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No. 79. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st November 1859, No. 4765.

Read letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 17th August 1859, No. 158, requesting to obtain the sanction of Government for refunding to Mr. Misquita, a Sub-Overseer of the Salem District, Engineer's Department, Rupees 120, being a portion of the amount of seigniorage paid by him for certain Vengay trees in that district.

(In Con. 22d August 1859, No. 4201.)

Submitted for the orders of Government with the recommendation of the Board of Revenue that the Collector of Coimbatore be authorised to refund to Sub-Overseer Misquita of the Public Works Department, Rupees 120 credited in the public accounts, being the seigniorage paid by him on 80 trees contracted for but not felled.

2. The Collector explains that on the requisition of the District Engineer of Salem, Mr. Cherry when in charge of Coimbatore consented to the appropriation of 100 trees from the Bolamputty valley in his district on the payment of Rupee 1-8-0 per tree, for certain public works in Salem, but that the arrangement being for reasons stated objectionable was disallowed by Mr. Thomas when only 20 out of the 100 trees originally applied for had been actually felled, for which reduced number a sum of 30 Rupees will be retained by the Collector out of 150 Rupees originally deposited.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 80. ORDER THEREON, 29th November 1859, No. 1618.

The Governor in Council authorizes the refund of the sum of Rupees 120 referred to in these proceedings.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

IN CON. 22ND AUGUST 1859, No. 4201.

From E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of COIMBATORE,
dated Coonoor, 17th August 1859, No. 158.

With reference to the circumstances particularized below, I have the honor to request the Board of Revenue will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government for refunding to Mr. Misquita, a Sub-Overseer of the District Engineer's Department, Salem, the sum of Rupees 120, being a portion of the signorage paid by him for certain Vengay trees in the *Bolamputty* valley in *this* district.

2. During my absence on leave the District Engineer of Salem applied to the Acting Collector, Mr. Cherry, for permissiom for his Overseer, Mr. Misquita, to cut 100 Vengay trees in the Bolamputty valley, for Public Works in *Salem* district. This was accorded by Mr. Cherry, subject to the payment to Government of a signorage of 1-8-0 per tree. Mr. Misquita, accordingly prepaid into the Talook Treasury at Coimbatore Rupees 150, which was carried to the credit of Government in the accounts of this Collectorate for February 1859. The felling was commenced, and 20 trees actually cut.

3. On my resuming charge of the district, the above circumstance was brought to my notice; and under the great and urgent demand for timber likely to be required in *this* district, I considered it inexpedient, on public grounds, that the little good timber left in Coimbatore, should be all cut and sent to another district, to the delay and extra cost of our own works. It also appeared to me that to cut so large a number of trees where Mr. Misquita proposed, would entirely denude the valley, the source and feeder of the *Noyel* river, (which I know well, and which probably the late Acting Collector did not), and would not only exhaust our small stock of timber, to which we are trusting for any emergency, but also effect the springs of that valley, on which a vast quantity of valuable cultivation depends. Meantime, the district Engineer of *Coimbatore* wrote to me to say, that there was a large demand for timber here, for the new Church, the Jail, and the Huzoor and Talook Cutcherries, with other works to be constructed and improved. Under all these circumstances, I thought it highly inexpedient to fell and carry to Salem, all the wood proposed; but unwilling to gainsay a permission granted by my predecessor, I wrote to Captain Gahagan, the District Engineer of Salem, the real case, and that I was willing to allow Mr. Misquita to cut and carry as far as 50 trees, for which I requested he would allow to my Department the *market* rate per cubic foot, which he would pay in his own market, and which we shall also have to pay for *our* works, if his department exhaust and appropriate all our timber. Captain Gahagan is unwilling to pay the market rate, and states that he has made arrangements for procuring other timber from the Shervaroy jungles; and that he has sent instructions to his Sub-Overseer, Mr. Misquita, to return to Salem, after despatching the timber which he has already felled. Mr. Misquita now asks for the *refund* of the signorage paid in by him for the 80 trees not yet cut, amounting to Rupees 120, and the sanction of Government is therefore required to enable me to debit the amount in my accounts. I have given the full particulars, as required and directed by late orders of Government.

20 Trees.

P. S. I would add, that instead of paying "signorage" only, (a mere nominal fee) each department should pay the real *value* of the timber cut, *as it is* (doubtless) *charged* in the estimates of the works under construction.

Enclosure to No xiv of Proceedings from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Government R. D. dated 21st November 1859. No 2102

Letter from the Collector of Coimbatore to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated 17th Augt. 1859 No 158 Requesting sanction of Mr. Misquita's refund of Seigniorage.

No. 4765.

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G. Sudasiva Rao

Acting Secretary.

To

J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to the Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. J. Wright.

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No. 1618. 29th November

Submitting with the Bd's recommendation a communication from the Coll. of Coimbatore requesting sanction for refunding to Mr. Mesquita a Sub Overseer of the P. W. D. Rs. 120 being a portion of the Amount of Seignorage paid by him on certain trees contracted for but not felled.

No. 79 & 80.

With an order

No. 1618

The Governor in Council authorizes the refund of the sum of Rs. 120 referred to in these Proceedings

For Sec. Govt.
29th Nov. 1859
Offices

No. 7.

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