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

No. 24. 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, 10th March 1864, No. 835:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Assistant Conservator in charge of the Neilgherry Sholas, together with a copy of a Petition from the Firewood Contractors.

2. The Petitioners took the contract for the supply of firewood to Ootacamund from 1st of May 1863 to 30th April 1864; at the time of their taking up the contract the Contractors for the previous year had a large supply of firewood in store, and the first half year of their contract being the monsoon months their chief profits would of course be in the last six months; just as this period arrived, however, the two Sholas near Ootacamund were sold to Mr. Frend, and the Contractors have not sold a stick since, there being of course no sale for the firewood at a distance of 11 miles when there was a large supply within 6 miles.

3. I have gone carefully into the case with Forester Sheffield, and herewith forward copy of a statement that he has drawn up showing the probable losses sustained by the Contractors. I consider that it will only be fair that Government should grant the compensation proposed by Major Morgan, (viz., Rupees 1,622-3-6*), this sum can be paid out of the Rupees 5,050 to be paid into the Treasury by Mr. Frend on account of the Sholas purchased by him.

* i. e. two-thirds of the instalments already paid (eight months).

4. I trust that the Collector may be requested not to sell any Sholas in future without consulting the Forest Department, arrangements could then always be made for the sale of the wood so that existing contracts are not interfered with.

5. Operations will not commence again in the Devie Shola until all the wood has been sold out of the two Sholas purchased by Mr. Frend. When portions of the Devie Shola are again put up to auction we must be allowed to give a guarantee that no other large supplies of timber will be sold by Government until the expiration of the contract, otherwise we shall have no bidders; if it should be necessary to fell elsewhere for Chinchona or any other purpose, the timber can always be stacked and sold at the expiration of any existing contract. Government will be great losers unless these sales are arranged systematically so that the Contractors and others fully understand them.

No. 25. ORDER THEREON, 2nd April 1864, No. 545.

1. Payment of Rupees 1,622-3-6 is sanctioned.

2. Paragraphs 4 and 5 will be communicated to the Collector and Mr. McIvor, who will consult the Acting Conservator before Sholas are sold or felled so as to ensure the interests of Government being carefully guarded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Conservator of Forests.
" Board of Revenue.
" Superintendent Government Gardens, Ootacamund.
" Accountant General.
" Civil Paymaster.
" Collr. of Coimbatore.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Months.	No. of Men victualled	Victuals at 1/6 per man per day		No. of Days victualled	Amount of Victuals at 1/6 per Day			Amount of Victuals at 1/2 per Day			Victuals at 1/6 per Day			Remarks.
May	200	300	0	8	100	75	0	0	20	0	0	304	2	8	Since the 1st Victuals amounted only
June	220	330	0	8	150	112	5	0	90	0	0	176	10	5	to 1/6 per Day not 1/2 per Day
July	200	300	0	8	175	131	4	0	120	0	0	147	12	5	the Crew consisted with Victuals
August	250	1141	10	8	2350	175	5	0	100	0	0	169	2	8	one Year Victuals on board
September	200	300	0	8	50	37	5	0	50	0	0	285	10	5	
October	130	361	10	8	120	90	0	0	30	0	0	196	10	5	
November	200	574	0	8	160	120	0	0	160	0	0	94	0	8	
December	230	345	0	8	50	37	5	0	5	0	0	356	10	5	
Total	2200	5113	5	4	1055	791	4	0	625	0	0	1732	1	4	

Examined
3rd March 18[illegible]

True Copy
R. H. Beddoe Captain

Registered
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Enclosure No 5.

Rec'd 682/64.

In a letter from the Office
Comptroller to the Secretary
dated 11th No 8 35/1623
10th March 1864.

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Copy letter from the City Commandant's Office to the Standing Committee O.D. No 8356 dated 10th March 1864.

Rec'd 8 Inv'g/61. 1297-298. Rec'd 1864 Encs. of Govt for Apl 1682.

Nº 545

Payment of Rs 1,622-8-6

is sanctioned -

Paras 4 and 5 will be communicated to the Collector and Mr. Ivorpoho will consult the Retrenchment before Shola is sold or felled so as to ensure the interests of Govt being carefully guarded -

From Lt Genl
2d Apl 1864

Nº 545 2d April /64

Withdrawn

Nº 24 & 25.

30 March /64 Rec'd

15th 1864

Further Ltr Nº 39/63