

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 921	Press ~~Mis.~~
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Dated	4-5-1865.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th May 1865.*

No. 72. Read the following letter from H. CLEGHORN, Esq., M. D., Conservator of Forests, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 20th April 1865, No. 807:—

SIR,

1. In forwarding the enclosed letter from Captain Beddome, regarding the beneficial working of the rule by which informers receive half value of confiscated timber, I beg to express my general concurrence in the views of that Officer.

2. It seems to me that, under ordinary circumstances, 25 per cent. is a sufficient reward, but that discretionary power of giving 50 per cent. in special cases might be allowed to the Conservator, after learning all the circumstances from Range Officers.

3. Twenty-five per cent. is the amount allowed to informers in Mysore, and other local Administrations.

4. It might be notified in District Gazettes, and by placards in Collectors' Cutcherries, that village officers and others are entitled to the reward, which should be paid through the Collector.

No. 73. ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1865, No. 921.

Forests, No. 2.

The report of the Conservator and Deputy Conservator of Forests shew that the existing rule of rewarding informants of clandestine felling with half the value of timber confiscated, is working satisfactorily; and the Governor in Council does not deem it advisable to make any alterations in it at present. A liberal reward acts as a powerful preventive against malpractices.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
.. the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

For. Conservator of Forests.

Office of Conservator of Forests.

CAMP, *Chittagong.*

10th March 1867.

No 1242.

From

Deputy
Deputy *Conservator of Forests.*

To

Sir,

J. D. ...
Secretary to Government. &c
Fort Saint George.

With reference to letter of the 15th inst
of 23rd February I have the honor to inform you that village
officers in all cases get the sanctioned reward on the
date of any similar confiscated on their information.
The Sheffield reports that half of the confis-
cations are made by information received from
village officers and that considerable sums have been
paid to them.

The rule is acting very beneficially as a
check upon smuggling. It may be the duty of the Home
Revenue officials to report all cases without any re-
ward but I suspect that few cases would be reported
if the reward was stopped. I have however always
considered the sanctioned reward (viz. 50 per cent) as
rather too high.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

D. W. Beddome *Captain. R. M. S.*
for. Conservator of Forests.

Copied.

1865

FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

The Asst. Conservator of Forests

To

For the Asst. Conservator of Forests
U.S. Forest Service

Dated 1865 }
Received 1865 }

Recd: 11/35/65
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Enclosure:

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SUBJECT.

Department of Agriculture
and all other agencies of the Government
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For Order.

Half the value of
 I think complicated is
 certainly a liberal part
 for information - but
 it evidently acts as an
 effective inducement.
 The advantage of being li-
 beral in such cases is two-
 fold - it not only leads to
 information being given but
 it deters persons from claim-
 ing false fulling, because
 they can only buy it in
 form - by so long a period
 as makes them there come.

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I have &c

against malpractice to

J. H. J.

4th May 1868.

4 To The Offg Consul of
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