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28th October 1891, No. 2862 W., Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

Read—the following paper :—

From H. B. GRIGG, Esq., C.I.E., Acting Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Trivandrum, 17th October 1891, No. 153.

I have the honour to submit, for the orders of Government, copies of a correspondence containing the proposals of the Travancore Durbar for felling timber at the site of the Periyár lake connected with the Periyár project.

2. On the 23rd September 1889 the Dewan inquired of the Resident whether there is any objection to the Sirkar felling and removing, either through its agency or by its contractors, the timber which will soon be submerged on the lake to be formed by the Periyár project. Such timber, he said, will only be felled and removed as was not required on the works, and the felling operations will be carried on in communication with the British officers at the spot. He suggested that the trees which the Chief Engineer in charge of the works may desire to reserve should be marked off, and that the Sirkar should be at liberty to fell and remove the rest.

3. In communicating the request of the Durbar to Colonel Pennycuick, Mr. Hannyngton considered that it was reasonable and according to the terms of the lease, and invited the co-operation of Colonel Pennycuick.

4. In reply, Colonel Pennycuick stated that, while willing to afford every assistance for the removal of the timber, he thought that the arrangement suggested by the Dewan would not be practicable for the following reasons :—

(1) It would be impossible for his department to mark the precise trees which would be required, nor could he bind himself to take the trees so marked.

(2) That he must be free at any time to take whatever timber suited best.

(3) It would be extremely inconvenient to have two agencies felling and removing timber within the same area, as possibly quarrels and misunderstandings might arise.

(4) The more satisfactory arrangement would be for the Sirkar or its contractors to undertake the entire work of felling and removal, leaving his department the right of purchasing whatever he wanted for the work at certain fixed rates to be hereafter fixed.

(5) Above all, as a necessary preliminary to any co-operation being given, the removal of the Travancore Forest office to a point west of where his road leaves the main road, so that the traffic to and from the Periyár works shall not be interfered with by the forest officials.

5. The Dewan now informs me that the objections raised by Colonel Pennycuick, (1) to (4), would be removed by felling and depositing the timber on the sides of the road leading from Coomily to the dam and there sold to the British officers in conformity with Colonel Pennycuick's suggestion, the surplus timber being removed to the Coomily depôt from time to time.

6. With regard to the last objection (5), the Dewan states that, upon Mr. Vernede, the Conservator of Forests, personally explaining the necessity for retaining the depôt at its present site in the interest of forest revenue, Colonel Pennycuick has subsequently withdrawn his objection.

7. Under these circumstances, should Government see no objection, I request their sanction to the Dewan's proposals which have my support.

ENCLOSURES.

From T. RAMA ROW, Esq., Dewan of Travancore and Cochin, to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, dated Trivandrum, 23rd September 1889, No. 4666/P-197.

I shall be obliged by your informing me at your early convenience whether there is any objection to His Highness' Government felling and removing, either through contractors or their own agency, the timber which will soon be submerged in the lake to be formed by the Periyár project. Such timber only will be felled and removed as is not required on the works, and the felling operations will be carried on in communication with the British officers on the spot. If there be no objection, I shall be obliged by your kindly requesting Colonel Pennycuick to afford facilities to our contractors or officials. A good plan would probably be to mark off the trees which the Chief Engineer in charge of the works may desire to be reserved for his purposes, and leave this Government at liberty to fell and remove the rest.

From J. C. HANNYNGTON, Esq., Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Superintending Engineer, Periyár Project Works, dated Quilon, 25th September 1889, No. 854.

In forwarding copy of a letter to my address from the Dewan of Travancore, No. 4666/P-197, dated 23rd September 1889, I have the honour to request an expression of your views on the subject.

2. According to the terms of the lease upon which the site is occupied by the Madras Government, I understand that Government to be entitled to only such timber as may be required for the works, and the suggestion of the Dewan that such timber be marked off appears to me to be reasonable, and I have no doubt you will afford all due facilities to enable the Sirkar or their contractors to remove the other timber.

From Colonel J. PENNYCUICK, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Periyár Project Works, to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, dated Kodaikánal, 2nd October 1889, No. 1748-P.R.

In reply to your No. 854 of 25th September 1889, I have the honour to state that I shall be glad to afford every assistance to the Travancore Sirkar in their operations for the removal of the timber on the site of the Periyár lake, but that I do not think the arrangement suggested by the Dewan would be practicable.

2. It would not be possible for us at this period to mark the precise trees which we should require, nor could we bind ourselves to take the trees so marked and no others. We must be free at any time to take whatever timber suits us best. Moreover it would be extremely inconvenient to have two agencies at work felling and removing timber within the same area. Quarrels and misunderstandings would certainly arise.

3. As far as I can judge the only satisfactory arrangement would be for the Travancore Sirkar or its contractors to undertake the entire work of felling and removal, leaving to us the right of purchasing whatever we want for our own works at certain fixed rates to be fixed by us. Exactly what these rates should be I cannot say at present, but will let you know in a few days after I have consulted the Executive Engineer.

4. I must, however, observe that a necessary preliminary to any assistance or co-operation on our part must be the removal of the Travancore Forest office to a point west of where our road leaves the main road, so that the traffic to and from the Periyár works shall not be interfered with by the Forest officials. I have already brought to your notice the inconvenience caused by the presence of this office, and I had hoped that before this time arrangements would have been made for its removal.

5. Until it is removed I must decline to assist the Travancore Forest Department in any way whatever.

From T. RAMA ROW, Esq., Dewan of Travancore and Cochin, to the Acting Resident in Travancore and Cochin, dated Trivandrum, 14th October 1891, No. 5086/255.

I have the honour to acknowledge your letter No. 1223, dated 22nd ultimo.

2. In Colonel Pennycuick's letter, dated 2nd October 1889, No. 1748, forwarded for my views, he suggested the felling and removal of the timber on the site of the Periyár dam by our contractors, leaving it to the British officers to purchase whatever timber they required for the works at certain fixed rates. In regard to this I beg to observe that what our Conservator of Forests now proposes to do is in conformity with Colonel Pennycuick's suggestion. The timber

will be removed and deposited on the sides of the road leading from Coomily to the dam and there sold to the British officers, the surplus being removed to the Coomily depôt from time to time as may be convenient.

3. In para. 4 of his letter Colonel Pennycuick took objection to the site of the Coomily depôt and suggested its removal to the west of the junction of the main road and the road to the Periyár works. From the enclosed extract from a letter from our late Conservator of Forests, it will be observed that this objection was subsequently withdrawn by Colonel Pennycuick upon Mr. Vernede personally explaining to him the necessity for retaining the depôt at its present site in the interests of our forest revenue.

4. In these circumstances arrangements will be made by this Government for the felling and removal of the timber by contractors under the supervision of our forest agency.

EXTRACT of a letter from the Conservator of Forests, dated the 17th February 1890, No. 87.

"With regard to changing the site of the Coomily depôt, I explained to Colonel Pennycuick the reasons why I was unwilling to do so; first, by doing so, we should lose all control over the forests in the vicinity of the depôt, as there are several bye, paths by which timber could be removed if the depôt were not on its present site; second, there is not a suitable spot which I could conveniently fix on for a depôt elsewhere in the vicinity, and, third, as the surplus timber on the project works is to be removed by a contractor, it will be necessary to have a depôt as close to the boundary as possible, so as to ascertain the quantities of timber taken down the ghât and to grant passes for the same.

"Colonel Pennycuick at once saw the necessity for this and agreed to withdraw his objection to the present site of the depôt provided that the depôt authorities should not interfere with the private property of the officers employed in the Periyár works when such property is taken to and from the Periyár, and, second, that the timber carts should not be allowed to block the public road during the time the carts are being loaded with timber. As I considered these objections reasonable, I have guaranteed that carts containing private property will not be interfered with by the depôt subordinates, and that the road close to the depôt will be kept clear of timber carts. To do this a cart-stand close to the depôt will be necessary, and I have made arrangements with the Superintendent of the depôt to establish a cart-stand off the road close to the depôt without delay and have given him orders not to interfere with carts containing the personal property of the officers connected with the works."

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

24th October 1891.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

ORDER—dated 28th October 1891, No. 2862 W., Public Works.

The arrangements proposed for the felling and removal of timber by the Travancore Government at the head works of the Periyár Project and for the selection of the timber required by British officers are approved.

2. The question of the rates to be paid for the timber required for the project will be reported on by the Superintendent of works. The rates should only include cost of felling and incidental charges connected therewith, the British Government having already, under the terms of the lease, a right to the timber itself.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintendent of Works, Periyár Project.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Political Department.

Exd. S. J. Pereira.
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Govt. of {1891} Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated October, 28th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 28th Oct. 1891, No. 2862 W.

OCTOBER.

Timber at the head works of the Periyar Project

Approving of arrangements proposed for felling and removal of — by the Travancore Government and their selection by British officers, the question of rates to be paid for the timber required for the project being reported on by the Superintendent of Works.

No. 153 2862/3

Resident's Office,
Trivandrum 17th October 1891

From

A B Grigg Esquire C.S.I. 10
Aft. Resident in Travancore and Cochin,

To

The Honorable J F Price
Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for the orders of Government copies of a correspondence containing the proposals of the Travancore Durbar for felling timber at the site of the Perriar lake connected with the Perriar Project.

2. On the 23d September 1889 the Dewan enquired of the Resident whether there is any objection to the Sirkar felling and removing either through its agency or by its contractors the timber which will soon be submerged on the lake to be formed by the Perriar Project. Such timber he

said will only be felled and removed as was not required on the works, and the felling operations will be carried on in communication with the British officers at the spot. He suggested that the trees which the Chief Engineer in charge of the works may desire to reserve should be marked off and that the Sirkar should be at liberty to fell and remove the rest.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedt servant

G. B. Foss

Ag Resident.

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From
The Resident in
Travancore & Cochin

To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George

D/17th Octr/91.

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CHIEF SECRETARY
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Forwards for the orders of Government copies of correspondence re- the felling of Timber on the site of the Perriar Project.

Endorsed

P. W. CURRENT No. 11259

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Political Department.

From
The Resident in Travancore & Cochin.

To
The Chief Secretary to Government,
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J. C. Hannyngton Esquire
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Sir,

Subject
Felling timber at the site of the Periar Lake

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I have &c
(sd) T. Rama Row
Dewan.

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Resident's Office
On circuit
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From
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Office of the Supg Engr.
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Periyar Project works.

To
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Supdg Engr Periyar Project

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(True Extract)

(Sd) T. Rama Row
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H. P. [illegible]
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