

Public Works (1897) Department.

✓ G.O., No. 1561 W

^{10th}
DATED 8 June 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Theft Case in Chidambaram Taluk: Correspondence in regard to certain points noticed in connection with the case of theft of trees from a Govt. tree in the ~~Taluk~~ Chidambaram Taluk South Arcot dt and in respect of the action taken on the Govt. Magistrate's judgment in the case, recorded.

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G.O. No 3663 W dated 19th December 1896 sanctioned the payment of a fee of Rs 150 to the Govt. Pleader, S. Arcot, for conducting the prosecution of certain persons for the theft in February 1896 of firewood belonging to the Public works Dept. which was stacked at Vandiantope in Chidambaram Taluq, but at the same time the Suptg. Engineer, V. Circle, was called on to report on the following points, with reference to His Excellency's ^{*}rescript dated 12th Decr. 96, :—

- (1) Was there real necessity for employing the Govt. Pleader in such a trivial case.
- (2) The circumstances in which the P.W. Dept. is in charge of the

the fuel plantation.

(3) How the sale of the wood to the contractor at less than market rates could be justified. ~~as~~ The temptation to commit the theft would not have existed if the wood had been sold for market rates.

The reply received from the Suptg. Engineer explained

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(1) That the Govt. Pleader was retained on the recommendation of the Magistrate who tried the case, the accused having employed a pleader. Further that it was important to secure a conviction as thefts of wood are common though very difficult to detect.

(2) That the fuel plantation in question is a ~~tope~~ on river Padugai in the occupation of the P.W.D., and that the trees on it are used

used as a reserve of fire-

-wood for brickburning &c.

and (3) That the rate at which the wood was sold is that at which wood has been issued to piece workers for brickburning for many years, and that an increase in the rate for wood would involve an increase in the cost of bricks.

On this His Excellency in his rescript dated 17th Feby 97 inquired.

(1) whether the Chief Engineer was satisfied with the reason alleged for selling the wood to the brick makers below market rates, and (2) whether any action has been taken with respect to the departmental watchmen and masonry who repeatedly have neglected their duty.

A reference was made to the

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the Supt. Engineer who reports

(1) That he is not satisfied with the reason given for selling the wood below market rates and that he has ordered the Supt. Engineer for the future to see that Govt. wood is supplied for brickmaking at market rates, and

(2) That the pay of the masonry has been reduced, and the services of the watchman dispensed with.

The undersigned agrees with the Supt. Engineer that the reason given for selling the wood below market rates is unsatisfactory, but considers that the action taken by him meets the circumstances of the case.

Submitted that the correspondence may now be recorded.

3/5/97

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Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 4803

In Orders

Submitted with reference to his own note of 17.2.97, on the paper flagged +

From

The Supt. Engineer

No. 77th

Dated 14th May 1897.

Received 15.5.97

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SUBJECT.

Judgement in the case of the Babul trees in the limits of Pauda - Poyirappur & Arasur.

Reporting that the pay of the masonry remarked in the - was reduced & the services of the watchman dispensed with.

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BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
	1122C	P. W.	24-2-97.
	3663 W	"	19-12-96
	179 W	"	20-1-96

FURTHER PAPERS

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

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Chopák, 14th May 1897.

From

Smith Coll. C. C. Pawson Rh.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, V CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer

P. W. Department.

SIR,

SIR,

With reference to your Memorandum N. 1122 C dated 24th February/97 I have the honour to report that I am not satisfied with the reason given for selling the wood to the brick-makers below market rates. & in order to check this I have directed the Executive Eng^{rs} for the future to see that Government wood is supplied for making bricks at market rates - The pay of the Draughtsman has been reduced & the services of the Watcher dispensed with.

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your most obed^t serv^t

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& the Super-Engineer should
state whether any
action has been
taken with respect
to this.

20/2/97

Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 1299

For Orders, with reference to
His Engr's note of 12.12.96,
on the paper flagged A.

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From The Super-Engineer
5th Grade.

No. 45W.

1. The C.E. satisfied with the reasons
alleged for selling the wood to the brick-
makers below market rates?
2. The departmental watchmen and masonry
mentioned in para. 3 of the judgment would
seem to have neglected their duty. Has
any action been taken with respect to
them?

A.S.#
17.2.97

Dated 4th February 1897.

Received 5.2.97

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Submits explanation for
employment of Government-
Pleader in connection with
the theft of certain trees
in Chudamboram Taluq.

S.S.V. Engr.

C.A.W.
S.A.W.

4.13/2/97 & 18/2/97.

With reference to your No. 9 S.A.
dated 6 January 1897, I have the honour to
report as follows:—

1. The services of the Public Prosecutor were asked for on the recommendation of the Magistrate, who tried the case, the other side having employed a pleader; and it was important that no failure should occur in the conduct of the case for want of assistance. Thefts of wood are common, though very difficult to detect, and it was important to secure a conviction as an example.
2. The tope is on river Padugai in the occupation of the Public Works Department, and the trees on it are used as a reserve of firewood for use when required for brick burning or other purposes.
3. The rate is that at which wood has been issued to piece-workers for brick burning for many years - An increase in the rate for wood would involve an increase in the cost of bricks.

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Copy submitted to the Chief Engineer, Public
Works Department, with reference to para
2 of G. O. No. 3663 W d/19. December 1896.

Chambers

4/2/97

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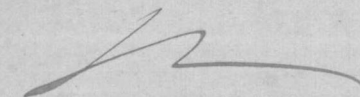
Superintending Engineer,
V. Circle

4th Feb 1897.

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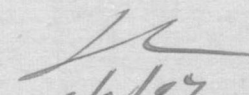
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For order with
reference to the
H. E. note.

The question in
para 2 of the note
must be referred
to the J. S. for reply.

C
18/2/87

S. P. has better report
on both points


19/2/87