

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd December 1869.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 49. From the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Revenue—Forests,) to the Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Simla, 24th August 1869, No. 371-F.

THE attention of the Government of India has been drawn to a Notification, dated 18th May 1869, and published by the Chief Commissioner's orders in the *Mysore Gazette* of the 29th idem, relative to wood sold by the Mysore Forest Department, and passing through or into the Madras Presidency. This Notification provides that all such timber passing from Mysore into Madras must be stamped by the Mysore Forest Department, and accompanied by a Pass-port granted by the Madras Forest Department, without which the timber will not be allowed to pass.

2. His Excellency the Governor-General in Council observes that, as far as these rules regulate the conditions under which timber is sold, they may be unobjectionable, but that it is not clear whether the Madras Forest Department have any legal authority to stop or detain wood or timber which is not acknowledged by them as timber sold by the Mysore Forest Department. From the correspondence submitted on this matter by the Chief Commissioner, it would appear that the rules were promulgated in Mysore at the request of the Conservator of Forests in Madras.

3. Under these circumstances, I am directed to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, this matter may be explained, and that it may be stated whether the rules in question can be legally enforced in the Madras Presidency.

4. Copy of a letter addressed to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore is herewith forwarded for information.

Copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, No. 370-F, dated 24th August 1869.

WITH reference to your letter, No. 1,902-13, dated 10th ultimo, relative to the restrictions placed on timber passing from Mysore into Madras, I am directed to forward, for information, copy of a letter that has been addressed to the Government of Madras on the subject.

2. The revised Forest Rules for Mysore, published by the Government of India on the 19th February last, contain a form of license, and a provision in Clause 24 that all licenses must be returned by the holder on expiration of the limit allowed. Clause 25 also contains conditions regarding time and route of removal, but these licenses are apparently intended only for wood taken from District Forest. His Excellency in Council observes that, unless some other rules exist on the subject, an additional section in the Mysore rules appears necessary, which would require the production of Passes or other proof of ownership by all persons in charge of timber or wood in transit, and which would empower Forest Officers to stop, detain, and, in certain cases, to confiscate wood or timber not covered by such Passes or other proof of ownership.

3. I am directed to request an explanatory report on this subject.

REFERRED to the Officiating Conservator of Forests for report.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
10th September 1869.

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

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No. 50. From Major R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated camp at Ootacamund, 9th October 1869, No. 1,715.

WITH reference to your official docket, dated 10th ultimo, on the correspondence herewith returned, I have the honour to inform you that, in last March, the Mysore Conservator of Forests made a request that all timber, passing from our depôts into Mysore, should be covered by Passes, and that it should be stamped with the word *Sold* or the letter *S.*, and also bear the Government stamp of the forest, etc. The checks appeared necessary for the conservancy arrangements of both Madras and Mysore, and they were at once put in force. Lieutenant Walker, the Officer in charge of the Salem forests, at the same time, reported that it was very necessary that the Mysore Forest Department should place similar restrictions on all timber passing from Mysore territory into the Denkinacottah Talook of his Range; and that such rules and restrictions would tend to check illicit felling on the confines of both territories. I accordingly requested the Mysore Conservator to place the same restrictions upon all timber passing into our territories from Mysore, as we had, at his request, put in force for timber removed from Madras into Mysore.

2. It appears that the Mysore Forest Department confiscate all timber entering their territories, not covered by our rahdaries; and this is, of course, a great safe-guard against illicit felling in our boundary forests. I am afraid we could not legally detain any timber coming into our territories from Mysore unstamped and uncovered by their rahdaries; but the rules and restrictions now in force could at once enable us to know that it was not Mysore Government timber, and we might institute such inquiries as would bring to light any illegal transactions. Without these rules and restrictions, it is very clear that timber may be felled within the Mysore boundary, and brought through our forests as Mysore Forest Department timber; or timber may be felled within our boundaries, and, if we did not actually detect the felling, it might be carted as Mysore timber unchallenged.

No. 51. ORDER THEREON, 3rd December 1869, No. 3,101.

Forests, No. 1.

THE Acting Conservator is requested to report whether any practical inconvenience has resulted from the absence of

legal sanction to detain or examine timber in transit not covered by a departmental Pass. Major Beddome is also requested to report whether, as supposed by the Government of India, Madras Passes are granted for wood imported into this Presidency from Mysore.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forest.

Ld. F. R. Dantleman.

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DECEMBER.
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 orders thereon.

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