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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 6th February 1889, Forest No. 80 :—

W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq.

ad—the following letter from the Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle), dated Kodaikānal, 17th October 1888, No. 1763 :—

I have the honor to forward copies of the marginally-noted correspondence, which has taken place between my District Forest-officer and Colonel J. Pennycuick, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Periyār Project Works, relating to the arrangements to be made to facilitate operations in connection with the clearing of the forest on a line required for a wire tramway.

No. 669 P.R., dated 6th September 1888, from the Superintending Engineer, Periyār Project Works.

No. 1636, dated 1st October 1888, from District Forest-officer, in reply to the above.

No. 849 P.R., dated 3rd October 1888, from the Superintending Engineer, Periyār Project Works.

No. 1761, dated 17th October 1888, from District Forest-officer, in reply to the above.

2. I quite agree with the proposals made by Mr. Gass. The line required for the tramway commences at the foot of the hills in the Suranganar block of the Cum-m valley reserved forest and ends in the Mela Gúdalúr block, the whole length being in reserved forest.

3. It will save endless complications and trouble if this land is made over to the Periyār Project Works, and I request you will obtain the orders of Government, at an early date, on the subject. The total length of line is given by Colonel Pennycuick as 1,600 feet and the breadth is 20 feet.

4. Colonel Pennycuick has undertaken to mark off the limits of a piece of the forest within which the coolies employed under him can remove firewood for cooking purposes, and my District Forest-officer will visit the place in January next and inspect it.

ENCLOSURES.

Colonel J. PENNYCUICK, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Periyār Project Works, to the District Forest-officer, Madura, dated Periyār, 6th September 1888, No. 669 P.R.

I have the honor to request your opinion as to the procedure to be adopted in connection with the works of this project at the mouth of the tunnel and along the line of the proposed tramway from Tekadi to the foot of the ghāt.

2. This portion of the work is in reserved forest in British territory.

3. A certain amount of clearing is absolutely necessary, and this, I presume, can be done at the discretion of the officers in charge; in point of fact it must be done as the works cannot be carried out without it.

4. The strictest orders will be given that the clearing is limited to that which is actually necessary, and the total amount will not be great.

5. We shall require a certain amount (not very great) of timber in connection with this portion of the work, and I presume there will be no objection to the use of trees cut down in the course of the absolutely necessary clearing referred to in the last paragraph.

6. It is, however, possible that we may require a little timber besides this, and I shall be glad to know whether there will be any objection to our cutting what is wanted, without payment, or on payment of a moderate royalty. Of course, if a high royalty is charged, it will be cheaper to bring it from Travancore.

7. A certain amount of firewood is certain to be cut by the coolies employed; every endeavour will be made to restrict this as much as possible, but it will be impossible to prevent it altogether, as there will be a small camp and the men will certainly go out and cut what they want at night, if not allowed to do so in the day. It would, perhaps, be as well to point out a small area within which fuel, *bond fide* required for the use of coolies employed on the works, might be cut; it would then be comparatively easy to prevent trespassing on other parts of the forest.

8. I shall be glad to be favored with your views on the whole question, and to co-operate with you in making such arrangements as will prevent misunderstanding and unnecessary damage to the forest.

From H. A. GASS, Esq., District Forest-officer, Madura, to the Superintending Engineer, Periyár Project Works, dated Kodaikánal, 1st October 1888, No. 1636.

With reference to your letter, No. 669 P.R., dated 6th September 1888, I have the honor to inform you that, under existing rules, whatever is cut in the reserved forest, either in the shape of timber or firewood, would require to be paid for.

2. It appears to me, however, in view of the absolute necessity for clearing the line you refer to, and the desirability of excluding my subordinates from any interference in it, that it would be best for the line or strip of land you require to be made over permanently to you.

3. If you agree with this, will you have this strip marked off, and I will get it measured up and the matter can then be referred to Government, with the recommendation that all wood on the line be handed over to you for nothing. Any timber you might require outside your limits only to be paid for. The seigniorage is small, amounting to Rs. 5, 2-8-0 and 1-4-0 per cart-load of 20 c.ft. for the three classes of timber.

4. I presume the camp referred to in paragraph 7 would be a fixed one so long as the work is in progress and probably near the foot of the hills. A small area could be marked off, as you suggest, for the coolies to take firewood from. If the camp has to remain there till after December, I would ask you to take necessary steps, in the shape of fire-lines round it, to prevent any fire spreading from it into our reserve.

From Colonel J. PENNYCUICK, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Periyár Project Works, to the District Forest-officer, Madura, dated Periyár, 3rd October 1888, No. 849 P.R.

In reply to your No. 1636, of 1st instant, I have the honor to state that I fully agree with the proposals therein contained, and request you to obtain the sanction of Government to them.

2. The line required for the wire tramway will, I think, be sufficiently demarcated by the cut of clearing; it is a simple strip, 20 feet wide and 9,600 feet long; it has already been surveyed and it seems hardly necessary to give your subordinates the trouble of measuring it once again.

3. In the event of our requiring any timber from outside the limits of the ground to be handed over to us, an account will be kept of the quantity and the seigniorage paid over. You will no doubt accept our statements as to the amount (which will, in any case, be very small), as it would give unnecessary trouble to all parties if we had to communicate with your subordinates every time we wanted a log for any purpose.

4. The camp at the tunnel mouth will not be at the foot of the hills, but near the watershed; it will be a permanent camp the five years occupied by the execution of the works; I will have its limits marked out and measured at once and will include therein a sufficient area to allow of a reasonable supply of fuel for the use of the coolies who will, at the same time, be warned that if they cut fuel or wood in any other part of the forest they will do so at their own risk and that this department will not interfere to protect them from the consequences.

5. The precautions mentioned in paragraph 4 of your letter under reply will receive attention.

6. It would, I think, be an advantage if you could visit the site of the works at an early date and see the ground proposed to be occupied. In the meantime you may rely upon my carrying out the work in accordance with the spirit of your proposals and using every endeavour to prevent damage to the forests.

7. I am much obliged for the manner in which you have dealt with this question, which will greatly facilitate our operations.

From H. A. GASS, Esq., District Forest-officer, Madura, to the Superintending Engineer, Periyár Project Works, dated Kodaikánal, 17th October 1888, No. 1761.

Referring to your No. 849 P.R., dated 3rd October 1888, I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter addressed to the Board, asking for early orders from Government on the subject.

2. The arrangement suggested by you in paragraph 3 for keeping an account of the quantity and kind of timber cut by you will answer all requirements.

3. If you will kindly have the area required for the camp, referred to in paragraph 4, marked off on the ground, I shall arrange to come and inspect it immediately after Christmas.

4. I do not suppose there will be any difficulty raised by the Conservator of Forests, and Government will no doubt pass the necessary orders for making over this land to you at an early date, so that cutting can go on whenever you are ready.

5. I have issued necessary orders to my forest ranger in the Cumbum valley on the subject to prevent any interference on his part with the work.

6. As regards your paragraph 7, I can only add that I am only too glad to co-operate with you and to prevent unnecessary interference and trouble on the part of the subordinates.

Endorsement by the Acting Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, dated Madras, 26th October 1888, No. 2219.

Forwarded.

2. If the tramway line is to be permanently maintained for the Periyár Work, the proposals have the Acting Conservator's approval. If it is only intended for the period of construction; there is no use in our asking the Government of India to sanction the alienation.

In the latter case, a simple permission or license may be given to use the land and wood free, and it is possible the Forest Department may hereafter be able to utilize the line for their own purposes. There is no rule under which reserved forest produce must be paid for.

Resolution—dated 6th February 1889, Forest No. 80.

The papers are submitted to Government for orders.

2. There is, the Board consider, no objection to the grant of an area of forest round the camp at the tunnel works of the Periyár Project for the use of coolies employed there as a source of supply of their firewood.

3. With regard to the grant of a license to the Department of Public Works to cut a path for a tramway from the tunnel works to the foot of the hill through the reserved forests, it seems quite unnecessary to ask the Government of India to disafforest the land required. The Board do not understand what the Collector refers to in his remark that endless trouble and complications will be saved if the land is made permanently over to the Department of Public Works. The land is not required permanently, and there should be no difficulty in demarcating out the portion required and permitting the Department of Public Works authorities to remove the timber situated thereon. The District Forest-officer can, and should of course, value a fair sample of the strip required and charge accordingly. There seems to be no reason why the Department of Public Works in Madura should obtain their timber free of charge. They have paid hitherto, in similar cases, for all the timber they have required.

4. With regard to any extra timber or firewood that may be required, the Board can see no reason why any friction should result from the usual course being followed. The timber should be supplied at the regular seigniorage rates.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle.

" " Collector of Madura.

" " Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle.

" " Examiner of Forest Accounts.

ORDER—dated 21st March 1889, No. 216, Revenue.

Forest No. 25.

The proposals of the Board of
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(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioners of Land Revenue.
" the Public Works Department

Exd. A. D. Xavier.

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Periyar Project Works.

Board's proposals in regard to the grant of an area of forest for supply of firewood to the coolies employed on the — and of a license to the Public Works Department to cut a path through reserved forests for a tramway and to cut timber, approved and sanctioned.

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