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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd November 1864.

No. 32. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Referring reports from the Superintending Engineers which are likely to be of use to the Revenue Department in deciding on Captain Beddome's proposals regarding the supply of Sál timber and the efficiency of Forest Establishment. } (Here enter 25th October 1864, No. 3,075.)

No. 33. ORDER THEREON, 2nd November 1864, No. 2,019.

Forests, No. 2.

Ordered to be communicated to the Acting Conservator of Forests and the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Conservator of Forests,
„ the Board of Revenue, } with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 3,075.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Read the following papers :—

No. 483. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department :—

Communicating letter from the Conservator of Forests, furnishing the information called for in G. O. No. 1,911 of 1864, regarding the Sâl timber procurable near Ganjam. } (Here enter 22nd September 1864, No. 1,745.)

No. 484. From Lieutenant-Colonel O. W. S. CHAMBERS, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Waltair, 31st August 1864, No. 617.

SIR,

In reply to paragraph 11 of G. O. No. 1,911, of 30th June 1864, I do myself the honor of stating that, as I have already mentioned in my letter as per margin,* 5,000 cubic feet of Sâl wood can be disposed of for works in the Vizagapatam District, and that for exporting and landing it when required the necessary arrangements can be made without troubling Master Attendants.

* No. 2,574, of 19th April 1864.

No. 485. From Lieutenant-Colonel J. C. ANDERSON, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Masulipatam, 31st August 1864, No. 66.

SIR,

Referring to the Proceedings of Government, No. 1,911, dated 30th June 1864, I have the honor to state that I am not prepared at present to take any Sâl timber.

No. 486. From Lieutenant-Colonel E. HEMERY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Cuddapah, 27th August 1864, No. 93.

SIR,

With reference to paragraph 11, Order of Government, No. 1,911, dated 30th June 1864, I have the honor to report that Bellary is the only station in this Division where timber in any quantity is likely to be required for Public Works, and the distance from that place to the coast is too great to admit of Sâl timber being delivered there at a moderate cost.

No. 487. From Lieutenant-Colonel C. V. WILKIESON, R. E., for Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 5th July 1864, No. 1,434.

SIR,

With reference to paragraph 11 of the Proceedings of Government, No. 1,911, dated 30th June 1864, I have the honor to state that if a constant supply of timber is made deliverable at the Ganjam Port, 30,000 or 40,000 cubic feet would probably be annually applied for by the Officers of the Public Works Department employed in the 4th Division, if the Master Attendant there could arrange at the Superintending Engineer's requisition for its transport to Madras at a moderate cost.

No. 488. From Lieutenant-Colonel C. V. WILKIESON, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department, Public Works, dated Salem, 15th October 1864, No. 1,226.

SIR,

With reference to paragraph 11 of G. O. 30th June 1864 (1,911) and the reminder from your Office, No. 68, 21st September, I have the honor to inform you that I shall be glad to receive at least 10,000 cubic feet of Sâl timber, if deliverable at Madras, at reasonable rates for the works at Bangalore. The timber is not likely to be required in any other part of my District.

No. 489. From Captain J. BEAN, R. E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to Major J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R. E., Deputy Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 29th August 1864, No. 1,233.

SIR,

1. In reply to Government Order, No. 1,911, dated 30th June 1864, paragraph 11, I have the honor to report that I shall be prepared to take a certain quantity of Sâl timber for my works, if the wood is delivered at the port of Negapatam, at a reasonable rate. The quantity however must depend upon our yearly requirements, unless I am at liberty to lay in a stock to be kept in the Trichinopoly Engineer's yard debitable to advances repayable under the head of "District Stores." I have no buildings in progress this year in Tanjore, but in Trichinopoly we shall probably use up 3,500 cubic feet of teak wood, and this may be taken as the average quantity.

2. The timber ought to be delivered at Negapatam at not more than from two to three Rupees per cubic foot. The Master Attendant at that Port has offered to lend all the assistance in his power in landing the logs.

3. As regards paragraph 6 of the above Order, I would observe that 4½ Rupees per cubic foot is the highest rate charged in Trichinopoly for teak wood wrought and put up, but we also work at lower rates varying from three Rupees upwards. I have ascertained that the cost in Madras is Rupees 2-15-0 per foot, so that it would not be worth while exporting the timber to Tanjore and Trichinopoly on the plea of economy. If I can reduce the cost of teak by despatching it from the sea coast towns to Trichinopoly, I shall do so.

No. 490. From Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Coimbatore, 2nd September 1864, No. 109.

SIR,

I have the honor, with reference to G. O. No. 1,911 of 30th June, to state that I do not see how, under existing circumstances, I can engage to take a regular supply of Sâl timber. I have already stated my opinion that a stock should be laid in at the Presidency, on which such Divisions, as can be supplied by Rail, should be allowed to indent as their sanctions permit. I deprecate the establishment of Depôts of timber or any other articles at the head quarters of Superintending Engineers whom the Rail enables readily to obtain supplies from a Central Store at the Presidency.

No. 491. From Captain F. J. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Kodacanel, 8th July 1864, No. 601.

SIR,

1. Referring to G. O. No. 1,911, 30th June 1864, paragraph 11, I have the honor to report that I have no need of any wood for the current year, as up to this time none of the buildings for which I submitted estimates have been sanctioned.

2. I cannot form any idea of what my wants will be for future years, but they cannot be great in any case.

3. I shall have no difficulty in getting any wood that I may need sent from Tuticorin the head quarters of an Overseer, or through the Master Attendant whom I have always found very obliging.

No. 492. ORDER THEREON, 25th October 1864, No. 3,075.

1. The Proceedings of the Revenue Department above recorded will be communicated to the Superintending Engineers, who will observe from paragraph 1 of the letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests that measures have been adopted for estimating the cost at which Sâl timber can be delivered at the Ports.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 25th October 1864.

2. The reports of Superintending Engineers will be referred to the Revenue Department as likely to be of use in deciding on the proposals submitted by Captain Beddome in paragraph 2 of his letter of 5th September 1864, No. 1,053.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.
„ Superintending Engineers.

Exd. T. O'Conner.

Pro: 14 July 64 Nos 241-242.
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Fort St George
2d November 1864

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