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Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultations

24th March 1857

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Order no 280 dated 24th March 1857

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 24th March 1857.

No. 29. Read the following letter from *H. F. C. CLEGHORN, Esq., M. D. Conservator of Forests*; to the Secretary to Government Revenue Department, *Fort Saint George*; dated *Madras 12th March 1857, No. 33.*

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 1261, 28th November 1856, and Extract Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 72, 8th January 1857, containing copy of a letter from Mr. Fisher, Collector of Canara, No. 141, 19th December 1856, relating to the prices charged to the Bombay Government for timber supplied to their Agent.

It appears to me that the Agent of the Bombay Government has no reason to complain of the principles, upon which the value of timber supplied to that Government is fixed. Mr. Fisher remarks that the Agent has "the choice of all timber brought down to the coast, and such as he selects having been set apart, the rest is sold by public auction." The Bombay Government it will be observed are thus supplied with *selected timber* at the same rates as are obtained for all that is *rejected* by their Agent.

I concur in the opinion expressed by Mr. Fisher that if the Agent "entered the market really, instead of nominally, and bid or employed others to bid at the annual sales, it would be found that higher prices than have ever yet been charged would be readily paid by private individuals, and that the Government would only become purchasers at rates considerably in advance of those objected to."

I am now proceeding to Sirree to visit the Forests in question, and I would therefore defer expressing any further opinion on this subject, until I have had an opportunity of conferring with Mr. Fisher, and if possible, with the Bombay Government Agent, or other authorities.

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, No. 280; dated 24th March 1857.

The Government will await the further report promised by the Conservator of Forests in the concluding para. of his letter recorded above.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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Office of Conservator of Forests

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