

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	247	Press Mis.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th February 1870.*

No. 192. Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated camp at Ootacamund, 31st December 1869, No. 1,883:—

With reference to the Government Order, No. 3,101, of the 3rd instant, I have the honour to inform you that the absence of a legal right to examine timber in transit when not covered with a Pass is obviously much opposed to conservancy and to the checking of illicit felling in our forests. When forests under Government are contiguous to tracts belonging to other States, Temples, Zemindars, or private individuals, timber can be clandestinely felled in them; and unless we actually detect the parties felling it, we cannot stop it in transit on any road, if the parties declare it to be brought from other tracts. A proper system of Passes would be equally advantageous to us and other States or the holders of private forests.

2. With regard to the question whether Madras Passes are granted for wood imported into this Presidency from Mysore; I am not aware that any timber enters our districts from Mysore; a Madras Pass would not be required in any case, as it would be supported by a Pass from the Mysore Forest Department.

No. 193. ORDER THEREON, 19th February 1870, No. 247.

Forests, No. 6.

ORDERED that the following letter be despatched to the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Revenue Forests.)

(Here enter No. 248, dated 19th February 1870.)

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
19th February 1870.

No. 248.

No. 194.

To

THE OFFICIATING SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
(Revenue Forests.)

Forests, No. 7.

SIR,—In reply to your letter, dated
24th August 1869, No. 371-F., I am
directed to state, for the information of

the Government of India, that in the present state of the law the Madras Forest Department has no authority to stop or detain wood or timber which is not acknowledged by them as sold by the Mysore Forest Department, but that, as the quantity brought from Mysore into the Madras Presidency is insignificant, the question of laying an embargo on timber, which is not covered by a Pass (Rahdari) granted by the Mysore Forest Officials, and which may therefore be presumed to have been illicitly felled in Mysore, has hardly as yet suggested itself for consideration.

2. The Government, however, do not wish to convey the impression that there is no necessity for legislation regarding the authority of the Madras Forest Department to detain or confiscate timber round in transit and waiting for sale of ownership. Your letter, dated 18th September 1869, No. 411-F., relative to the introduction of a special Forest Act for the Madras Presidency, has been forwarded to the Board of Revenue for their remarks. Should it be deemed advisable to introduce the Act in question, opportunity will be taken to place upon a defined footing the present uncertain position of the Forest Department, both as a preventive and detective agency.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
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Govt. of Madras.
REVENUE.

To
THE OFFG. SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA,
Public Works Department.

Date 4 February, 19th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 13th February 1870, No. 248.

FEBRUARY.

No. 194.

STATING that in the present state of the law
the Madras Forest Department has no authority to
stop timber not sold by the Mysore Forest Depart-
ment.

No. 1883

From

Office of Conservator of Forests,
Camp, Cotacamund
31st December 1869.

To

SIR,

Major R. N. Beddome
Offg. Conservator of Forests.

R. A. Dalrymple Esqre
Asst. Secretary to Government,
R. D.

With reference to the Government
order No. 3101 of the 3rd instant, I have
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I have the honor to be,
 Sir,
 Your most Obedt Servt
 J. W. D. M. Major
 Offg Commr of Forests

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 illicitly felled
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Recd Department
 To
 The Offg Secy to Govt of India
 O.P.W. (Recd Forests)

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 We should answer that
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Your letter dated 18th
September 1869, is under
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Rev. Department
No. 247.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 19th January 1870.

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

Replying to G. O. No. 3101
of the 3rd Decr 1869 on the
subject of timber trafficking
into Mysore; } G. O. 31st Decr/69 No. 1883

Ordered that the fol-
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to the Offg. Secretary to the
Government of India, Public
Works Department, (Revenue
Forests).
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Printer date 1870.

I enclose of interest
letter from the
Grand the following

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Q. Now, you said that you were not sure whether or not you were talking to the person who was the subject of the report, is that correct?

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Rev. S. J. P. S. S.

The Offg Secy to Govt of India
D.P.W. (Lieut. Forester)

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