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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1608 Press Mis.

215. 216

Dated 13-7-1865.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 13th July 1865.

No. 215. Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Coimbatore, 4th July 1865, No. 75:—

SIR,

1. In reply to Proceedings of Government and their Order thereon dated 21st June 1865, No. 1,580, I beg to enclose copy of the terms on which Mr. Frend was allowed to cut and sell firewood in the Doddabetta Sholah.

2. A portion of the Sholah purchased is still uncut, and it is this portion which it is now proposed Mr. Frend should be allowed to cut and sell, in addition to the previously felled trees which remain unsold. No further felling is required on account of the Cinchona Plantation.

3. As far as Mr. Frend is concerned the further permission to cut and sell wood, as requested by him, would be a great boon, for it is quite true that he lost several pairs (5 or 6) of working bullocks by murrain in the working season. The real objection to a compliance with Mr. Frend's request is that the interests of Government will, to a certain extent, be prejudicial thereby. The Conservator of Forests has advertised on behalf of Government the sale of wood at Deva Sholah, and of course people will not go to a distant market (Deva Sholah) for what they can procure near home on the Doddabetta plantation (Mr. Frend's). Major Morgan, who understands the Ootacamund market and its requirements, values the privilege asked for by Mr. Frend at Rupees 100 per mensem, or in other words, at about 30 bandy loads of firewood, which seems to be fair. As it was not likely that I should be in Ootacamund for some time, I communicated at once with Mr. McIvor by letter, and have now replied to the Proceedings of Government to save time, without having inspected the locality as directed, but practically, this omission does not signify as I have already visited it on several occasions.

No. 216. ORDER THEREON, 13th July 1865, No. 1,608.

Forests, No. 8.

1. The Government are of opinion that it will be a sufficient concession to allow Mr. Frend a further period of time, not exceeding six months, to remove timber already felled under his contract.

2. No necessity for further clearing exists on account of the Cinchona plantation, for which purpose the contract which has expired was originally given.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.
,, the Superintendent of Government Cinchona Plantations.
,, the Officiating Conservator of Forests.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Conditions of Sale.

1st. Strips of the forest fifty yards wide running in North and South directions on five separate Ridges are reserved for shelter and are excluded in the Sale of the Sholahs; on these Ridges no trees or underwood are to be cut by the contractor.

2. All Rhododendron trees are reserved and excluded from the Sale, and none of these trees are to be cut by the contractor under a penalty of 10 Rs. ⅌ tree.

3. The whole of the wood from the Eastern Sholah comprising an area of about 100 acres must be felled and removed by the 31st of March 1864, after this date no trees will be allowed to be removed off this portion of the land which will by that time be required for planting. The wood in the western Sholah must be removed on 31st March 1865 on which date the contract will be closed and no more wood allowed to be removed.

4. The bullocks and cartmen are to be so controlled by the contractor as not to be a[illegible]

allowed to stray near or over the Nurseries of Chinchona plants, and the contractor will be held responsible for any damage done in this respect.

5. The roads and pathways are not to be impeded and blocked up, all piles of wood are to be placed on the side of the roads, and trees falling over the roads are to be immediately removed subject to a penalty of 10 Rs. for each violation of these conditions.

6. Each tender must be accompanied by a deposit of 100 Rs., this amount will be retained with the accepted tender and returned with such tenders as are rejected.

7. The Contractor will be required to pay monthly beginning in November a sum equivalent to one Sixth of the full amount of his tender.

8. The Superintendent of the Government Chinchona plantations is not bound to accept the highest or any tender.

I have perused the above conditions and agree to the same.

2nd December 1863.

/signed/ A. Read.

/True Copy/

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant.

A. Grant
Collector.

Ootacamund
7.7.65

Inclosure: For Orders.

Mr. Mc Ivor

I think it will be quite sufficient
if Mr. Mc Ivor has
further time to remove all timber
already felled, and such
reclamations as may be necessary
in consequence of the Cinchona Plan-
tations

I am sorry for letting Grant
off here. His time is up. He must
have made a good deal by his contract
work & should pay his own passage.
Further cleaning is not necessary for
the plants & it is not desirable
& damages the valley of timber

C. Strachey

7.7.65

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No. 2 Letter from the
Collector of Canara
dated 7th July 1865
Rec'd 10th July 1865

Copy of the Inclosure
to Mr. Grant's
Letter.

Rec'd 10th July 1865

No. 1608.

Pro. 21st June 65 No 431 & 432

Rec'd 8th Govt Sec'y Pub Prom 31st July 1865
Collectr of Coimbatore
To Secretary to the Board of Revenue
No 73 dated 8th July 1865

The Govt are of opinion that it will be a sufficient concession to allow Mr Strend a further period of time not exceeding 6 months, to remove timber already felled under his contract.

No necessity for further clearing exists on account of the Cinchona plantation, for which purpose the contract which has expired was originally given.

Mr Strend represents that he has removed the timber felled in the Shola in the Doddabetta range in the Gudalore District.

Call for remarks regarding the proposal made by Mr Strend for the removal of timber felled in the Shola in the Doddabetta range in the Gudalore District.

1 Ltr from the Collr of Coimbatore Dated 14th July
1 " " Supdt of Govt Cinchona Plants "
4 " " off'g Conservator of Forests " 20th 18th July/65

No. 215 & 216.

No. 1608 - 13th July

With Order

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