 25 logs, and stating that they were being sent, as they had been selected for the purpose.

Workshops hereupon wrote, that owing to elapse of 15 months since Mr. Faulkner gave the order for the timber, it was not now required; and asked Mr. Williams to arrange for its transport to G.O. Factory.

Then follows some correspondence about one of the 25 logs selected for the Workshops, having been accidentally taken by the G.O. Factory; 13 having been sent to the Workshops, and 11 remaining at Coimbatore.

Workshops again wrote, asking that the 13 logs sent, might be transferred, to G.O. Factory; and under no circumstances to send any more, "as the price is far too high to enable the wood being profitably used."

The proposal was sent to the G.O. Factory by Mr. Williams, but owing to a sufficiency on hand, they declined to take any of the 25 logs selected for the Workshops.

This was communicated to the Workshops. In the meantime, they had written again; and further stated, that by the logs received, had been cut up, and proved to be quite useless.

Whereupon, Workshops wrote to the Govt. complaining of the delay, and the bad quality of the timber sent.

This letter is now the subject of reference to me, and I have given the foregoing particulars, as being the best way of putting the matter before Government.

I have only to draw attention to the passages underlined by me, to observe that the responsibility of Mr. Faulkner's failure to select timber, appears to rest more with him, than this Department.

That the 25 logs were selected, by his agent, and a presumed competent officer.

That reasons are given for the delay in forwarding the selected logs; and that the quality of timber selected by the same agency, and at the same time for the G.O. Factory, has not, as far as I am aware, been complained of.

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MA—  
I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient servant  
*[Signature]*  
Dy: Conservator of Forest.

Keep into our hands  
of refusing to accept  
Certain words & Manner  
worth study —

Dated 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 1880  
 Signed E. J. Coddin }  
 Wd  
 To Wbo  
 Frederick - Rd  
 Dublin

Ms. B.14.9/51.

Enclosure  
Dr. Letter No: 932 dated  
16 October 1890 from  
the Governor of  
Texas to the Secretary  
of the Government of  
Texas

No 2680 W

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 1880

Read the following:—

Enclosure: from the Revenue Dept to dated 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 1880 and letter from the Conservator of Forests to Esq 832, dated 16<sup>th</sup> October 1880

It is evident from this correspondence that the W & K shops cannot profitably use timber supplied by the Forest Department. The General Superintendent is accordingly authorised to procure what timber he requires through the means of public advertisement

R.S.

From

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Secretary to Govt

Office Memorandum

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(Enclosure one)

No. 832

Letter to Esq 832

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From the Conservator of Forests

to the Secretary to Government

Revenue Department

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Carl Lupp & Söhne  
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PUBLIC WORKS:

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The Genl. Supt. authorized  
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