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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 247 Press Mis.

192-93 Dated 19-2- No 8.20

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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,
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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 found in transit and wanting proof of ownership. Your letter, dated 18th September 1869, No. 444-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,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

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Govt. of {1870} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

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

Dated February, 19th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 19th 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 Department.

No. 1885

Office of Conservator of Forests,

Camp. Ootacamund
31st December 1869.

From

Major R. H. Beddome
Offg Conservator of Forests.

To

R. A. Dalyell Esqre
Actg Secretary to Government

SIR,

R. 29.

With reference to the Government order No. 3101 of the 3d instant, I have the honor to inform you that the absence of a legal right to detain or 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 detain

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of passes would be equally advanta=
geous 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 superseded by a pass from the
Mysore Forest Department.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obed.t Serv.t

H Cadenhead Major
Offg Conservator of Forests

* This is begging the question. If it had been illicitly felled it would not be covered by a Mysore pass & would therefore be liable to confiscation.

Revl Department

To

The Offg Secy to Govt of India
&c &c &c (Revl Forests)

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 as the quantity of timber brought from Mysore into the Madras Presidency is insignificant the question of laying an embargo on timber which is not covered by a Madras pass is granted by the

This draft does not contain the answer required by the Govt of India - whether the Madras Forest dept have any legal authority to stop & detain a timber which is not accompanied by a Mysore pass or timber sold by the Mysore Forest dept. We should answer that there is no such legal authority.

(sd) W.A.

In the present state of the law the Madras Forest Dept has no authority to stop & detain wood or timber which is not accompanied by a Mysore pass or sold by the Mysore Forest Dept, but that

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
does not wish to
convey the impression that
there is no necessity for
legislation regarding the
authority of the Madras
Forest Department to de-
tain or confiscate timber
found in transit and
wanting proof of ownership
Your letter dated 18th
September 1869 No 1144 F.
Relatives

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No. 247.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 3rd January 1870.

Read the following
letter from the Offg
Conservator of Forests.

Reporting G. O. No. 3101 of the 31st Dec. 1869 on the subject of timber floating into Mysore.

(M. C. 31st Dec. 69 No. 1883)

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

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No. 2468 Dated 19th July 70

To

The Offg. Secy. to Govt. of India

D.P.W. (Revl. Forests)

Sir

In reply to your letter dated 24th August 1869, No. 371. I am directed to state for the information of the Govt. of India that in the present state of the law the Madras Forest Dept. 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

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2. The Govt. however do not wish to convey the impression that there is no necessity for legislation regarding

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