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

No. 75. Read the following Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department:—

Forwarding copies of paragraphs 18 and 19 from a Report by Colonel H. Ramsay, C. B., on the system for preventing losses by defaulting Forest Contractors. } (Here enter 6th November 1868, No. 13F.)

No. 76. ORDER THEREON, 3rd March 1869, No. 552.

Forests, No. .

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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Papers by defaulting Forest Contractors.—Colonel Ramsay's report on the system for preventing them, recommended.

CIRCULAR No. 13 FOREST.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

REVENUE—FORESTS.

SIMLA, OCTOBER 6, 1868.

System for preventing losses by defaulting Forest Contractors.

Read—

Letter from the Secretary to the Government of the North Western Provinces No. 14 F, dated 15th January 1868.

Read also :—

Extract paras. 18 *and* 19 *from a Report by* COLONEL H. RAMSAY, C. B., *Commissioner of Kumaon,—No.* 229, *dated 9th July*, 1868, *(forwarded with the above.)*

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PARA. 18. "The system I adopted last year, of making one man responsible for all money payments, and paying him 10 per cent. to cover all risk, has answered admirably; and had that system not been in force, I should probably have had about Rs. 10,000 of outstanding doubtful balances this year, as the carters all ran away when the cholera appeared. This system entirely frees the Executive Officers of all anxiety, and the constant watching required when money is given to men of straw, or to men from Rampoor, as most of our carters are. The Assistant's time is now so much occupied in looking after the mohurirs entrusted with the collection of minor Forest produce, organizing arrangements to prevent smuggling, and facilitate the export of useless dry timber, bamboos, &c., and in looking after the construction of roads connected with Forest work, that he could not devote the time to superintending the sawing and export, as he formerly did. A respectable Headman advances money according to the progress made by different contractors,—whether in sawing, bringing down to Forest Depôts, or carting to main Depôt. The Assistant engages the sawyers and contractors for bringing wood to Forest Depôt, where it is examined and marked; it is then made over to the Head Contractor, as he may be called, and he is answerable to deliver it at the Depôt. He is paid the full cost of all such timber from the time it is cut to its being landed at the Depôt; he has to pay all the parties employed in different ways engaged in the preparation and transport, with the additional 10 per cent.; and this not only saves the Assistant risk, anxiety, and trouble, but takes all money transactions out of the Assistant Conservator's hands, which the Assistants consider of the utmost importance.

19. After this system has been in force for a year or two, I feel convinced it will be brought to perfection; and the Assistant will be able to devote most of his time to other Forest duties, and it is much more pleasant for him to work, feeling that he is not cheated."

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of these paras. be forwarded for information to the Local Governments and Administrations noted in the margin, with the remark that the arrangements described by the Commissioner of Kumaon may, perhaps, deserve imitation in other Provinces.

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Bengal.	Coorg.
Punjab.	Hyderabad.
Oudh.	Central India.
Central Provinces.	Rajpootana.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, *Colonel, R. A.,*
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

H. M. Alexander, C. E.,
Offg. Asstt. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Secretary to the Govt. of Madras
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