

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 252 W

DATED 26 January

[Despatch Abstract.]

Elephants: Pro: Revenue Dept. Considering that P.W. Officers to whom - are sent should take complete charge of and be responsible for the animals. Contd. To D. L. which for guidance and necessary action with reference to the ~~Comptroller~~ ~~Officers~~ and ~~the~~ ~~these~~ animals for work on the Anamalais.

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SUBJECT.
Agreeing with the Board of Rev.
and the Conservator of Forests Southern
Circle in considering that the P.W.
officers to whom elephants are
lent should take charge of and
be responsible for the animals
and stating that necessary in-
structions will be issued to the officers
concerned in the P.W. Dept.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings of the

Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) dated 16th December 1896,
Forest No. 1627 Misc on the following letter from the Con-
servator of Forests, S.C. dated 12th December 1896, Ref: 5n.

Cur: No. 2168 :-

I have the honour to communicate for the information of the Forest Member a copy of my order transferring certain elephants to South Coimbatore for use by the Executive Engineer, Anamalais as desired in Proceedings, Forest No. 1585 Misc, dated 7th instant.

2. I understand from Mr. Hannan that two elephants will suffice for the work and then only occasionally be required to carry baggage. It will be difficult to arrange to lend in this way and it would be best for the Executive Engineer to take a complete charge of and be responsible for the animals which otherwise will be left too much to mahouts and canadies with no one really looking after them.

3. I trust the Board will see their way to relieving the Departmental officers from all responsibility for the safety and health of the animals while employed under the orders of others and will approve of their transfer to the D.P.W.

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completely so long as they are employed upon this work. I would also bring to the Board's notice that there is considerable difficulty in arranging for elephants establishment in the case of transfer of elephants in these Southern districts, the mahouts being local tribesmen and very difficult to secure especially in Coimbatore.

Resolution.

Submitted to Government with reference to Government

Order Misc No. 4980 Revenue Department, dated 5th Instant. *not read*

The Board approved of the Conservator's proposals.

Order thereon, No. 101 Misc, d/7th January 1897.

The Government agrees with the Conservator and the Board in considering that the Public Works officers to whom the elephants are lent should take complete charge of and be responsible for, the animals. The necessary instructions to this effect will be issued to the officers in question in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract)

Donal Davidson

7/5/97
for Ag: Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) with 2 encs.