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2ND DECEMBER 1889, No. 968, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 15th October 1889, No. 726 :—

MR. H. W. BLISS.

MR. C. S. CROLE.

Read—the following letter from W. J. H. LE FANU, Esq., President, District Board, North Arcot, to the Collector of North Arcot, dated Chittoor, 7th August 1889, Ref. on Gl. L. F. No. 2014 :—

In forwarding the enclosed papers (to be returned) for your decision, I have the honor to state that the palmyra and date trees therein referred to are reported to have been planted by the Road Department, and that toddy is drawn from them by toddy contractors without paying for it to the Local Fund Department. It is stated that the trees stand within the demarcated limits of the road, and though, under the recent orders on the subject, the land on which they stand does not belong to the District Board, yet I think that the latter have a right to the trees, which are, under the circumstances, stated by the Engineer, "a thing provided for the road" within the meaning of section 49 of the Local Board's Act. I request, therefore, that you will be good enough to issue the necessary orders to stop toddy-drawing by contractors without permission of this department.

Endorsement by W. J. H. LE FANU, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, dated Chittoor, 25th August 1889, Ref. on Gl. Eng. No. 4586.

Submitted to the Commissioners of Land Revenue for orders.

2. When the trees have been planted from Road funds, I think they should be given to the District Board. On many roads in this district, palmyras have been planted inside—in a line with—and in a line outside the avenue trees. I am of opinion that they ought to belong to the District Board.

Resolution—dated 15th October 1889, No. 726.

If the trees were planted by the Road Department and were provided for the road, they belong to the District Board, who may make what arrangements they please for allowing toddy to be drawn therefrom.

2. In cases in which the toddy revenue of the locality is being collected under the tree-tax license fee system, there will be no objection to the collection with the tree-tax of such fixed fees as the Local Boards may think fit to charge for the use of their trees under the system recently sanctioned by Government (G.O., dated 8th August 1889, No. 682, Revenue) in the case of palm trees growing on river and canal banks in the Kistna district.

3. Copy of these Proceedings will be submitted to Government for information.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to all Collectors.

APPENDIX.

PROCEEDINGS of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), dated 15th August 1889, No. 296.

Read—the following G.O., dated 8th August 1889, No. 682, Revenue :—

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), dated 6th August 1889, No. 277 :—

MR. H. W. BLISS.

Read—the following letter from A. T. ARUNDEL, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue, dated Kondapalli, 29th July 1889, Extra No. 213 :—

I have the honor to request that the sanction of Government may be obtained to allow the Superintending Engineer of this district to permit licenses to be taken out for tapping palmyra and date trees on canal banks and other lands under the control of the Public Works Department in the Répalle and Bandar taluks.

2. The tree-tapping system is about to be introduced in Répalle taluk where there are about a lakh of trees belonging to the Public Works Department, of which perhaps 25 per cent. may be tapped. No tree can be tapped even with a license until the owners' consent has been obtained, and this, in the case of private persons, is charged for at the rate of 2 to 5 annas per tree.

3. The Assistant Commissioner, Salt and Abkari, reports that if the Public Works Department trees cannot be tapped when the new system is introduced, private owners of trees will hold out for so high a fee for themselves from the intending licensees that much difficulty will be experienced. This was the case in the Bandar taluk early this year when the toddy-drawing season began, and for a time it was a question whether the new system might not fail.

4. It is thus desirable, in the interests of the Abkari Revenue, that the Public Works Department trees should be tapped. The Assistant Commissioner anticipates a revenue in license fees from this source of about Rs. 20,000 in Répalle taluk.

5. The Public Works Department should not forego the fees which tree-owners levy for allowing their trees to be licensed and tapped. Their receipts would be credited to the ancient project. As this will be the first year of the tree-tax in Répalle, and smoothness of action is specially needed, it will be better to fix the fee and not to let out on contract, as I at first suggested, the right of levying unlimited fees for the privilege. The rate of 2 annas per tree might be fixed for next year. This, with the approval of the Board, could be collected for the Public Works Department when the license fee is paid for each tree. The Public Works Department will retain the right to the leaves, which can be sold separately, if desired.

6. I have written to the Superintending Engineer on the subject and he sees no objection to the course I propose, but is precluded from assenting by G.O., No. 1423, dated 25th May 1875. It will be seen on reference to this Government order that the tree-tapping system makes present conditions entirely different. The trees are at present untapped; both the Public Works Department and the Revenue Department agree that there is no objection to tapping them, and that the Public Works Department should recover the tree-owners' fee while the Abkari Revenue receives the tree-tapping license fee. The sanction of Government is however required.

7. I enclose copies of the Assistant Commissioner's letter and of my correspondence with the Superintending Engineer.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From M.R.Ry. R. DHARMAROW NAIDU, Garu, Assistant Commissioner of Salt and Abkari Revenue, Masulipatam Division, to the Collector of the Kistna District, dated Sitana-garam, 1st July 1889, No. C-235.

I have the honor to inform you that both in the Répalle and Bandar taluks there are about 100,000 palmyra and date trees on the canal and river embankments. Of these, 20,000 will yield toddy better than those along the coast. But none are tapped, the Department of Public Works having charge of the trees. There are very few palm trees in the Tenali portion of the Répalle taluk. It was not without much difficulty that the tree owners in the Bandar taluk could be got to let their trees for tapping. Similar difficulty is expected also in the Répalle taluk when the tree-tax is levied. If the trees on the river and channel embankments could also be tapped, the Zemindars, Inamdars, and other tree-owners in the taluks would not demand more than what is reasonable. If necessary, the Public Works Department may charge 1 to 2 annas a tree tapped, the tappers being also made to give them all the leaves they cut and which may be required for works. I therefore request that you will be pleased to consider the expediency of

allowing such trees on the embankments, as may yield toddy, to be tapped under the tree-tapping system. If the Kalalies can also tap the trees on the embankments, I expect an addition of about Rs. 20,000 to the tax to be levied on the trees in the Bandar and Répalle taluks.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From A. T. ARUNDEL, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, to the Superintending Engineer, II Circle, Bezvada, dated 9th July 1889, Extra No. 189.

I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter from the Assistant Commissioner of Salt and Abkari, and to inquire whether you have any objection to allow the palmyra trees referred to, the property of your department, to be tapped for toddy.

2. The right to allow the trees to be tapped (subject to the legal provisions for license) could be let out annually by auction. It would be necessary for you to reserve the right of cutting down without compensation any of the trees your department might require.

3. You might also sell the right to cut the leaves, reserving power to retain what might be required by the department.

4. Your department would probably receive several thousand rupees annually by the sale of these privileges, and would in no way be restricted or inconvenienced. The supply of toddy in the Répalle and Bandar taluks would be considerably increased.

5. If you entertain the proposal, I shall be glad, if you wish it, to have the auction held for you at the time of the Abkari sales and so secure better offers.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

From J. HANNAN, Esq., Superintending Engineer, II Circle, to the Collector of the Kistna District, dated Bezvada, 16th July 1889, No. 889 R.S.

With reference to your Extra No. 189, of the 9th instant, I have the honor to state that in the face of paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 1423, of 25th May 1875, I cannot allow the palmyra trees on canal and river banks to be tapped for toddy, though I see no reason whatever why they should not subject to the reservations you specify. I would suggest your moving Government on the subject.

Resolution—dated 6th August 1889, No. 277.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. As the Superintending Engineer raises no objection to the tapping of the toddy trees on the canal and river embankments, and as the power to allow them to be tapped may make a material difference to the Abkari Revenue, the Board support the recommendation contained in paragraph 5 of the Collector's letter. There will be no difficulty at all in the collection by the Abkari officers of the fee of 2 annas per tree proposed to be charged for the use of the trees and to be credited to the Public Works Department.

3. The Board request the favor of very early orders, and that, if possible, they may be communicated to the Collector by wire, as a knowledge that the trees on the canal and river embankments are available will not improbably affect the shop sales in the Bandar and Répalle taluks.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) HERBERT BRADLEY,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

„ Collector of the Kistna District.

„ Deputy Commissioner of Salt and Abkari Revenue,

Northern Division.

„ Assistant Commissioner of Salt and Abkari Revenue,

Masulipatam Sub-Division.

„ Inspectors, Manginapudi and Nizampatam Circles.

Order—dated 8th August 1889, No. 682, Revenue.

The Government sees no objection to allowing palmyra and date trees on canal and river banks to be tapped for toddy on the conditions stated by the Collector in paragraph 5 of his letter. The fee of 2 annas per tree collected for the use of the trees will be credited to the Public Works Department.

2. The licensees will not, however, be entitled to claim compensation for any trees withdrawn from the operation of their license or taken up for public purposes. In either of these cases, the tree-tax and fee chargeable for the use of the tree should be refunded or remitted.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue.
„ Public Works Department.

Resolution—dated 15th August 1889, No. 296.

Communicated to the Collector of Kistna.

2. The conditions prescribed by Government in paragraph 2 should be clearly explained to applicants for the trees.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) HERBERT BRADLEY,
Secretary.

To the Collector of the Kistna District.

„ Deputy Commissioner of Salt and Abkari Revenue, Northern Division.

„ Assistant Commissioner of Salt and Abkari Revenue, Masulipatam Sub-Division.

ORDER—dated 2nd December 1889, No. 968, Revenue.

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(True Extract.)

Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioners of Land Revenue.

Copy to the Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue.

„ „ Local and Municipal Department.

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