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31st August 1864.*

No. 437. Read the following letter from Captain R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Camp Ootacamund, 15th August 1864, No. 1,003 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Government Order No. 1,250 of the 16th of July 1864, I have the honor to inform you that my letter to Major Hunter, Conservator of Forests in Mysore, quoted by Mr. Bowring, the Commissioner of Mysore, was in reply to one from that Officer, in which he proposed that I should frame rules to prevent any timber entering Mysore without a pass, and in which he states that similar rules will be adopted on all timber passing from the Mysore forests into Madras territory. I forward herewith copy of Major Hunter's letter together with copies of the correspondence alluded to by him.

2. The rules being only framed as a check between the two Departments and not in any way connected with taxation, I did not consider it necessary to refer the matter to Government.

3. Much timber enters Mysore from our forests in Salem, Mudumallai and Wynad, but as far as I am aware no timber enters these Districts from Mysore, the rules alluded to are, however, very important to us on conservancy grounds, as without them much timber might be clandestinely cut in our border forests and confiscation eluded on the plea that it had been cut in Mysore. Government will perceive therefore that unless my Assistants are entitled to confiscate all timber not covered by a pass much illicit felling may be carried on in our forests bordering on Mysore, particularly in those dense forest tracts near the Cauvery on the borders of the Salem and Coimbatore Districts.

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ORDER THEREON 31st August 1864, No. 1,578.

Forests, No. 28.

The Acting Conservator is informed that the Law does not admit of the proposed restriction on timber passing the Mysore frontier. There can be no objection to passes being required within the limits or within a reasonable distance of Government forests, within the Presidency, but elsewhere confiscation of timber merely for want of a pass, without other evidence of its belonging to Government, is impracticable.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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To H. S. Thomas Esq.
Joint Magistrate of Salem,

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter N: 13 dated 8th February 1866 forwarding copy of a letter from the Deputy Superintendent Bangalore District.

2 The Deputy Superintendent appears to have overlooked the fact that in almost in each case, the "Ramanah" brought to cover the wood confiscated was dated subsequent to the confiscation, and in those cases in which the date was prior to confiscation, the time elapsed was not sufficient to enable the holder to remove the wood.

3 I am inclined to believe that the wood was cut in the Salem District and under any circumstances, I am by the rules of the Department obliged to confiscate it as being unprotected. I think the best

best course now to be pursued is to direct
the complaints to prosecute me in the
Civil Court at Salem. I am prepared
to meet any claim that may be made out
against me, and this course will save
you and the Deputy Superintendent, Bangalore,
much trouble and annoyance. In one if
not two cases, this course has been adopted
by one of the Complainants' Wardah.

/Signed/ L. C. Borradaile

Asst. Commr. of Forests,
Salem,

Salem
3rd May 1864 }

/True copies/

J. W. Biddome Capt

Off. Commr. of Forests

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Consr of Forests Office
Mysore 5th May 1864

From

Major A. Hunter
Consr of Forests Mysore
& Coorg

To

Captain Beddome
Consr of Forests, Madras
Presidency,
Cotacamund,

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence marginally noted, copies of which I have the honor to forward for your information, with a view that such rules may be framed between the two Departments so as to preclude similar questions and disputes for the future.

2 You will observe that the Asst. Consr of Salem District confiscated the timber in the Mysore Territory under the impression it was cut in the Salem District, and he had no doubt good grounds for doing so. - On the other hand, the party conveying the timber states it was cut in the Mysore Forests, but it appears that before

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the Secretary to the Commissioner
with its 4 enclosures

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before crossing the frontier he did not obtain
a pass, or pay the Signorage to the Mysore
Government. This case will of course be
settled in Court as proposed

3 A great deal of foreign
Timber enters the Mysore Province for Sale
from Salem, Mudumallai, and Wynnad,
and I should strongly recommend that the
following System be adopted to prevent all
Forest Conservancy disputes between this Pro-
vince and the Border Districts of the Madras
Presidency, the object aimed at being one
which concerns both Governments equally.
There should be perfect unanimity of opinion
in order that both Sides may work in concert.

4 I would therefore propose,
as I believe that no timber can be cut
by Contractors or Sold but with the Sanction
and on account of the Madras Forest Dept.,
that if purchasers or Contractors intend the
Same to be sent into the Mysore Province
for Sale, a pass should be granted by the
Madras

Madras Forest Department to the purchaser
stating the quantity or number of Cart loads
allowed to pass, description of Timber, to what
place and also the place where the purchaser
agrees to pay the Signorage to the Mysore
Government, also the period for which the pass
is to stand good for. Such pass is then backed
at the Sayer Cuttay where the Signorage is
collected, and returned at once to the purchaser

5 All timber not covered with
Such pass will be confiscated, and if found to
be cut in the Madras Border Districts, due
intimation will be given to the Asst. Conservator
of the Border District, with a view of his dis-
posing of it, and granting the informer 25 per
cent on the net profits

6 The Same rules will be adopted
on all Mysore Timber reported into the Border
Districts.

True copy

W. Seddome Captain
Officiating Conservator of Forests

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Docket from the Secretary to the
Commissioner to the Govt of Mysore
and Coorg, dated Bangalore, 15th April 1864

Subject

Forwards for information an original
letter N^o $\frac{615}{283}$ dated 1st Instant (to be returned)
from the Supt of Nundidroog suggesting
the expediency of framing certain rules for
the settlement of Forest Conservancy disputes
between Mysore and Salem and intimating the
Commissioner's concurrence in the suggestion

"By Order"

Signed / A. C. Bay
Secretary.

General N^o $\frac{615}{283}$

Nundidroog Division
Superintendent's Office

To The Secretary to the Commissioner
for the Govt of the Territories of the
Rajah of Mysore.
Toomeoor 1st April 1864

Sir,

I have the honor in continuation
of

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of my letter N⁵⁵⁸₂₅₆ of the 24th February,
to forward the correspondence marginally
noted, and would suggest the expediency of
calling on the Mysore Conservator of Forests
to prepare rules in correspondence with the
Salem Forest Department for the settlement of
disputes between the Mysore and the Salem
District, which could be made applicable to other
border Districts.

Shaw Poo
Signed/ R. S. Dobbs
Superintendent

N⁵¹⁸

Deputy Supt's Office,
Bangalore, 30 March/64.

To

The Superintendent of the
Mundroog Division,

Sir,

With reference to my letter
N⁴⁷⁰ dated 20th February 1864. I have the
honor to forward copies of the letters noted in the
margin, and to request your instructions upon
the subject.

It is evident that the
Asst Conserv of Forests in the Salem District
has

1 N⁵¹⁸ dated 30 March 1864 from the Deputy
Supt, Bangalore, to the Supt Mundroog
Division
1 N⁵⁵⁸ of 22 March from R. S. Thomas Esq to the
Deputy Supt Bangalore District
1 N⁵⁵³ dated 23 March 1864 from the Asst Conserv, Salem,
to R. S. Thomas Esq.

1 Letter from the Asst Conserv of Forests, Salem,
to R. S. Thomas Esq N⁵⁵³ of 31 March 1864.
1 Do. from R. S. Thomas Esq to the Deputy
Supt Bangalore Division, N⁵²⁵
of 22 March 1864.

had failed to obtain proof that the wood
was cut in the Forests under his charge.

On the other hand, the
parties who were conveying away the wood
were in fault, because (Supposing) they had
cut it in the Mysore Forests they did not
pay the duty, and obtain "Rawanahs" before
they crossed the frontier.

Shaw Poo
Signed/ J. A. Campbell
Dy. Supt, Bangalore Dist.

N²⁵

Salem Joint Magistrate's Office
Dated 22nd March 1864

To

The Deputy Superintendent
Bangalore District

Sir,

In continuation of my letter
N¹⁰ dated 27th January 1864, I have the
honor to enclose a copy of a letter from the
Asst Conservator of Forests to whom I
forwarded your letter with a request that
he

he would reconsider his orders of confiscation, with reference to the remarks made by you.

2 The Assistant Conservator of Forests appears to be under the impression that the Timber was cut in the Forests under his charge.

3 If you are not satisfied that the question should be decided in a Civil Court, as proposed by the Asst. Conservator of Forests, then I would propose that the Commissioner, before whom the matter now is, should address the Collector of this District, with a view not only to the settlement of this one set of cases, but to the arrangement of rules between the separate Conservancy Departments of the Mysore and this District, so as to preclude similar questions for the future.

Signed / H. L. Thomas
Joint Magistrate

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedt Servt.

P. Seddome Captain
Officiating Conservator of Forests

