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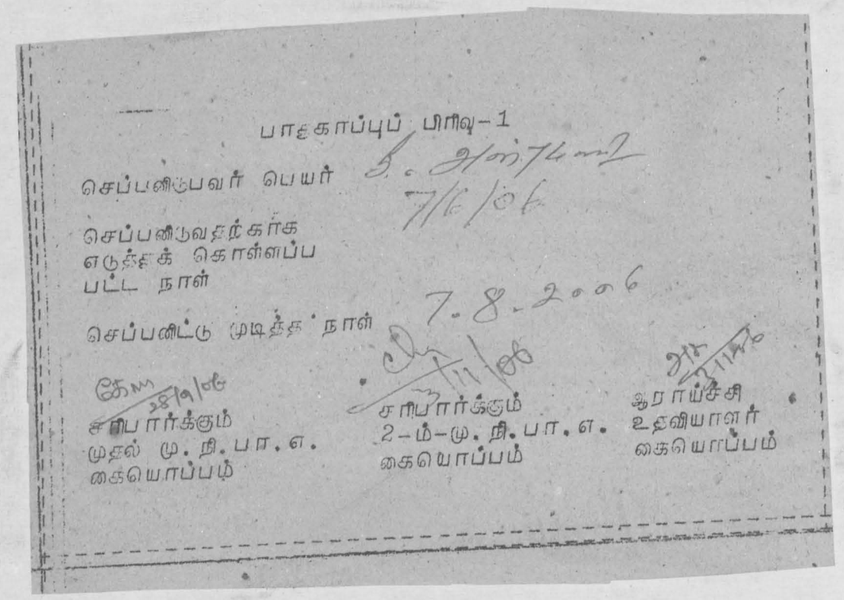
Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultations

31st March 1857.

Book Nos 13 - 14.

Order no 290 dated 25th March 1857



Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 31st March 1857.

No. 13. Read the following letter *from H. F. C. CLEGHORN, Esq., Conservator of Forests; to the Chief Secretary to Government Fort St. George, dated Madras 9th March 1857, No. 30.*

SIR,

Agreeably to the orders of Government, I have been engaged in examining the qualifications of numerous candidates for employment in the Conservancy Department, and with reference to para. 3 of Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 19th December 1856, No. 1332, I have now the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying list of persons, whom I would recommend for employment as Assistant Conservators.

2. I have suffered a great loss in the removal of Captain Michael to Hyderabad; his experience in the Tenasserim Provinces and the Annamallays was calculated to have rendered him a valuable coadjutor in organizing the Forest Department, and in giving practical aid to the Assistants especially, as it is almost impossible in this country to find any person practically acquainted with the management of Forests. For this reason, I am most anxious to secure the services of Captain D. Hamilton for the Annamallay Forests, so long as his Regiment shall remain in the division, Captain Michael having reported that Captain Hamilton "is the only man who knows the localities and the nature of the work."

3. In consequence of the difficulty already mentioned, and also because I find that in the Tenasserim Provinces, some of the appointments have not given satisfaction, I have informed the parties selected for recommendation, that their appointments will be probationary as in the Commissariat, until the qualifications of each have been sufficiently tested.

4. The subject of travelling allowances to Assistant Conservators and Overseers in the Department has also engaged my attention, and on further consideration, I would respectfully suggest that such portions of paras. 4 and 5 of General Orders, No. 29 of 1857, dated 3d February, as apply to executive Engineers and Overseers in the Department of Public Works, should respectively apply to Assistant Conservators and Overseers in this Department, (the latter being also applicable to the Head writer, when travelling with me,) and that their allowances should be as follows; viz., Assistant Conservators Rupees 5 per diem, when called upon to travel beyond their range, Overseers and Head Writer Rupee 1-8 per diem, and if at any time called upon to post, 4 annas per mile without other travelling allowances. If considered desirable, I would submit at an early date, a draft of the rules above referred to, amended to suit the circumstances of the Forest Department.

5. I would also suggest that I should be permitted to expend, without reference to Government, a sum not exceeding Rupees 500 in cases of emergency where delay might entail loss or inconvenience; as for example, the construction or improvement of a jungle road or timber slip, whereby the economical conveyance of timber may be greatly facilitated and where there might be no time for reference to Government.

6. It will be observed, that I have not made any recommendation for the highest appointment Rupees 400, as I am now in communication with parties at a distance.

7. I proceed on my proposed tour on the 14th instant, and in the event of the arrangements I have recommended being sanctioned, I trust that the Assistant in charge of this office may be authorized to countersign abstracts and contingent bills, my object being to facilitate business, and enable me to devote more time to the practical duties of the Department.

List of persons recommended for appointment as Assistant Conservators in the Forest Department.

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J. T. Maclagan, Esq.	Rupees 200	In charge of the Conservator's office.....	To audit accounts at the Presidency, with permission of Government, being a professional accountant and thoroughly a man of business.

(Signed) H. F. C. CLEGHORN,
Conservator of Forests.

MADRAS,
9th March 1857.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, *No.* 290, *dated* 25*th March* 1857.

1. With reference to para. 3 Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 19th December last, No. 1332, the Conservator of Forests forwards a list of persons whom he would recommend for employment as Assistant Conservators, and submits certain recommendations regarding their travelling allowances and upon other matters.

2. Agreeably to the recommendation of the Conservator, the gentlemen named by him have been appointed Assistant Conservators; and the Government are of opinion that Dr. Cleghorn has acted judiciously in intimating to them that their appointments will be probationary, until the qualifications of each shall have been sufficiently tested.

3. As regards travelling allowances, the Conservator suggests that "such portions of paras. 4 and 5 of General Orders dated 3d February 1857, No. 29, as apply to executive Engineers and Overseers in the P. W. D. should respectively apply to Assistant Conservators and Overseers in the Forest Department (the latter being also applicable to the Head Writer when travelling with him) and that their allowances should be as follows; viz., Assistant Conservators Rs. 5 per diem when called upon to travel beyond their range; Overseers and Head Writer Rs. 1-8-0 per diem, and if at any time called upon to post, 4 annas per mile without other travelling allowances."

4. In his letter of the 9th August 1856, Dr. Cleghorn proposed that except in the case of the two officers to be employed on general circuit, "no travelling allowance should be given on "the ground that the appointments were necessarily not of a stationary character, and that to be

"efficient, the officers required to be always equipped for moving about within their ranges." In their letter of the 2d September following, submitting Dr. Cleghorn's scheme for the sanction of the Government of India, this Government distinctly stated (para. 11) that when the tours of exploration of the two officers to be employed on general circuit were completed, they would be placed on the same footing as the other Assistants; that is, that they would have office Establishments on the same scale, and that their travelling allowances would cease. Thus it will be seen that it was not intended that travelling allowance should be permanently continued to the two circuit officers, or granted to the other Assistant Conservators, much less to the Overseers and Head Writer mentioned by Dr. Cleghorn. The Government must therefore decline to accede to this part of Dr. Cleghorn's recommendation.

5. As suggested in para. 5 of his letter, the Conservator is authorized to expend, without previous reference to Government, a sum not exceeding five hundred Rupees, in cases where delay might entail loss or inconvenience; but he will report all such items of expenditure, after they have been incurred, for the approval of Government.

6. For the reasons stated in para. 7, the Government approve of Dr. Cleghorn's proposal that the Assistant in charge of his office should sign abstracts and contingent bills during his absence from the Presidency.

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

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Revenue 1857 Report

Dr to Cons 9th March

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Adams 9th March 1857

From the Conservator of Forests 27th

May 57 & N° 346 - inclosing

Recommends payment as

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With an Order of 25th Instant 57

N° 290.

No 104 of 1856

Dharwar Cotton Gin Factory

11th November 1856.

From C. F. Forbes Esqr
Asst Collr Factory

To,

S. St. J. Gordon Esqre.
Dy Assistant Collector in charge
Dharwar

Dhar Observations Office

Sir.

Letter from the Acting Collector of Canara No. 58 of 24th April 1856.
Letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue No. 880 of 23d May 1856.
Letter from the Secretary to the Government of Saint George No. 180 of 3d July 1856.

With regard to the correspondence as per margin transmitted for my information, I would most respectfully beg to observe that the object of the proposals made by me for the preservation of timber, to meet the future wants of Government Establishments at this station, appears to have been entirely misunderstood by the Madras Authorities.

2 So far from wishing to procure wood at the expense of the Revenues of Canara, I have hitherto invariably paid in full for all that I have received. I hold the Collectors receipts for the same and keeping in view the interests of the Manufactory under my charge, I would gladly engage to pay at much higher rates if required. In doing so I would still have

have timber sufficiently cheap for all purposes. It is not cheapness that I have contended for, but what is now being hazarded viz: the certainty of a permanent supply

3 It must be remembered that the quantity of growing timber in the Bombay territory within reach of Dharwar amounts to a mere nothing, and that in this matter we are solely dependent upon the adjoining Canara forests. When their supply fails imported wood must be had recourse to, and I doubt much whether that could be obtained at a price that would admit of its being used. I speak from personal observation when I say that the risk of failure is much more imminent than is believed, or even known to those in charge. The Conservator of Forests in his report for 1848/49 states that "From Dandelee and indeed "south of it, as far as Kodjee all the "ripe wood (with exception of that at "Aswergallee) has been cut away as "also in the Sambrance Atakal". This tract comprehends the whole forest

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lands accessible to Dharwar. Since the date of the report six years have elapsed, during which felling, burning and destruction by Gundee battle, have gone on uninterruptedly, and on his next visit, the Conservator will find that much more than ripe timber has disappeared, in fact that, with exception of a little Teak and blackwood, the whole extensive tract on the south bank of the river extending from Dandelee to the southern extremity of the Sambrance Atakal will scarcely furnish a tree worth cutting, that would yield a log of nine inches square, and that, for twenty years to come no ripe timber can be looked for from it.

4 The spot in the bend of the river (marked on the Map furnished by me) appears to have escaped Dr. Gibson's notice. It still contains a small supply of ripe honne-wood amounting probably to about a thousand trees. It owes this exemption solely to the difficult

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and inaccessible nature of the ground requiring stronger carts than those hitherto in use with the ryuddums. It is from this locality alone that my supplies have been procurable. I have overcome the difficulty by providing carts sufficiently stout for the removal of the logs, an example that will soon however be followed by others, and unless some conservancy is enforced, this small remnant will also speedily disappear. The importance for exempting it from the many sources of destruction to which it was, and is still exposed was the sole cause of my suggestion, that, for preservation, it might be "Farmed" to the Superintendent of Cotton Experiments but in using this term I entirely ignore the meaning that seems to have been attached to it, viz: that the wood was to be appropriated without being paid for. On the contrary as I shall presently show the advantages derived would be sufficient to afford far higher rates than are now obtainable on the spot.

5 Timber sold at the public auctions in the Canara forests, does not fetch any thing near its market value, simply because those sales are conducted on spots where there is no local demand, hence of the wood sales at Sullehal do not realize the actual costs of its conveyance, so that the Canara Revenues would actually be in pocket by having it burnt in where it was felled. That a very large return might be realized by a different arrangement and a better selection of sites for the public auctions will be seen from the result of one transaction connected with the Cotton Gin Factory. The Timber is now being sawed a rough estimate as per margin shews that on this comparatively trifling

Cost of Serymarge, Cutting, Squaring and Carriage of 700 Honny tree's Containing 6720 Cubic feet @ annas 3 per foot	1260	"
Value of the above timber at the present Bazar rate of 9 annas per Cubic foot	3780	"
Difference between actual Cost and Bazar rate	(Rupees 2520	"

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6 I mention this circumstance only to point out that the present method of felling and disposing of wood is more than waste compared to what might be realized.

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powe it and to shew that so far from Timber as it is now sold in the Canara forests costing more than I can afford to give for it, as mentioned by Mr. Fisher, I might if a sufficient quantity was procurable by the sale of one third, reduce the cost of the remainder to almost nothing. It is only imported wood that would be found too costly, and if the Canara forests could have been relied upon for future supplies there would have been no cause on my part for agitating this question. But though Mr. Fisher states that it would be in his power "to supply the Gun Factory with Timber" if the remnants of Nonny wood on the small spot above alluded to, is destroyed, I am very much at a loss to know from whence that supply is to be brought. There is still some remaining at Singulyherree but the wood is small and of inferior quality and yet at the time I now write the sources of destruction so frequently brought to notice are in full operation. a few days ago I had occasion to pay a visit to those parts and found the Coombrees in cultivation and the buffaloes herded in thousands. Unless the new measures of Conservancy & police of are speedily to be brought into operation as far as the interests of Dharwar are concerned there will be no forest to Conserve. It was for these reasons and the importance attached to them, that I was willing to undertake the Conservancy in question and had it been entrusted to me, notwithstanding the distance, I could have taken measures for effecting it, but though averse to entrusting this duty to other hands probably the Madras Government if applied to would not object to issuing orders that the remains of Nonnee wood on the small spot indicated on the map, and which includes the jungles of the Villages of Echunhullee, Coolgee, and Jangee might be set aside exclusively for the use of Dharwar, the timber to be paid for as removed. If this suggestion meets your approval I shall feel obliged by your submitting it for the consideration of the Revenue Commissioner and of Government.

I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) G. T. Forbes

Superintendent Cotton Gun Factory

(True Copy)

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Offg Chief Secy to Govt.

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Madras
9th March, 1857.

Conservator of Forests

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I have the honor to be,
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Your Most Obedt Servant

H. Cleghorn LL.D.
Conservator of Forests

Encl. 28 December 1854 No 2035
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Received 15th January 1855
No 239

From the Conservator of Forests Southern Circle
Dated 31st December 1854

Received 1st February 1855
Read. Recommended as proposed and
Ordered that a Communication be made to the Conservator of Forests Southern Circle
and to the Assistant in charge of the Office
on his leaving Cannanore on the 16th Instant
to the effect of the Proceedings
noted in the Margin.
Being sanctioned the Office
will be charged with the
several duties noted
as above.
Copy sent to the Conservator
of Forests Southern Circle
and Assistant in charge
Cannanore for information
and guidance.
By Order of the Board
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Secretary to Board

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No 290

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 25th March 1857
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Govt. approve of Dr. Cleghorn's proposal that the officer in charge of his office should sign abstracts and contingent bills during his absence from the Presidency.

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2 Copies to the Conservator of Forests Circle No. 26

1 — Accts. Genl.

1 — Asst. Auditor

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Extract Mins: of Cons:
D/ 25th March /57.
Read the Conservator of Forests No 946 exp. 24 Dec.
From Civil Station Nagpore D/ 4th April /57 No 334
in Case 2 Pcls
Ditto the Conservator of Forests No 1949 D/ 9th Dec.

Approving Dr Cleghorn's proposal in the appointment of Asst. Conservators, declining to accede to his recommendation providing them with Office Establt. Authorizing the Conservator of Forests, when delaying might entail loss or inconvenience to expend without previous reference to Govt. sums not exceeding 500 Rs. & to report such items of Expenditure, after they have been incurred for the approval of Govt.; & approving Dr Cleghorn's proposal that the Asst. in charge of this Office should obtain Contingent Bills during his absence from the Presidency

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