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*Public Works*

DEPARTMENT

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

4th November 1881, No. 2734 W.

General.  
Account.

Read again :—

No. 23. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, dated 21st September 1881, No. 2329 W.

Proceedings of Government, dated 22nd April 1881, No. 1049 W.

From Superintending Engineer, First Circle, dated 3rd Sept. 1881, No. 1,374.

Do. do. Second Circle, dated 20th June 1881, No. 259 E.W.

Do. do. Third Circle, dated 30th June 1881, No. 533 T.J.;

From Superintendent of Works, Godáviri, dated 4th June 1881, No. 660.

Do. do. Kistna, dated 2nd June 1881, No. 407.

Do. do. Presidency, dated 6th July 1881, No. 1,261.

From Offg. Executive Engr., Buckingham Canal, dated 12th July 1881, No. 1,140.

From General Superintendent, Public Works Workshops, dated 9th May 1881, No. 313 W.

Summary of replies of Superintending Engineers, &c., to the Questions put in G.O., No. 1049 W., dated 22nd April 1881.

SUPPLY OF TIMBER BY THE FOREST DEPARTMENT.

| Questions.                                                                                  | Circle.                                    | Replies.                                      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| (1). What supply of timber would ordinarily meet the requirements of your circle each year? | Superintending Engineer, First Circle.     | 4,800 Cubic feet.                             |
|                                                                                             | Superintending Engineer, Second Circle.    | 17,000 "                                      |
|                                                                                             | Superintending Engineer, Third Circle.     | 5,000 "                                       |
|                                                                                             | Superintendent of Works, Godáviri.         | 10,000 "                                      |
|                                                                                             | Superintendent of Works, Kistna.           | 6,000 "                                       |
|                                                                                             | Superintendent of Works, Presidency.       | 13,000 " and 2,000 cubic feet of jungle-wood. |
|                                                                                             | Superintendent of Works, Buckingham Canal. | 1,200 Cubic feet.                             |
|                                                                                             | Presidency Workshops                       | 100 Tons or 5,000 cubic feet.                 |
| (2). How have the requirements usually been met hitherto?                                   | Superintending Engineer, First Circle.     | Generally from the local markets.             |



| Questions.                                                                                                                          | Circle.                                    | Replies.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                     | Superintending Second Circle.              | Engineer, Almost invariably from the local markets through contractors.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                     | Superintending Third Circle.               | Engineer, From the local markets.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                     | Superintendent of Works, Godavari.         | By purchase in the local market from timber merchants, among others from the accredited agent for the sale of Government timber.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                     | Superintendent of Works, Kistna.           | From the local markets.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                     | Superintendent of Works, Presidency.       | Do. man.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                     | Superintendent of Works, Buckingham Canal. | Do. do.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                     | Presidency Workshops                       | ... Usually from the local market. Two supplies of timber were obtained from the Forest Department, one of 3,198 cubic feet in 1875, and another of 13 logs in 1880.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| (3). What are the causes which have led to the whole or portion of the supply being obtained from other than the Forest Department? | Superintending First Circle.               | Engineer, The distance of Government teak forests and the consequent high prices to be paid.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                     | Superintending Second Circle.              | Engineer, Scantlings of the size required can be procured from contractors without delay, while the Forest Department can supply only wood in log, unless long notice be given. Works near railway stations can be supplied at cheaper rates with Burmah teak, which is superior to Forest Department timber.                                                                                              |
|                                                                                                                                     | Superintending Third Circle.               | Engineer, (1) The lower prices at which timber is procurable from contractors; the impossibility of officers choosing for themselves if wood be obtained from Forest Department; uncertainty as to time of delivery and consequent delay of work; difficulty in rejecting Forest Department timber if not approved of; and inability of latter to supply wood of required sizes and sufficiently seasoned. |
|                                                                                                                                     | Superintendent of Works, Godavari.         | The cheaper rates at which timber is procurable from other sources.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                                                                                                     | Superintendent of Works, Kistna.           | The absence of any Forest Department depôt in the district, and the unlikelihood of that department being able to compete with the local market.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                     | Superintendent of Works, Presidency.       | Timber is required only in small quantities at a time and it is readily procurable both at Madras and Bangalore of any required scantling.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

| Questions.                                                                                       | Circle.                                    | Replies.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                  | Superintendent of Works, Buckingham Canal. | The Forest Department rates are prohibitive; its timber is only procurable in log and some one must be sent to the depôt at Coimbatore or Podanûr to examine and take it over; such an arrangement involves risk. Moulmein teak is procurable in scantlings at cheaper rates; Anaimalai timber is not popular.                          |
|                                                                                                  | Superintendent, Workshops.                 | Presidency The greater part of the 13 logs ordered in 1880 had to be countermanded, as a small portion received was of inferior quality and of excessive price. On working up the timber it was found that 50 per cent. was wastage.                                                                                                    |
| General remarks as to the best means of giving effect to the wishes of Her Majesty's Government. | Superintending First Circle.               | Engineer, The Forest Department must undersell the local merchants. Even then, as the latter can supply timber on the spot in the required scantling, the officers of the department would prefer to deal with them.                                                                                                                    |
|                                                                                                  | Superintending Second Circle.              | Engineer, Nil.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                  | Superintending Third Circle.               | Engineer, The Forest Department should arrange to furnish timber according to order, free from flaws and cracks and at a fixed price.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                                                                                  | Superintendent of Works, Godavari.         | Nil.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                                                                                  | Superintendent of Works, Kistna.           | Nil.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                                                                                  | Superintendent of Works, Presidency.       | Considers it inadvisable to obtain any stated quantity of timber yearly from the Forest Department, because the execution of sanctioned works is dependent on funds being available.                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                                                                                  | Superintendent of Works, Buckingham Canal. | Suggests that a large stock of Forest Department timber be introduced into the local market on trial in view to its actual value being determined, and that the capabilities of the timber be tested at the Public Works Workshops and Gun Carriage Factory in view to its unpopularity being corrected if there be nothing against it. |
|                                                                                                  | Superintendent, Workshops.                 | Presidency Anaimalai teak is very hard and durable, and if the Forest Department will supply sound logs deliverable at the workshops at the same price as Burmah teak, the Superintendent will be very glad to use it.                                                                                                                  |



The foregoing papers are forwarded to the Conservator of Forests for such remarks as he may wish to offer prior to disposal of the questions raised.

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Col., R.E.,  
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

Read also:—

No. 23-A. From Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 7th October 1881, No. 631.

In returning the papers received with G.O., No. 2329, dated 21st September last, I have the honor to inform you that I have only a few remarks to make, viz:—

1. Scantlings of sizes required by the Public Works Department officers can scarcely ever be supplied by this department, as we have no saw machinery and it is even difficult to get sawyers to come into any of our forests. We can generally only supply timber in log.

2. Our Western Coast teak cannot compete with that from Burmah at Madras, or any place on the eastern side of the Presidency, or stations near the rail within 200 miles of Madras.

3. Timber can very often be procured cheaper from contractors than from the Forest Department, as it is procured from private forests where there is no expenditure on conservancy or establishments; Government however are great losers by their own departments not taking timber, as far as possible, from the Forest Department at fair rates, and it appears to me to be a perfect anomaly that they should purchase from outsiders when their own depôts and forests are often full of timber, and it is a custom which, I believe, does not prevail in any other country in the world. It often does occur, however, that the Public Works Department officers purchase at higher rates than we can supply, and it also occurs that, failing a market, we have to sell off at ruinous rates, our timber being bought by timber merchants, who sell it again to Government at a very large profit. It is a pity therefore that teak and other timber in the log should not be taken from this department wherever it is possible, even though our rates may be a little higher than the outside market.

4. Many of our timbers are quite equal to teak, and it is a pity that more of them are not utilized, and that the cry should always be for teak and teak only.

5. The practice of the Public Works Department always looking to native contractors and not to the Forest Department, is tending to deforest tracts outside Government limits, where revenue alone is considered, which is detrimental to the welfare of the country in the future; it also prevents the Forest Department, a department under the Government, from showing as fair a revenue as ought to be expected from it.

No. 24. ORDER THEREON, 4th November 1881, No. 2734 W.

In G.O., No. 1049 W., dated 22nd April 1881, Superintending Engineers were called on for certain information to admit of an opinion being formed as to the better mutual working of the Public Works and Forest Departments.

2. The replies were duly received (vide the summary printed above) and were forwarded under G.O., No. 2329 W., dated 21st September 1881, to the Conservator of Forests for any observations he might desire to offer.

3. From the reply of that officer above recorded it is observed that:—

- (1.) The Forest Department can scarcely ever supply scantlings of sizes required by the Public Works Department.
- (2.) West coast teak cannot ordinarily compete with that from Burmah.
- (3.) Timber can very often be procured cheaper from contractors. Colonel Beddome concludes with the remark that it is a pity teak and other timber should not be taken from the Forest Department in log, even though the rates "may be a little higher than the outside market."

4. With every desire to facilitate interworking with the Forest Department, the Government do not see how this suggestion can be adopted in the face of the drawbacks stated by Superintending Engineers, and set forth in the foregoing summary. If the rates, form and general facilities are not one and all such as can insure the Forest Department competing with private dealers, it would practically have the effect of the Public Works budget having to make up the difference in order to allow the Forest Department to show a profit.

5. Where the Forest Department and private dealers meet on equal terms, the Honorable the Governor in Council considers that officers of the Public Works Department should invariably deal with the former, but those officers must be the judges as to what constitutes equality.

6. The Conservator of Forests is right in laying stress on the fact that many classes of timber other than teak are now rejected by officers of the Public Works Department, and the Government would be glad to see these brought into greater use. With this object Colonel Beddome is requested to draw up and submit to Government a statement of the timbers available in particular localities with as far as possible an account of their ascertained values for building purposes, rates, &c.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,  
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Conservator of Forests.  
" Superintending Engineers.  
To the General Superintendent, Public Works Workshops.  
" Revenue Department.

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THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS

Direct 1st Nov. 1881.

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G.O. 15 November 1881, No. 2784 W.

NOVEMBER  
Nos. 23-24

Supply of Timber by the Forest Department—  
local—Preserve orders regarding the—  
the Public Works Department.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

22nd April 1881, No. 1,049 W.

General.  
Establishment.

Read the following papers:—

No. 61. Proceedings of the Government of Madras, in the Revenue Department, dated 4th November 1880, No. 1,452.

From Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated Periyakulam, 16th October 1880.

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91. The Deputy Conservator of the Nilgiri Division estimates an increase of Rs. 10,000 nearly, and bases his calculations upon the prospect of the Public Works Department building a Telegraph and Post Office in Ootacamund, and his intended disposal of about 10,000 cubic feet of teak to Mysore merchants at reduced rates. The recent orders of Government defining the relations of Public Works Department to the Forest Department not having facilitated the supply of Government timber to any large scale, much revenue cannot be expected in this direction. /But as the Deputy Conservator has given due publicity about the quantity of available stock in his division, the Conservator is sanguine that a large quantity of the old stock will be disposed of without much difficulty. The total estimate in this division will, for the reasons stated above, be reduced to Rs. 18,000.

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No. 61-A. Proceedings of the Government of Madras, in the Revenue Department, dated 29th March 1881, No. 544.

Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, dated India Office, London, 3rd February 1881 (Revenue—Forests), No. 5.

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5. I observe that Colonel Beddome, in paragraph 91 of his remarks on the Budget, states that the recent orders of Government defining the relations of the Public Works Department to the Forest Department have not facilitated the supply of Government timber on any large scale. I desire that I may be informed why it is that the different Departments of the State are unable to work together for their mutual advantage, and whether in this case it is to be attributed to the higher prices charged or the inferior quality of timber supplied by the Department as compared with that obtained in the open market.



No. 62.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd April 1881, No. 1,049 W.

ORDERED that the several Superintending Engineers, Superintendents of Works, and Superintendent, Public Works Stores and Workshops, Madras, be required to furnish information at an early date on the following points, and to state generally their opinion as to the best means for giving effect to the expressed wishes of Her Majesty's Secretary of State:—

- (1.) What supply of timber would ordinarily meet the requirements of your circle each year?
- (2.) How have the requirements usually been met hitherto?
- (3.) What are the causes which have led to the whole or portion of the supply being obtained from other than the Forest-Department?

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,  
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To Superintending Engineers,  
Superintendents of Works,  
To the General Superintendent, Public Works Workshops.

Ed. A. Grubert.  
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GENERAL  
ESTABLISHMENT.

Gobt. of (1881) Madras.  
PUBLIC WORKS.

To  
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEERS,  
Sd/-

Dated April 22nd.

Issued

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Encl.

G. O., 22nd April 1881, No. 1949 W.

APRIL  
Nos. 61-62.

Supply of Timber by the Forest Department.—The officers of the Public Works Department directed to furnish information on certain points relative to the —.

No. 1374.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

MADRAS,

Chepauk, 3rd Sept. 1881.

From

Col H. S. Pringle C.B.  
THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

1st Circle,

To

The Chief Engineer  
P.M.D.  
Madras

Sir,

Enclosures.

With reference to G.O. No. 1047  
dated 22nd April 1881 I have the honor  
to report.

I. The following quantities of timber  
would ordinarily meet the requirements  
each year.

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Cuddalore Division                  | 1,300 Cft. |
| the works in the Bellary Cantonment |            |
| Killiney Division                   | 3,000 Cft. |
| Vizagapatnam do                     | 500        |

II. In the Killiney Division the require-  
ments have been met by local supplies, and  
purchase Burmah Teak in Madras. In  
the Cuddalore Division timber is obtained



from the Markets at Bellary and  
Madras. In the Vizagapatam Division  
timber is obtained partly from Govern-  
ment forests and partly from local  
markets.

III The causes which have led to the  
supplies being obtained from other than  
the Forest Department are:

The distance of Government teak forests,  
and the consequent high prices to be paid

2. If the Forest Department can  
indeed sell the local wood merchants,  
they can supply the wants of the P. W.  
Department. I do not see any other  
way by which the different Depart-  
ments can work together with advantage.  
The depôts of the Forest Department  
are at a great distance, and the P. W.  
Department has no chance of seeing  
the wood before it is despatched, but  
must accept it, as received.

On the other hand, Contractors and local  
suppliers, provide wood cut up to the require-  
ment and scantling, to the satisfaction of the

Executive Officer.

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Since, if the price in both cases, were  
the same, the P. W. Department would  
prefer to deal with local supplies.

I have the honour to be  
Sir

Your most obedt. servant

Herbert Sandercock Colr

Superintending Engineer  
P. W. D.



From

S. N. S. No. 5033

The Superintending Engineer,

1st Circle,

To

The

Chief Engineer  
P. Circle.

Dated

Recd.

5<sup>th</sup> } September 1881.

ENCLOSURES.

No. 1374

Timber requirement.

Reporting on the — in  
the P. Circle.

N<sup>o</sup> 259  
S. N.

Supg Engineer's Office, II Circle.  
Coimbatore, 20 June 1881.

From,

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The Superintending Engineer  
II Circle.

To,

The Chief Engineer. P. W. D.  
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to G. O. N<sup>o</sup> 1059 W  
dated 22 April 1881, I have the honor to  
inform you that the probable yearly re-  
quirement of Timber for Public Works  
in this Circle is 17,000 cft as shown below.

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| West Coast Division | 8000 cft.         |
| Coimbatore — Do —   | 500 "             |
| Salem — Do —        | 5000 "            |
| North Arcot — Do —  | 500 "             |
| Chinglepat — Do —   | 3000 "            |
|                     | <hr/> 17,000 cft. |

In the West Coast Division which  
comprises of South Canara, Malabar  
and Kilgore Districts, Timber is almost  
invariably supplied by Contractors and  
purchased from local markets in  
Scamllings.



In the Coimbatore Division  
timber purchased in the local market  
or obtained from Contractors in  
Belghant.

The Chingleput District Officer has  
the advantage of being close to the  
Madras Market there has been no induc-  
ement to indent on the Forest Depart-  
ment for teak.

North Arcot District Officer has hitherto  
obtained from Contractors.

In the Salem Division timber  
was not obtained from Forest Depart-  
ment.

2. As a rule timber in scantlings  
of the required size is invariably  
obtained either from local markets  
or Contractors and that owing to  
facilities in Communications &  
Burmah teak wood can be supplied

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in most places at cheaper rates  
than that supplied from Forest Depart-  
ment and with much less delay and  
trouble. The Forest Department cannot  
without longer notice than can be given  
supply anything but logs of timber  
and those logs as a rule are small  
and not straight, this being the case  
the wastage and carriage are great.  
Often the logs are unseasoned with  
knots and flaws. Burmah wood  
is preferred in every way where it can  
be procured as it can be had in  
the required scantlings without knots  
and flaws. Scantlings of any re-  
quired size can be got in this Circle  
from Contractors almost immediately  
while to get them from the Forest  
Department would cause consider-  
able delay and extra expenses  
in



in Carriage ~~yes~~

3. From the above it will be seen that the answers to the 3 questions asked in the G. O. under reply are as follows.

1<sup>st</sup> 17,000 Cft of timber would ordinarily meet the requirements of the Circle.

2<sup>nd</sup> Requirements have usually been met through Contractors.

3<sup>rd</sup> (a) Scantlings of the size required can be procured from Contractors without delay and when works are near a railroad station Burmah wood (which is superior) can be supplied cheaper than wood from the Forest Department.

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(b) Unless long notice is given to the Forest Department only wood in log can be supplied by them and it is not advisable for this Department to cut up this wood departmentally when better wood can be procured through Contractors in scantlings of the required sizes at cheaper rates.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servant.

  
Maj. Genl.  
Supy. Engineer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Circle.



P. M. C. No 5715

General

From the Surg. Engr  
2<sup>d</sup> circle

Date 28  
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Supply of Timber by the  
Forest Department — Report  
my upon the — for the use  
of works in the second circle

Comptroller  
C. J. B.

Supg. Engrs Office 3<sup>rd</sup> Circle  
No 533 T.J. Camp. Shigali 30<sup>th</sup> June 1881  
Recd 1<sup>st</sup> July

From,

General

Lt Col. J. Beatty R.E. 2134  
Supg. Engineer 3<sup>rd</sup> Circle

To,

Col. R. H. Sankar Co. B. R.E.  
Chief Engineer P.W.D.  
Madras

Sir,

As directed in G. O. No. 1049 W of 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1881, I have the honor to furnish information on certain points relative to the supply of timber.

2. The timber ordinarily used by the Department in the construction of public buildings is Teak. Moulmein teak is the kind used, and probably 5,000 Cubic feet (i.e. 1,000 Cubic feet for each Division) annually, would be more than sufficient. This is the general result of information given me by three, out of five, Executive Engineers in the Circle. The other



two were unable to state, even approximately, the average quantity they would require.

3. The requirements of the Circle have hitherto been met by purchase in the local market.

4. The causes which have led to the supply being obtained in the local market are,

I. The price is probably less than the Forest Department could supply it at. It has varied during the last year at Negapatam, the principal port of delivery, from 70 to 95 Rs per ton according to the quantity in the market.

II. The impossibility of our Officers choosing the timber for themselves if they obtain their supplies from the Forest Department.

III. Uncertainty as to time of delivery, and consequent delay in the carrying out of work; for it must be remembered that our Officers are not allowed to keep stock, but must purchase for particular

works after they have been sanctioned and funds allotted.

IV. The difficulty our Officers would experience in rejecting wood they might be dissatisfied with when once it had been delivered.

4. It is also believed that the Forest Department in this country do not supply teak of the size required by the Department. The Executive Engineer immediately informed me that the Forest Department was unable to supply him with teak of the size required for the new jail at Palamcottah.

5. Further, it is generally supposed that the Forest Department do not undertake to supply seasoned teak, while the Moultien teak sold at Negapatam, though far from being sufficiently seasoned, is so to some extent.

b. As to the best means for giving effect to the expressed wishes of Her Majesty's Secretary of State, I recommend



that the Forest Department should  
arrange to furnish timber according  
to order, free from flaws and cracks,  
within a specified time, and at  
a fixed price. The Public Works  
Officer would send his list of  
dimensions according to which the  
timber should be sawn by the  
Forest Department at their  
Depots, and delivered at the Chief  
Railway Stations of the Circle  
at prices fixed for each of them;  
which would slightly differ ac-  
cording to distance from the De-  
pot of the Forest Department.  
That Department would probably  
have also to state what were the  
largest dimensions they could  
undertake to supply; the Pub-  
lic Works Officer would then  
know what part of his require-  
ments must be purchased at  
an extra price in the open mar-  
ket. If such an arrangement  
could be made, I have no doubt  
the Department would admirably

apply to the Forest Department  
when in want of timber. 13/27/34

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Yours Most Obedt Servt

J. Beatty - Lt. Col. R.E.  
Suff. Engineer 3rd Circle



*From,*  
*The Supt Engineer*  
*3rd Circle*

*To,*  
*The Chief Engineer*  
*P. W. D.*

*Dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 1881.*

*Recd.*

*No 533 T-J*

*Encls. —*

*Supply of timber by*  
*the Forest Department.*

*Furnishing infor-*  
*mation on certain points*  
*connected with the ....*

*Comptroller*  
*P. W. D.*

No. 660

FROM

*As*  
THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS

GODAVARI DISTRICT.

TO

THE CHIEF ENGINEER *P. W. Department*  
FOR IRRIGATION

Encls. *Accd.*

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*2/34*  
Dowlaisheram, *4<sup>th</sup> June* 1881.

*Sept 6<sup>th</sup>*

SIR,

I have the honor to reply to  
G.O. No. 1049 of 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1881.

1. A statement is herewith sub-  
mitted which shows the consumption  
of timber in the Dowlaisheram Work-  
shops during the past 5 years, for Goda-  
vari teak, the average may be taken  
as 10,000 Cubic feet per annum.

2. The purchases have been made  
in the local market from various tim-  
ber merchants amongst others from the  
accredited agent for the sale of the Go-  
vernment forest timber.

3. There is an arrangement with  
this Agent, by which this Department  
can select any timber from his stock



of Government wood at the rate of  
Rs 1-0-0 per cubic foot. but, as, has  
recently been the case timber has been  
procured both from the Agent & from  
other suppliers at a cheaper rate, and  
consequently Government forest timber  
has not been purchased.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant.

A. E. Supt. of Works Godavari



From, P.W.C. No. 3593  
The Sup<sup>t</sup> of Works  
Godavari.

To, The Chief Engineer  
Public Works Department

Dated 4<sup>th</sup> June 1881.  
Received 13<sup>th</sup>

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Dowlaisheram Work-  
shops. — Consumption  
of Timber in the —  
a statement showing the —  
during the past 5 years —  
with explanation for the  
cause of not purchasing  
the Government Forest  
Timber —

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Godavari District  
Government Workshops Dowlaisheram  
Statement showing the quantities of Godavari and Burnmah teak purchased  
during the last five official years.

| Years   | Godavari Teak | Burnmah Teak | Total                                     |
|---------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1876-77 | 24,551-8½     | 23,607-74    | 24,551-8½ 23,607 74                       |
| 1877-78 | 10,051-7      | 10,280-810   | 9,695-3½ 15,058 82 19,744-10½ 25,339 1    |
| 1878-79 | 9,943-3       | 10,891-79    | 19,346-6 34,480 6 29,289-9 47,371 139     |
| 1879-80 | 789-11        | 789-148      | 1,088-2 1,574 146 1,878-1 2,364 132       |
| 1880-81 | 8,057-10      | 7,285-22     | 2,349-8 3,524 8 10,407-6 10,809 102       |
|         | 53,394-3½     | 52,854-89    | 32,477-7½ 56,638 48 85,871-11 109,492 135 |

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Govt Workshop Officer  
Dowlaisheram  
28<sup>th</sup> May 1881

P. Praca Rao

Executive Engineer & Dy. Supt.  
Godavari



Enclosure in a letter  
No 660 dated 21<sup>st</sup> June 1881  
from the Superintendent  
of Works Government

No 407  
Capt of Works Office  
Camp Duggirala 2<sup>nd</sup> Div  
Despatch  
From  
The Acting Superintendent of  
Works Chitradistrict  
To  
The Chief Engineer 17  
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P.W. Department

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No. 407  
dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1881 I have the  
honor to state that the consumption of  
timber for public purposes in this  
district varies so greatly that the  
quantity cannot be given with any  
accuracy on a rough calculation.  
However of past years, I would esti-  
mate the quantity consumed at 6000  
cubic feet per annum.

2. The timber is at present sup-  
plied from the Local markets.

3. There is no depot belonging  
to the Forest Department that I am  
aware of in this district, but even if there  
was doubt very much whether the Forest  
Department could compete with the  
Local markets which is well stocked  
with timber at all times.



I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

S. D. Wilson.

Acting Superintendent of

Fort Keokuk.

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From I. K. C. A. 3474  
The Supt of Works  
Kutna  
To  
The Chief Engineer  
P. W. Dept

Dated 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1881  
Res. "June."

N<sup>o</sup> 407

Timber. Consumption  
of - for public purposes  
in the District during  
the year. Report the  
quantity of -

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No. 1261

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MADRAS,  
Chepauk, 6<sup>th</sup> July 1881.

From

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,  
PRESIDENCY,

To

The Chief Engineer,  
P. W. Dept.

Sir,

Enclosures.

With reference to G.O. No. 1049 of  
dated 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1881, I have the honor to  
report that about 12,000 cubic feet of Teak  
wood for Madras, and about 1,000 cubic feet  
of Teak wood and 2,000 cubic feet of jungle  
wood for Bangalore with a proportion of  
peepers would ordinarily meet the require-  
ments of this Division each year.

2. Witherto the requirements for Timber  
have been usually met from the Local  
Market.

3. Timber is usually required, as works  
are carried on, in small quantities at a  
time. This, with the fact that there is  
always a good market for it both in  
Madras and Bangalore whence Timber  
of



of every required quantity of material may be said to be the cause of  
Timber not having been obtained from  
the Forest Department.

4. Considering the uncertainty of the  
execution of sanctioned works, which de-  
pends upon funds being available, it  
will not be advisable to obtain any  
stated quantity of Timber yearly from  
the Forest Department as stock.

I have the honor to be

Yours obedient servant

R. H. Thompson  
Superintendent of Works

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P. M. C. No. 3944

From

The Supt. of Works,  
Presidency

No. 1261

Dated 6<sup>th</sup> July 1881  
Recd 8<sup>th</sup> July 1881

Supply of Timber by the  
Forest Dept.

Transmits report on  
certain points relative to

the — *Confide*  
*am*

No. 1140

21/34  
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS.

BUCKINGHAM CANAL

From

Camp, 11<sup>th</sup> July 1881  
*Office Executive Engineer*  
THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,

BUCKINGHAM CANAL, Division

To

THE CHIEF ENGINEER,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

Sir,

*Madras.*  
Through the Superintending Engineer  
1<sup>st</sup> Circle.

Enclosure.

With reference to Government  
Order No. 1049 W. dated 22<sup>nd</sup> April last,  
on the subject of the supply of Timber  
by the Forest Department to Public  
Works, I have the honor to report,  
that I deferred ~~in~~ replying to  
the enquiries contained in the  
order of Government, under  
acknowledgment, pending reference  
to the Forest Department to ascertain  
the rates of supply, conditions &c.  
It is within the last few days  
only, that the necessary information  
was received.

2.

As to the enquiry  
(1) What supply of Timber would  
ordinarily meet the requirements



of the Circle each year? I beg to state that the quantity may be computed at 1200 cubic feet for the next few years, during which period it is presumed, the works for completing the Canal will be sanctioned, and there will be demand for Teak Timber, both for flood gate buildings &c.

In regard to the 2<sup>nd</sup> enquiry, "how have the requirements usually been met hitherto?" I have to state, that the Local market supplied the same, through contractors.

To the 3<sup>rd</sup> enquiry, "What are the causes which have led the supply being obtained from other than the Forest Department?" I have the honor to submit, (1) that the Forest Department rate for log delivered at Coimbatore or Pothanoor) is prohibitive, (2) that it entails purchasing in log, and the sending up of some one to examine and take over the timber, (3) that there is much risk involved in

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the arrangements and purchased as above; (4) that Moulmein Teak can be had cut into scantlings, without any risk, in the transaction, at a cheaper rate; (5) that the Anamalai Teak is not popular, for every Department goes in for Moulmein Teak. There must be something against its use. The Railways which use up so much Timber annually, depend on supplies from Moulmein.

In conclusion I would respectfully observe that it does not speak well for our Indian Teak, with the advantages of Railway Communication, that it cannot compete with Moulmein Teak, (which is brought a long way and across the sea) in the Local market. Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. undertake supply very largely of Moulmein Teak, for Public Works and Private use; the timber is ripped up to the required scantlings.



scantlings, at the same price  
Moulmein and Rangoon, and  
delivering in Madras free from  
all risk, and at reasonable  
rates. While native merchants  
also import in log, and are  
able to supply at reasonable  
rates also, compared with what  
Annamalay Teak will cost, at  
Madras.

I am led to think that  
a large stock of the Forest  
Department Teak should be  
introduced, on trial, into the  
Madras Market, and sold,  
when its actual value will  
be determined, and at the same  
time, the capabilities of the  
Timber if not already ascertained  
might be put to the test at  
the Public Works Workshop  
and Carriage factory, to establish  
its value in the market, and  
correct its unpopularity, if there  
is nothing against it. I under-  
stand from the report of the

Deputy Conservator of Resimbatoe  
that there are now 1400 logs  
of Teak in the Depot of the Annamalay  
amongst which are logs of 40 feet  
length.

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I have the honor to be  
Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

W. H. C. and

Offg Executive Engineer  
Buckingham Canal Division

W. H. C. and  
Super Eng. P. H. C.

13 July 1886



*I.H.C. 4061*  
From *Offg. Executive Engineer*  
THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,  
BUCKINGHAM CANAL, *Or*

To  
THE CHIEF ENGINEER,  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

*Madras.*  
*Through the Superintending Engineer*  
*1st Circle*

Dated *12<sup>th</sup> July* 1881.

No. *1140.*

ENCLOSURE.

*Supply of Timber  
from the Forest  
Department -  
Reports about the  
requirements of the*

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PRESIDENCY PUBLIC WORKS WORKSHOPS,  
*Madras, 9<sup>th</sup> May* 1881.

No. *313* W.

From  
THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,  
PUBLIC WORKS WORKSHOPS,

To  
THE *Under Secretary to Government*  
*Public Works Department*  
*Madras.*

Enclosures. ✓

SIR,

With reference to *G. O. No. 1049 M of*  
*22<sup>nd</sup> April 1881* I have the honor to report that  
100 tons of Teak would ordinarily meet the requirements  
of the Workshop each year.

2. Teak is usually purchased in the market  
as required at prices varying from 80 to 95 Rupees  
per ton of 50 Cubic feet delivered at the Workshop.

3. The Workshop has received two supplies  
of Teak from the Forest Department, first  
in 1875 when 2198 Cubic feet were supplied at  
Rupees 103 per ton delivered at the Workshop  
and secondly in 1880 when 13 logs were received  
at a quoted rate of 100 Rupees per ton, exclusive  
of the cost of Rail and Cartage from Coimbatore  
to Madras, which would have brought the rate  
up to about 130 Rupees per ton.

4. The 13 logs referred to were a portion of a  
small consignment of Teak ordered by Mr. Southam  
in November 1878, and, on their receipt, I was obliged  
to counter-order the remainder of the consignment.



the logs received were of inferior quality, and price was excessive when compared with the market.

5 On working up the timber it was found at nearly 50 per cent was wastage.

The "Annamallai" Teak is very hard and able, and if the Forest Department could supply sound logs delivered at the Workshops, the same price as Burmah Teak, I should be very glad to use it.

I have the honor to be  
Sir

Your Most Obedt. Servant.

W. B. Buddles  
Supt. W. Workshops.

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155 dt 13. March 1877  
 154 W. 21st July 1877  
 E. no 4488 W. dt 25th Nov 1878  
 E. no 1691 dt 7th May 1879  
 G. no 2097 W. dt 11th Aug 1879  
 " 1049 W. dt 22nd April 1881

P. W. 2861.  
 Presidency P. W. Workshops.  
 From  
 THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,  
 P. W. WORKSHOPS,  
 Madras.

To  
 The Under Secretary  
 to Govt. D. M.  
 Chepauk  
 No. 313 W.

Dated 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Despd. 10<sup>th</sup> May 1881.  
 Recd. 11 May.

No. of ENCLOSURES. ✓

Subject.  
 Reports the quantity  
 of Teakwood which would  
 ordinarily meet with the  
 requirements of the P. W.  
 Workshops each year.

Contd. 2861  
 Contd. 2861

In H. to form  
 26/34  
 For order

While it appears  
 to me that no other  
 conclusion than that  
 drawn by Sir  
 P. W. is possible, it might  
 be as well to submit  
 the file to the Com-  
 missioner of Forests  
 in any remarks  
 he might desire  
 to offer before final  
 disposal. P. W.

12.9.81

Supr. D. M. Madras -  
 for his remarks.  
 P. W.

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For orders

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In P.O. 22/4/81 No  
1049 W Super Enquiries  
were called on for  
certain information to  
admit of an opinion  
being formed as to the  
better mutual working  
of our own and the  
Forest Department

The replies were duly  
received (see annexed  
summary) and forwarded  
for any observations  
Col Piddens might  
desire to offer

It will be observed  
in his No 631 that  
(1) the Forest Dept. can  
scarcely ever supply  
quantities of logs  
required by us

(2) West Coast timber  
cannot compete with  
timber from Burmah  
ordinarily

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(3) Timber can very  
often be procured cheaper  
from Contractors

For -

Colonel Beddome can

compare with the market

but it is a pity that

and other timber

should not be taken from

his dept. in lot even

though the rates "may

"be a little higher than

"the outside market"

With my desire to

meet Colonel Beddome

on this subject I cannot

see how with the small

drawbacks as stated

in the Dept. programme this

could be acceded to

As the rates, form, &

demanded facilities are

not one and all such

as can increase the

Forest dept. competing

with private dealers

it would practically

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have the effect of  
our Budget being to  
make up the difference  
in order to allow the  
Forest dept. to show  
a profit

When the <sup>2</sup>Dept. and  
private dealers meet on  
equal terms the P.W. Office  
may be ordered invariably  
to deal with the former  
but I think they must be  
allowed to be the judges  
as to what constitutes  
equality

Colonel Beddome is  
perfectly correct in saying  
there are the many classes  
of timber other than  
teak which are now re-  
jected by Officers of the P.W.  
Dept. and I should very  
gladly aid in bringing  
these into greater use

With this object I should  
wish him to draw up a  
statement of timber available  
in certain localities, with  
as far as possible an  
account of their ascertain



for



for such remarks as  
he may wish to offer  
prior to disposal  
of the questions raised.

MTT

BT 232918/21 Sept/21

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The Conservator of Forests  
with papers to be  
returned.

& papers read the  
read of the proceedings  
with Encls.

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Summary of replies of Supt. Engrs &c  
to the questions put in Co. 1049 W by 22 April 1881.

Supply of timber by the Forest Department

| Questions.                                                                                 | Circle.                      | Replies.                                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| (1) What supply of timber would ordinarily meet the requirements of your Circle each year? | Supg: 1 <sup>st</sup> Circle | 1,800 Cubic feet                                                |
|                                                                                            | Do II - Do                   | 17,000 Do                                                       |
|                                                                                            | Do III - Do                  | 5,000 Do                                                        |
|                                                                                            | S.W. Godavari                | 10,000 Do                                                       |
|                                                                                            | Do. Krishna                  | 8,000 Do                                                        |
|                                                                                            | Do Presidency                | 13,000 Do<br>and 2,000 Cubic feet of<br>Amalgam 1000-f.         |
|                                                                                            | Do. Buckingham<br>Canal      | 1,200 Cubic feet                                                |
|                                                                                            | Presidency Workshops         | 100 tons or 5,000<br>Cubic feet.                                |
| (2) How have the requirements usually been met hitherto?                                   | Supg: Engrs. First Circle -  | Generally<br>from the local markets                             |
|                                                                                            | Supg: Engrs. Second Circle - | Almost<br>invariably from the local<br>markets thro Contractors |



Supp: Eng: Third Circle - From the local markets.

Suppl: of Works Godavari - By purchase in the local market from timber merchants, among others from the accredited Agent for the sale of Government forest timber.

do do Krishna - From the local markets.

do do Providence - From the local market.

do do B. Canal - do do do

Eng Workshops - Usually from the local market. Two supplies of timber were obtained from the Forest Dept: one of 3198 Cubic feet in 1875 and another and another of 13 logs in 1880.

(3) What are the causes which have led to the whole or portion of the supply being obtained from other than the Forest Dept? -

Supp: Eng: First Circle - The distance of Government teak forests and the consequent high prices to be paid.

Supp: Eng: Second Circle - Scantlings of the size required can be procured from Contractors without delay, while the Forest Dept: can supply only wood in log, unless long notice be given. Works near Railway Stations can be supplied with Burmah teak, which is superior to ~~any other~~ Forest Dept: timber.

Supp: Eng: Third Circle -

(1) The lowest prices at which timber is procurable from Contractors; the impossibility of Officers choosing for themselves, if wood be obtained from Forest Dept: uncertainty as to time.



of delivery and consequent delay of  
work, difficulty in rejecting ~~poor~~ Dept  
timber if not approved of, inability of  
lotter to supply wood of required sizes  
and sufficiently seasoned.

Sup<sup>t</sup> of Works Godavari - The Cheaper  
rates at which timber is  
procureable from other sources.

Do. Krishna - The absence of any  
Forest Dept. Depot in  
the District and the  
unlikelihood of that  
Dept. being able to com-  
pete with the local market.

Do. Presidency - Timber is required  
only in small quantities at a  
time and it is readily procurable  
both at ~~Madras~~ and Bangalore.  
If any require of securing

Sup<sup>t</sup> of Works  
Buckingham  
Canal -

Sup<sup>t</sup> Heavy Work  
shops -

General remarks  
as to the best means  
of giving effect to the  
wishes of H<sup>r</sup> M<sup>t</sup>  
Government -

Sup<sup>t</sup> Eng. First Circle -

The Forest Dept. must under-  
sell the local merchants. Even  
then, as the latter can supply timber  
on the spot, in the require of securing  
the Officers of the Dept. would prefer  
to deal with them.

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The Forest Dept. sales are pro-  
hibitive; its timber is only procurable  
in log and some one must be sent  
to the Depot at Coimbatore or Polhane  
to examine and take it over; ~~the~~ <sup>it</sup> involves risk  
~~inadequacy~~ of such an arrangement;  
Koulmein teak is procurable in  
secutings at cheaper rates. ~~and the~~ <sup>is not popular</sup>  
~~unpopularity~~ of Anamalai timber.

The greater part of the 13 logs ordered  
in 1880 had to be countermanded, as  
a small portion received was of inferior  
quality and of excessive price. On  
working up the timber it was found  
that 50 per cent was wastage.



Sup: Eng. Second Circle - Nil.

do do. Third Circle. The  
Forest Dept<sup>t</sup> should arrange  
to furnish timber according  
to order, free from flaws  
and cracks and at a fixed  
price.

Suplt of Works Godavari - Nil.

do District - Nil.

do Presidency - Consider it unad-  
visable to obtain any stock of  
quantity of timber yearly from  
the Forest Dept<sup>t</sup> because the  
execution of sanctioned works  
is dependent on funds being  
available.

do do B. Canal. Suggests that a  
large stock of Forest Dept timber  
be introduced into the local  
market in view to its

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its actual value being determined,  
and that the capabilities of the timber  
be tested at the Gov. Workshops  
and Gun Carriage Factory in view  
to its unsuitability being corrected,  
if there be nothing against it.

Suplt  
Presidency Work-  
shops

Annammalai teak is very hard  
and durable, and if the Forest Dept<sup>t</sup>  
will supply round logs, deliverable at  
the Workshops at the same price as  
Burmah teak, the Suplt<sup>t</sup> will be  
very glad to use it.

Ch  
7/9/81.

In other words if the Forest  
Department is to be a commercial  
enterprise it must be conducted on  
commercial principles. The P.W.  
offices will be ready enough to  
use the Forest Dept timber if



They can get it at the  
same rate as private suppliers  
charge for timber of equal quality  
and with equal facilities for  
selection and transportation &  
supply - The experience of the  
Department has been uniformly  
unfavorable on all these points.

S. H.

Sent back to the 10-81  
M. 12. 12. 12. 12. 81

Hand letter

No. 631

Office of Conservator of Forests  
Cotacambund 7<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1881

From

Colonel R. H. Reddick

Conservator of Forests

To

Colonel R. H. Sankey R.E.

Secretary to Government

P. M. D.

Sir,

In returning the papers  
received with C. O. No. 2329  
not available dated 21<sup>st</sup> September last,  
I have the honor to inform  
you that I have only a few  
remarks to make Sir:

1. Sawblings of sizes required  
by the D. P. W. Officers can scarce-  
ly ever be supplied by this  
Department, as we have no  
saw machinery and it is very  
difficult to get sawyers to  
come into any of our forests.  
We can generally only supply  
timber in log.

2. Our Western coast Teak  
cannot



Cannot compete with that from  
Burma, at Madras, or any  
place on the eastern side of  
the Presidency, or Stations  
near the Rail, within 200  
miles of Madras.

3. Timber can very often  
be procured cheaper from Con-  
tractors than from the Forest  
Department as it is procured  
from private Forests where  
there is no expenditure on  
conservancy or establish-  
ments; Government however  
a great losers by their own  
Department's not taking  
timber, as far as possible  
from the Forest Department  
at fair rates, and it appears  
to me to be a perfect anomaly  
that they should purchase  
from outsiders when their  
own Dipts and forests are  
often full of timber and  
it is a custom which I  
believe, does not prevail

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in any other Country in  
the world. It often does  
occur however that the D.P.W.  
Officers purchase at higher  
rates than we can supply,  
and it also occurs that  
failing a market we have  
to sell off at ruinous rates,  
our timber being bought by  
timber merchants who sell  
it again to Government at a  
very large profit. It is a  
pity therefore that teak and  
other timber in the log should  
should not be taken from  
this Department, wherever  
it is possible, even though our  
rates may be a little higher  
than the outside market.

4. Many of our timbers  
are quite equal to teak, and  
it is a pity that more of  
them are not utilized, and  
that the cry should always  
be for Teak and Teak only.

5. The practice of the D.P.W.  
always looking to native

Contractors



Contractors and not to the  
Forest Department, is tending  
to deforest tracts outside  
Government limits, where  
revenue alone is considered,  
which is detrimental to the  
welfare of the country in the  
future, it also prevents the Forest  
Department, a department  
under the Government, from  
showing as fair a revenue  
as ought to be expected from it.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir

Your Most Obedt. Servt.

J. H. Adlam Colonel  
Conservator of Forests.



G.O. No 1721 of 6 July 1876  
 No 155 of 13 March 1877  
 " 154 W. 21 July 1877  
 G.O. No 1488 W. 25 Nov 1878  
 G.O. No 1691 of 7 May 1879  
 G.O. No 2097 W. 11 Aug 1879  
 " 1049 W. 22 April 1881  
 B. No 2329 W. of 21 Sept 1881.

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Revenue Forests

From  
 The Conservator of  
 Forests.

To The Secretary to Govt.  
 P.W.D.

Dated 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 1881

Recd 8<sup>th</sup>

Received from  
 No 631

Enclosures  
 One File of Papers

Subject

Supply of Timber  
by the Forest Deptt

Referring to G.O. No 2329  
 of 24<sup>th</sup> Sept. Last  
 submit<sup>ing</sup> remarks  
 on the subject of

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 26-10-87  
 12-10-87  
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No 2734 W

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT

Under date the 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 1881  
 Read the following

Papers recorded in G.O. No 2329 W of 21 Sept 1881.  
 Summary of the foregoing papers.  
 Read also  
 From the Conservator of Forests No 631  
 of 27<sup>th</sup> October 1881.

In G.O. No 1049  
 W. dated 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
 1881, Superintending  
 Engineers were called  
 upon for certain in-  
 formation so as to admit  
 of an opinion being  
 formed as to the bet-  
 ter mutual working  
 of the Public Works  
 and Forest Departments.  
 The replies were duly  
 received (vide the sum-  
 mary printed above)  
 and were forwarded  
 under G.O. No 2329 W  
 of 21<sup>st</sup> September 1881 to  
 the Conservator of  
 Forests for any ob-  
 servations he might

Precis of replies  
 to be printed



desire to offer.

3. From the reply of that officer, above recorded it is observed that

(1) The Forest Department can scarcely ever supply scantlings of sizes required by the P.W. Department.

(2) West Coast Teak cannot ordinarily compete with that from Burmah.

(3) Timbers can very often be procured cheaper from Contractors.

Colonel Beddome concludes with the remark that it is a pity that and other timbers should not be taken from the Forest Department in log, even though the rates "may be a little higher than the outside market."

4. With every desire to facilitate <sup>timberworking</sup> with the Forest Dept ~~to meet the~~ <sup>Beddome's</sup> wishes the Govt ~~do not see~~ <sup>must suggest</sup> how they can be adopted <sup>accepted</sup>

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~~accided to~~ in the face of the drawbacks ~~is~~ stated by Superintendent Engineers, and set forth in the foregoing Summary. If the rules, forms and general facilities are not one and all such as can insure the Forest Department competing with private dealers, it would practically have the effect of the Public Works Budget having to make up the difference, in order to allow the Forest Department to show a profit.

5. Where the Forest Department and private dealers meet on equal terms the Honble the Governor in Council considers that officers of the P.W. Department should invariably deal with the former, but those officers must be the judge



as to what constitutes ~~the right of the Government~~  
equality.

6. The Conservator of  
Forests is <sup>rightly</sup> ~~perfectly~~  
correct in laying stress on the fact that  
on the many classes  
of timber other than  
hard which are now  
rejected by officers  
of the P. W. Department,  
and the Government  
would be glad to  
~~see~~ <sup>see</sup> these brought  
into greater use.

With this object in view  
the Director is requested  
to draw up and  
submit to Govern-  
ment a statement  
of the highest available  
in ~~particular~~ localities  
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