

Educational Department.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper?—

From V. Ramasawmy Nayudu, Ootacamund, dated 13th August 1895.

Telegram from S.K. Ramasami Aiyar, Head Accountant, Small Cause Court and other officials, Madras, dated 14th August 1895.

Endorsement of the Public Works Department, dated 23rd August 1895, No. 3560 C., transferring petition from R. Casavulu Nayudu and T. Sadasivam Pillai, Clerks, Public Works Department Secretariat, praying that they may be recommended for admission to the Precise Writing Test Examination to be held in October 1895.

From C. Shunmugasundra Mudaliar and certain clerks employed in the Customs House, Madras.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue) dated 19th August 1895, No. 3519.

ORDER

O R D E R, dated 12th September 1895, No. 760

As it has been decided to hold G.O. dated 9th July 1895, No. 571, Educational, in abeyance until after October 1896, the petitioners will be eligible to appear for the Special Test examinations to be held on the next two occasions.

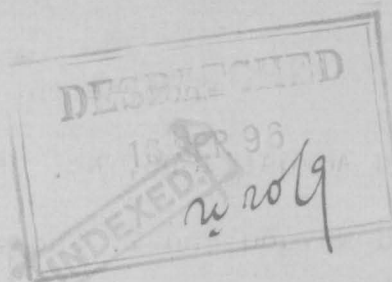
(True Extract)

Ag. Under Secretary,
for Chief Secretary.

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Ans: 16.9.95

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TO

The Public Works Department (with applications &c. returned)
C. Shunmugasundra Mudaliar and 17 others, clerks in the
Customs House, Madras.
The Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue)
V. Ramasawmy Nayudu (with application &c. returned)
S.R. Ramasawmy Iyer and other officials, Small Cause Court,
Madras.

The Commissioner for Govt. Examinations
B. No. 2303 W. 16 September 1895
Communicated to the
Applicants.

13.9.95
R. G. S. Chas
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No. 1172
R. 476 41088

Conservator's Office
Quilon 24th June 1895

To

The Dewan of Travancore
to to to

Sir

Subject
Periyar Timber

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. R 327 of 19th Instant, asking for certain information about the surplus timber at the Periyar Project.

2. I must first explain that at Cumily we have contracted with a merchant who fells timber and brings it to the depot from whence he himself removes it on payment of certain rates. We do not, as at other depots have the timber collected by contractors from whom we take it over to sell it to the general public at a fixed tariff.

3. It so happens therefore that I have no definite information as to what the contractor obtains for his timber at Cumily.

4. Nor have I anything to show me what it costs the contractor to cut and deliver timber at

the depot.

5. I now proceed to answer the questions you ask.

(1) Q. Royalty obtainable on the timber

A. No special royalty

(2) Q. Probable price to be realized for it.

A. Mr. Sealy places the figure at 15/10 for Teak Blackwood and Rs 7-8 for Venteak and Red cedar. In my former letter I mentioned one Rupee per candy which would be about the same as Mr. Sealy says. I am inclined to think that this is too high a value. I therefore put the value at 12 Rs and 6 Rs for the above two classes.

(3) Q. The cost of transmission to Shekkadai

A. Impossible to say as the timber seems to be scattered in different places.

(4) Q. The Mellavom or depot profit

A. Teakwood	In logs 5 1/4	Sawn 6 1/4	per candy
Myle, Vengai Kongu	4 1/4	5 1/4	do
Kongu, Sembahapala			
Junglewood	2 3/4	3 1/4	do

6. Putting these figures together we get the following

result..	Purchase price according to Mr. Sealy	Depot profit	Total exclusive of cost of delivery	Estimated value	Profit
Teak & Blackwood	4-11	5-4	9-15	12--	2-1
Vengai	4-11	4-4	8-15	12--	3-1
Junglewood	4-11	2-12	7-7	6--	Loss of 1-7

It will thus be seen that at the rates proposed it will not pay us to buy any but the first three mentioned timbers.

7. The British Government should be asked to deliver the timber that we agree to take over either at Shekkadai itself or on the side of the road leading to Shekkadai from the Project, for as it is at present situated the cost of transport is quite uncertain and might be so heavy as to swallow up the expected profit.

8. If the timber is squared and delivered on the roadside it would, as I calculate, pay government to take it over at a rate not exceeding 6 Rs a candy for teak, blackwood and vengai and 3 Rs a candy for the junglewoods.

I have to
(Signed) J. F. Bowdillon
Conservator of Forests

(True copy)

(Signed) Shungrasooher
Dewan

(True copy)

Thosman
Resident

N^o R. 388

Huzur Cutcherry

Trivandrum 6th July 1895

The British Resident in Travancore and Cochin

Sir

With reference to your letters noted in the margin regarding the surplus timber at the Periyar Project works, I have the honor to state that I have been in communication with the Conservator of Forests and the Superintendent and Magistrate of the Cardamom Hills on the subject and from information furnished by those officers I find that the proposal made by the Superintendent of the Project works, namely that His Highness' Government should take over the surplus timber at Rs 21-14- per 100 Cft, would not only not pay, but would subject His Highness' Government to positive loss. From the enclosed copy of Mr Bowditch's letter N^o 1172 dated 24th ultimo, it will be seen that without taking into account the cost of transport of the timber to Chekkaday, the nearest place where it could be sold, the rates proposed by the Superintendent of the Project works would entail on Government a loss of Rs 1-7-

N^o 691 dated 28th February 1895

Reminder dated 27th June ..

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On 10/5/95

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To	
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on every candy of junglewood; and if the transmission charges (which there is at present no means of ascertaining) be added, the actual loss will be still greater and I fear the estimated profit in respect of teak, blackwood and Vengai may be more than absorbed by the charges.

2. I may be permitted to observe that it is not quite clear of what the cost price adverted to in the Superintendent's ^{letter} embodied in the G.O. forwarded with your letter Ref: on C. No 691 is made up - whether it includes anything more than the cost actually incurred in felling the timber or in squaring or sawing it in the case of corought timber. All timber, not required in connection with the Project works, is the property of His Highness' Government and the lease only provides for the felling of what timber may be actually needed for the purposes of those works. I do not mean to raise the question as to whether it was not possible to have avoided the felling of so much timber, but I trust that it will not be denied that His Highness' Government have right to the full value of the surplus timber minus what has been actually expended in connection with it by the British authorities.

3. The Conservator of Forests thinks that

if the timber is squared and delivered on the road-side it may be taken at a rate not exceeding 6 Rs a candy for teak, blackwood and Vengai and 3 Rs a candy for the junglewoods. These are the highest rates at which His Highness' Government will be justified in taking over the timber. But as I believe the actual cost of felling and working the timber and carrying it to the roadside would fall short of the above rates, I request that arrangements may be made to deliver the timber on the roadside at such rates not being under any circumstances in excess of those above indicated as would just cover the actual outlay involved.

I have to
|Signed| Shungrasoolyer
Dewan

|True copy|

Shungrasoolyer
Resident

P.P.

9/2

Ref. on No. 2088
1895

CURRENT No. 1015

Residents Office

Trivandrum 25th July 1895

From

James Thomson Esquire

Resident in Travancore and Cochin

To

The Chief Secretary to Government

Coimbatore

Sir,

With reference to G.O. dated 19th February 1895 No. 429 W forwarded with your endorsement No. 397 of the 26th idem, I have the honor to report for the information of Government that the Travancore Durbar is willing to take the surplus timber of the Periyar Division, if it is delivered on the road side, at such rates not being under any circumstances in excess of Rs 6 a candy for teak, blackwood and Jengai and Rs 3 a candy for junglewood, as would just cover the actual outlay incurred on it by Government. Copies of the Dewan's letter on the subject and of its enclosure are herewith submitted for perusal. If the terms offered by the Dewan are accepted I shall, as directed in the G.O. under reply request him to depute one of his subordinates to take delivery.

I have the honor to be
your most obedient servant

James Thomson
Resident

B. order at
Madras.

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P.O. Dept.
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To
O. N. 1015

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CURRENT No. 7015

1895

From The Resident in Travancore and Cochin

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Ootacamund

Ref: on Encl 2088
1895

Dated 25th July 1895

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Received & Regd 31--

No. 429 W of 19-2-95
2285 C of 15-7-95
1730 W of 11-6-95
2241 W of 3-12-91
2862 W of 28-10-91
545 W of 7-11-87
928 W of 23-12-86
308 W of 6-4-86
2867 W of 12-12-85
1925 C of 23-11-85
625 W of 4-7-84
356 W of 27-4-83

Reporting that the Travancore Durbar is willing to take the surplus timber of the Periyar Division at certain rates and forwarding copies of the Dewan's letter on the subject and of its enclosure.

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P. N. CURRENT No. 6024

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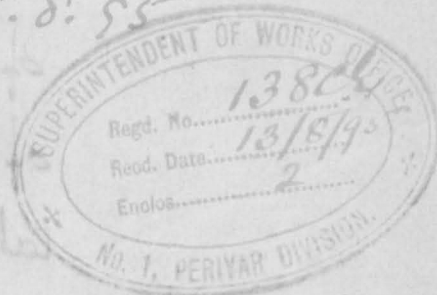
Encl No 1784
Transferred to the Public Works Department.

Ranis.

as Under Secretary.

Ootacamund
2nd August 1895

Received 3/VIII/95 Encl 2
Repts: 6.8.55



The Public Works Dept.

No. 2481 C. d/10 August 1895.

Referred to the Superintendent of Works Periyar Project for remarks.

Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

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6/8.12/95

CHM

No. 9288.

Office of Supt of Works

No. 1 Periyar Division

Periyar 3rd September 1895

From

G. D. Pears Esq.

Superintendent of Works
No. 1 Periyar Division

To

The Chief Engineer,
Public Works Department
Madras

Enclosures
one file

Sir,
In reply to your endorsement No. 2481 C. dated 10th August 1895 on the file herewith returned I have the honor to report as follows:—

With regard to the Dewan's para 2 my former expression "cost-price" meant the actual cost involved in getting the logs into their present condition, viz felling, topping, hauling into depots, and, in the case of some depots which were situated at low levels, hauling these depots up to higher levels again.

to save them from submersion by the rising lake.

2. With regard to the Dewan's para 3, he is in error in believing that the timber can be delivered at Thekady for the prices he offers. It has already cost Rs 21-14-0 per 100 (= Rs 3-6-8 per candy) where it lies in unsquared logs in the forest depots. I calculate that it would cost exactly 4 annas a cubic foot to square and remove to Thekady, i.e. a further Rs 3-14-6 per candy. We should thus have spent Rs 7-5-2 per candy on the timber by the time it was squared and delivered at Thekady, and at the prices offered by the Dewan we should therefore be losers to the extent of Rs 1-5-2 per candy on the Superior woods, and of Rs 4-5-2 on the jungle woods.

3. On the other hand by refusing the Dewan's offer and abandoning the timber we lose its present value altogether viz, Rs 3-6-8 per candy. It would thus

thus benefit us to accept his offer as regards the Superior woods, but would only increase our loss by Rs 0-14-6 per candy to accept it in regard to the jungle wood.

4. If you consider the Dewan's letter as final I should therefore recommend that his offer be accepted for the Superior woods and rejected as regards the others. But it is essential that the condition be made that either the whole lot shall be accepted on delivery (squared) at Kumili, good, bad and indifferent, or that if the Dewan intends - as would seem to be implied in the Conservator's para 7 - to select only the best logs, such selection shall be made before we begin to square or to move the timber and also before our launches, and its winches begin to be dismantled, i.e. before the 1st November next.

We

We cannot run the risk that after -
 Squaring all the timber or after towing
 it to the kady nine tenths of it may be
 rejected by a capricious or interested
 depot Superintendent as unsound;
 neither will my above calculations hold
 good if the towing has to be done after the
 launches and winches have stopped
 work.

5 I would offer a few further remarks
 however on the Travancore Conservator's
 letter which may induce you to discuss the
 matter further with the Dewan.

6. In the first place you will notice
 that in the statement in his para 6
 the Conservator places the depot profit -
 (which I understand to be only another
 name for a royalty) on the charge side
 of his account. It may be that depot
 "profit" is a clerical error for depot
 "charges", and is meant to cover the
 establishment and other charges of
 the depot, but this is very improbable,
 and

and if it is not so, then it would appear
 that the Conservator proposes first to clear
 the whole of the usual royalty before he
 begins to reckon any further profit or loss.
 In this case (taking his figures as they
 stand) the Travancore Government would
 clear the following total profit:

Depot profit, further profit, Total profit

Teak and blackwood - Rs 5-4-0 + Rs 2-1-0 = Rs 7-5-0

Vengai — Rs 4-4-0 + Rs 3-1-0 = Rs 7-5-0

Junglewood — Rs 2-12-0 — Rs 1-7-0 = Rs 1-5-0

There would thus be not only the very
 handsome profit to them of Rs 7-5-0 per candy
 on 665.03 Candies of Teak, blackwood and
 Vengai, but also of Rs 1-7-0 per candy on
 783.16 Candies of junglewood: and this
 last would be absolute profit to the Travancore
 Government albeit less than the usual
 depot profit. There would thus be to them
 a total profit of Rs 5,987-13-2.

7. The only other point to be noticed is
 the prices offered in the Conservator's
 last para and confirmed by the
 Dewan

* These figures differ
 slightly from those
 in my former letter
 owing to some recent
 receipts & issues:
 they represent the
 present actual stock
 available to be handed
 over to Travancore.
 S. D. P.

Dewan of Rs 6 per candy (= Rs 0-6-2 per c-ft) for the Superior woods and of Rs 3 per candy (= Rs 0-3-1 per c-ft) for the jungle woods. The prices for which timber is today being sold by the Travancore Contractor at Kumbili are Rs 16 per candy for the Superior and about Rs 5 per candy for the jungle wood. The Conservator has thus allowed so very wide a margin in favour of his Government that you may consider it worthwhile to press for a reconsideration of this point.

8. Should you be able to demonstrate the fallacy of the Conservator's calculation in his para 6, or to obtain a reconsideration of the prices offered in his para 8, or both, it will be worthwhile to hand over the jungle wood, as well as the Superior wood logs, to the Travancore Government, provided that the further concession which you may obtain shall be worth not less than Rs 1-4-0 (to allow a small margin for contingencies) per

per candy, over and above their present offer.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

S. D. Vans.

Superintendent of Works
No 1 Periyar Division.
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From

The Superintendent of
Works No. 1 Periyar St.

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Dept.
Madras

P. W. CURRENT No. 6797

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Station Periyar

Dated 3rd September 95

Enclosures one file

No. 92 G.O.

Surplus timber:—

Submitting certain remarks
about the disposal of —
to Travancore Government

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. 2304 Wd/17th September 1895

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

Endorsement in the Political
Dept. on letter from the
Resident in Travancore
Cochin Ref: on C. No. 2088
1895
dated 25th July 1895

H.E. No. 1784 of 2nd August 1895

Letter from the Supd. of Works No. 1 Periyar St. " 92 C.E. of 3rd Sept 95

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The Resident in
Travancore will place
the foregoing letter from
the Superintendent of Works
before the Dewan and
ascertain whether

(1) if the timber be
delivered at Kumili the
Travancore Government
will accept the whole lot
irrespective of quality,
(2) if it is not prepared
to do this, it will arrange
to have a selection made
before the timber is
squared

squared or moved.
 (3) in consideration of the
 points now brought forward
 by the Supt. of Works, the
 Travancore Government
 will take over the timber
 at the actual cost to
 the British Government
 of delivering it at Kumili,
 the rate in no case
 to exceed Rs 7-4-0 per
 candy for the superior
 timbers and Rs 4-4-0
 per candy for the inferior.

W.S.

Disposal of surplus
 timber at Periyar.

No 2304 W.S. 17 Sep: 1895

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To.
 The Resident in Travancore
 (thru' the Political Dept)
 " Supt. of Works, Periyar Project.

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