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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue. DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 3040. Press ~~Mis~~

297- 298.

Dated 25th. November 1869.

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No. 297. Read the following letter from Major R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Camp at Ootacamund, 21st October 1869, No. 1,759 :—

I HAVE the honour to lay the enclosed correspondence* before Government for their orders.

2. In February and April last, Mr. Ferguson, the Assistant Conservator of the Nellumbur Plantations, delivered over 1,350 Teak saplings to the Bombay Dockyard Agent at Calicut. He personally saw the saplings selected, and states that they were fresh and sound. In July last, 1,089 out of the number were condemned by a Committee as old and bad, and the Dockyard Authorities apply for a refund. They also state that 12 saplings out of the number were missing. The full number were, however, handed over to the Tindals sent from Bombay, and their receipts for the number were forwarded by our department to the Superintendent of Marine. Mr. Ferguson is of opinion that the saplings may have been changed after he had handed them over, which may have been the case with a few, but scarcely with the whole number condemned; but if much exposed and carelessly kept, they may have greatly deteriorated between the dates of purchase and the period at which they were condemned by the Committee. I request that you will let me know if the amount should be refunded.

* Letter No. 490, dated 4th August 1869, with enclosure, from the Acting Superintendent, Carwar Timber Depôt, to the Assistant Conservator.
Letter No. 600, dated 30th September 1869, with enclosure, from the Acting Superintendent, Carwar Timber Depôt, to the Assistant Conservator.
Copy of letter, No. 11-91, dated 21st August 1869, from the Assistant Conservator to the Kalai Depôt Clerk.
Copy of letter, dated 26th August 1869, from the Kalai Depôt Clerk to the Assistant Conservator.
Copy of letter, No. 25-101, dated 3rd September 1869, from the Assistant Conservator to the Acting Superintendent, Carwar Timber Depôt.
Letter No. 26-122, dated 14th October 1869, from the Assistant Conservator to the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
Copy of letter, No. 27-123, dated 14th October 1869, from the Assistant Conservator to the Acting Superintendent, Carwar Timber Depôt.

No. 298. ORDER THEREON, 25th November 1869, No. 3,040.

Forests, No. 20.

BEFORE deciding on the proper course for adoption in this case, the Government desire to receive definite information on the following points.

2. It is not clear from the correspondence submitted when the responsibility of the Forest Department for the Teak saplings in question ceased. From paragraph 2 of the Officiating Conservator's letter it would appear that the Bombay Dockyard Agent received charge of the Teak saplings at Calicut; but Mr. Cabral's letter, dated 26th August 1869, No. 4, would lead to the conclusion that they were merely delivered over to Tindals. Mr. Ferguson, in his comunication, dated 14th October 1869, No. 26-122, states that the vessel for conveyance of the saplings was provided by the Bombay Dockyard Authorities; but it is important that more precise information should be adduced as to the period at which the latter are considered either by virtue of former usage or the terms of the contract, to have accepted the saplings.

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3. Major Beddome is also requested to state in what year the saplings were cut, and what measures were adopted to preserve them in sound condition previously to their shipment.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Revenue Department

Memo: for Orders on No. 3062

1. In continuation of Major Beddome's letter dated 21st October 1869, No. 1759, I have only necessary to remark on the memorandum of matters of the demands of the Bombay Government -

2. According to Mr. Ferguson the Assistant Conservator of Forests at Valavalur, and Mr. Conrad his subordinate, 1350 Teak saplings selected on the last of last year's acquisition of trees ships-grain the were shipped from Porto Novo Cuddalore to Bombay. The information on the points specified in connexion with the refund applied for.

Govt. of {1869} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE OFFICIATING CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS.

From Commr of Land Rev
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Dated November, 25th.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 25th November 1869, No. 3,040.

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Nos. 297-298.

Teak saplings supplied to Bombay Government.—Officiating Conservator of Forests to furnish information on the points specified in connexion with the refund applied for.

is incomplete. Major Beddome (para 2) would make it appear that the Bombay dockyard Agent received charge of the saplings at Calicut: but by Mr. Cabral's letter dated 26th August 1869, N: 4, it seems that they were merely delivered over to Tindals.

3. The consignments were made in February and April, and the saplings were condemned at Bombay in July, owing to the assertion of two Forest officers that "the Saplings and Rafters "have been improperly "treated, and owing to "their being very dry and "worm-eaten besides "having all the appearance "of age, they could not have "been fresh and sound prior "to their being despatched to Bombay". Twelve Saplings are also said to be missing.

4. It is more likely that Saplings should be "improperly treated" on Board-ship than in a Forest depôt.

5. Major Beddome does not state the loss to Govt. which would be occasioned by the demurrage refused. Out of the 1350 saplings despatched 1089 are stated to be lost, and twelve to be missing. When he last wrote the Bombay Superintendent of Marine suggested that the condemned saplings should be sold by auction on account of the

the Madras Forest Depart:
:ment, and their original
price refunded by the latter.

6. The questions which await the decision of Govt are.

(1) " Whether or not the demands of the Bombay dockyard authorities shall be assented to at once.

(2) If not, whether the Govt will communicate direct with the Bombay Govt. or will instruct Major Beddome to deny the responsibility of his Department for the timber, after it left Calicut.

(3) Or will call upon Major Beddome for further information as to the mode of shipping and consignment, with the view of ascertaining who was responsible for the timber during the voyage.—

C E

We should procure their information & thank before despatching the other points.

W M

Yes and I understand from what Mr Sconce the Sapling were cut before they had begun shaping they were so shaping - These saplings are very young & soft - & if exposed a wet supply last for some months & might stand a much longer voyage - value!

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L Dt A.G.

Memo

Abstract of refund applied for by the Bombay Marine Dept. on account of certain Saplings felled

C. 3. Nov 1869

No 3040. Rev. Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Under date the 25th November 1869.

Read the following letter from the Offg. Conservator of Forests.

Laying certain correspondence before Govt. for orders on the subject of a refund applied for by the Bombay Marine Dept. for certain saplings condemned by a Committee.

Lt. R. 21st Oct. 1869 No 1759.

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