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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th December 1862.*

No. 171. Read the following letter from Captain R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Camp Toonacadavoo, Anamallai Hills, 24th November 1862, No. 282 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report that I have inspected the Forest Establishment on these Hills.

2. Captain Michael received charge at Coimbatore on the 1st of this month. Captain Brine was sick at Coimbatore, and unable to hand over charge in the proper way.

3. I am sorry to be obliged to report that the late Assistant Conservator has allowed the Establishment to get into a very disorganized state. The Office has been allowed to remain down in the plains away from the work and from the supervision of the Assistant Conservator, the records consequently have not been written up and most of the books are a whole year in arrears. There is a very large advance amounting to 7,904 Rupees outstanding against cartmen; proper measures have not been taken to work this out or to make parties who have not been working refund. A considerable portion of this will now I am afraid have to be considered a bad debt. An advance of 997 Rupees, is outstanding against axemen. This amount was advanced to them at Paulghat in some cases as far back as June last, and the remainder in July and August. No steps have been taken to compel these men to come up to work or to recover the advances, although they should all have come up to the forest within a fortnight of receiving their advances. The felling season is just over now, and I am afraid that much of this large advance will have to be looked upon as a bad debt; many of the men will not be forthcoming and some will probably be dead.

4. Captain Michael is now giving his attention to the settlement of these outstanding advances, and he will do all that is possible to effect a speedy adjustment; it has been my duty to report the disadvantages under which he has received charge.

5. I proceeded with Captain Michael to see the Contractor's planks upon which Government passed their Order No. 942, on the 1st of May last. Some slight deductions have been made upon the outside measurements of these planks, but nothing at all equivalent to what is called Dockyard measurement. Dockyard measurement has been proved to be on an average a deduction of 23 per cent. upon the outside measurement; the deductions made on these planks do not I believe amount to five per cent. Out of the few planks that we remeasured (as a check) not one of them had the proper deductions for heartshake and knots, &c., and two of the number did not come under the denomination of planks at all, but were small trees squared up with the heartshake in the centre, and would consequently only be taken as rejected timber. We shall hardly be able to sell these planks at what they have cost us. They have all been cut in our leased forests (and not in the Colungode Numbiddy's forest as supposed by Captain Brine). We have consequently to pay 5 Rupees per tree Stump fee in addition to the 1 Rupee per cubic foot already paid, and in addition to this there will be the carting and floating expenses. As the measurement of these planks had been doubted by Major Morgan, then Acting Conservator, and as the matter was referred to Government, I recommended Captain Brine in an official letter dated the 5th of May last to check the measurements himself; he paid no attention to this whatever, and I now learn that he has never even seen one of the planks in question.

No. 172. ORDER THEREON, 11th December 1862, No. 2,592.

1. A copy of this report will be forwarded to Captain Brine for any explanation he may have to offer.

2. Captain Brine will, pending further orders be held answerable for all loss consequent on neglect of his duty.

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

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I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant.
J. H. Beddome Captain

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Department.
From Capt R H Nelson
The Officiating Conservator of Forests.
To J B Smith Esq
Sec of Agr & Mech

Dated 24 November 1862
Received 10th Dec 1862

No. 282
Enclosure
No.
Subject.

Report upon the
military establishment
at Fort Leavenworth
Mo. Capt. J. B. Smith, U.S. Army, Col.
Fort Leavenworth, Mo. Dec 1862

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A copy of the report
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As the Board will
be held under the
provisions of the
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of March 3rd 1861
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