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REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND,
10th August 1870.

No. 175.

No. 1,221.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Forests, No. 7.

SIR,—I am directed to forward, for submission to His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General in Council, the accompanying Proceedings of the Madras Government, under date the 28th ultimo, on the subject of the rate of seigniorage charged on firewood cut in the Govern-

ment forests in this Presidency, the existing Railway fuel reserves, and the requirements of the Forest Department for the purpose of conserving and extending these reserves.

2. It will be observed that at a personal conference held by this Government with the Acting Conservator of Forests, the Consulting Engineer for Railways, and the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, on the subject of the rate of seigniorage, consequent on a reference made by the Secretary of State for India in His Grace's despatch, which is recorded in the Proceedings herewith submitted, the opportunity was taken to discuss fully the question as to the state of the existing fuel reserves and the general prospects of the Railway fuel supply. The Acting Conservator of Forests having then stated that he was unable to push on the formation of reserves with the means at his disposal, was directed to submit a general plan of operations for sanction, with proposals for such an increase to the Forest Department as he considered absolutely necessary to carry out the views of Government in a thoroughly efficient and expeditious manner.

3. Major Beddome's reply to this requisition is recorded in the Proceedings above referred to. He reports that, independently of the tracts whence wood is now being procured, there are at present about twenty-five square miles of recently-formed Railway fuel reserves and plantations which are situated in Cuddapah, North Arcot, Salem, and Coimbatore, but that the wants of the Railways in this Presidency will not be fully secured for future years until this area has been increased to 100 square miles. The current work of his department, which has largely increased owing to the extended operations of late years, render it impossible for the Range Officers to pay sufficient attention to this important branch of their duties unless aided by some additional Assistants. Major Beddome accordingly proposes to strengthen his department by the nomination of four additional 3rd Class Assistants, in order to provide for the extension of the reserves and for the general purposes of the department.

4. The Right Honourable the Governor in Council has given the Conservator's proposals his most careful consideration, and concurs with him in believing that, if any real progress is to be made in the matter of the Railway fuel supply in this Presidency, it is essential that the Forest Department should be strengthened to some extent; and, having in view the importance of early action in this matter, His Excellency in Council has directed that three 3rd Class Assistant Conservators be immediately nominated to the department, and has instructed Major Beddome to report what additional subordinate agency he will require for the charge of the reserves already existing and for those about to be created.

5. The charge involved, it will be seen, will be met from the existing Budget provision under the head of "Establishments;" and due care will be taken that the total grant is not exceeded by the future nomination of subordinates.

6. Under the circumstances above represented, and having regard to the interest taken by Her Majesty's Government on the subject of fuel reserves, I am to request that His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General in Council will be pleased to confirm the orders passed by this Government as contained in the accompanying Proceedings.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Public Works 1870 Department.

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FORWARDING PROCEEDINGS of Madras Govern-
ment on the subject of the rate of seigniorage
charged on firewood cut in the Government forests,
the existing Railway fuel reserves, and the
requirements of the Forest Department for the pur-
poses of conserving and extending these reserves,
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The Secretary to the Govt of India.

Mr. Secretary
I am directed to forward
for submission to H.E. the Viceroy
and Governor General in Council
the accompanying Proceedings
of the Madras Government
under date the 28th Instant

28 July 1870 No 234/79

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on the subject of the rate
of seigniorage charged on
firewood cut in the Govt
forests in this Presidency,
the existing ^{Railway} Fuel Reserves,
and the requirements of
the Forest Dept. for the
purpose of conserving and
extending these Reserves.

2. It will be observed that at a personal conference held by this Govt with the Ag. Conservator of Forests, the Consulting Engineer for Railways and the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company on the subject of the rate of Seigniorage, consequent on a reference made by the Secretary of State for India in His Grace's Despatch which is recorded in the Proceedings herewith submitted, the opportunity was taken to discuss fully the question as to the state of the existing fuel

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Fuel Reserves and the general prospects of the Railway fuel supply. The Acting Conservator of Forests having then stated that he was unable to push on the formation of Reserves with the means at his disposal, was directed to submit a general plan of operations for sanction, with proposals for such an increase to the Forest Dept. as he considered absolutely necessary to carry out the views of Govt in a thoroughly efficient and expeditious manner.

3. Major Biddome's
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is recorded in the No. above
referred to. He reports that
there are at present about
25 square miles of Railway
fuel Reserves and planta-
tions which are situated
in Juddapah, North West,
Salem and Coimbatore,
but that the wants of
the Railways in this
Residency will not be
fully met until this
area has been increased
to 100 square miles. The
current work of his Dept.
which has largely increased
owing to the extended
operations of late years,
renders it impossible

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the tracts a fence work
is now being prosecuted,
a recently formed

secured, for the time
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pay sufficient attention
to this important branch
of their duties, unless aided
by some additional Assist-
ants. Major Meddome
accordingly proposes to
strengthen his Dept. by
the nomination of four
additional 3rd Class Assist-
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for the extension of the
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Dept.
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will require for the charge
of the Reserves already
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The charge involved,
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5. Under the circum-
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and having regard to the
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of Ind. Reserves. I am
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Governor General in Council
will be pleased to confirm
the orders ^{passed} by this Govt
as contained in the
accompanying Proceedings.

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