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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th October 1860.*

No. 205. Read the following letter from H. CLEGHORN, Esq., M.D., Conservator of Forests, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 27th September 1860, No. 194:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government, dated 25th instant, Revenue Department, No. 1,708, calling for information regarding the supply of teak timber of large dimensions from the Western Coast for Admiralty purposes.

2. The old forests of Malabar do not now contain much timber of Frigate* scantling. In the North of Canara there is abundance of teak, but a small proportion only of the first class, probably not

more than 1 log in 8 of those brought to Sedashigur. In Travancore and Cochin, there is much more teak of large size.

3. We could supply from Malabar and Canara several thousand logs annually, varying from 18 inch square and 20 feet long, to 10 inch square and 12 feet long. We have also a large number of first rate butts, 24 inch square and not exceeding 6 or 8 feet in length. For any great demand of larger sizes, I am sure Travancore and Cochin offer better prospects and Burmah the best as regards size and cheapness.

Approximate Prices.		per 50 cubic feet			4. On our coast the price of timber has very largely increased, and fluctuates greatly, at present prices would probably run as entered in the margin, for timber brought to the waters edge.
Inches.	feet.	£	s.	d.	
18 ² ×	20	8	0	0	
15 ² ×	20	7	10	0	
12 ² ×	20	7	0	0	
10 ² ×	20	6	10	0	
Butts 24 ² ×	6 to 8.....	5	0	0	

5. If a large and continuous supply is required for Her Majesty Navy, it would be advisable to establish an Agency on the Western Coast. The Bombay Government has now an Agent, whose head quarters are at Calicut. If this Officer could not undertake the duty, a separate Agent on say 400 Rupees per mensem, with an establishment of 100 more, (in round numbers) would be required. This Officer would receive from our Depôts, would buy from private owners and ship the timber procured.

6. Looking at the present increasing scarcity and the greatly augmenting demands for timber, I think Government should begin at once to plant freely. The Conolly plantations are now beginning to pay and promise well. I would urge the doubling of the grant for it. We now plant about 70,000 trees annually for about 3,000 Rupees, which include the care of those already planted, with Rupees 6,000, or only £50 per mensem, we could almost double the rate of progress, and I am confident it would prove a good investment. I have explained my views to Lieutenant Beddome and he will arrange satisfactorily for this extension of operations, if Government sanction it.

No. 206. ORDER THEREON, 12th October 1860, No. 1,855.

1. A copy of this letter will be forwarded to the Secretary of State, in reply to paragraph 5 of his Despatch 21st August, No. 60.

2. Dr. Cleghorn states in paragraph 6 that about 70,000 trees are annually planted in the Conolly plantations at a cost of about Rupees 3,000, and he is confident that nearly twice as much could be done were the allowance raised to Rupees 6,000. The Governor in Council considers this proposal to be one which ought certainly to be adopted. The proposed outlay is trifling, while the advantage, independently of the ultimate money profit, will be incalculable a few years hence.

when the timber is found -

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	RS.
1 Native Sub-Conservator	50
1 Assistant	10
2 Overseers, at 8 Rupees	16
1 Do.	5
1 Daffadar	5
7 Kolkars, @ 5 Rupees	35
4 " @ 4 " "	16
50 Coolies, @ Rupees 3½	175
Adihar	2½
Total...	314½
For twelve months Rupees...	3,774

3. Before applying for sanction, however, to the Government of India, Lieutenant Beddome to whom it is observed Dr. Cleghorn has explained his views, will be requested to submit a detailed statement of the establishment proposed to be entertained. The annual cost of the existing establishment is found to be Rupees 3,774.

4. He will also be desired to lay before Government a concise statement of the present condition of the plantations, and of the money return received from them in the official year 1859-60.

5. This information should be submitted with as little delay as possible.

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

the doubling of the grant for it. We now plant about 40,000 trees annually for about 3000 Rupees which include the care of those already planted with Rupees 6000, or only £50 per annum, we could almost double the rate of progress and I am confident it would prove a good investment. I have explained my views to Lieutenant Beddome, and he will arrange satisfactorily for this extension of operations if Government sanction it.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servant
H. Cleghorn
Conservator of Forests

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The almost entire destruction of timber will show the great expense of maintaining an appearance of maintaining an appearance of the country where timber is found.

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Rev. Dyke

No 1853

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 12th Oct 1860

Read the follow-
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missioner of Forests.

Submitting information re-
garding the supply of teak tim-
ber of large dimensions from
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purposes with remarks.

(More order 29 Sept 1860
No 194)

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Copied from the Madras Government
Under date the 12th Oct 1860

Mr. Secretary to Govt.
Revenue Department
Fort St. George.
Date 27th Sept 1860
No 243

Enclosures (none)
J. G. 194

Submitting information
concerning the sup-
ply of teak timber of
large dimensions from
the Western Coast for
Admiralty purposes
with remarks.

No 1853-12: Oct 1860

This letter can be sent to
Mr. J. S. Th., in reply to his Despatch
of the 21st August - That Despatch
arrived just in time for me to
set an answer from Dr. Cleghorn.
I have sent him information
concerning in England -

29 Sept 1860

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[Signature]

4 Copies to the Conservator of Forests.
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Letter from Mulabhar
 for Admiralty
 31-1-13
 30-10-15
 450-451
 25-9-60
 1708

Letter from the
 1855

of the Madras Govt
 12th October 1860

from the Madras Govt
 15th January 1861

Letter from the Governor
 of Madras regarding
 the supply of cloth
 from the Madras Govt for
 military purposes, to
 be forwarded to the Secretary
 of State

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