

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	952	Press Mis.
Dated	27-6-1870 19	

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government Revenue Department,
27th June 1870.*

No. 326. Read the following letter from Major R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated camp at Ootacamund, 4th June, 1870, No. 2,148 :—

THE Collector of Cuddapah has just brought to my notice the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 7,912, of the 26th of October last, in which the Board authorize all Collectors to raise the seigniorage on head-loads and bullock-loads to 9 Pies and 3 Annas, respectively, so that the rates may be in proportion to the seigniorage on the bandy-load. Our present rates are only 3 Pies on the head-load, and in some districts head-loads are free; and as our officers have lately reported that the seigniorage on the head-load was too small in comparison to the rate on the bandy-load, and that a regular trade was springing up in the former to the entire exclusion of the use of bandies, and to the detriment of the revenue, I referred the subject of an increase in the rates to some of the Collectors, and the Collector of Cuddapah informed me of the Proceedings above alluded to. I have the honour now to request sanction for introducing similar rates into our districts: in fact, it would be an anomaly to have different rates in force, and must act very prejudicially to conservancy, particularly in districts like Cuddapah and North Arcot, through which the railway runs.

2. It must have been an oversight on the part of the Board that my department was not supplied with a copy of such important Proceedings as these; but it is another instance to prove how difficult systematic conservancy arrangements must be, where portions of our forests are allowed to remain under the Revenue authorities, and are managed without any reference to the Special Department.

3. Referring to the Proceedings of Government, No. 785, of the 30th ultimo, I must inform you that I have also had the subject of raising the seigniorage upon charcoal under reference. Our present rates are only 8 Annas the bandy-load, and as it appears that from four to six bandy-loads of wood are necessary to make one of charcoal, it seems imperative on us to raise the rates on charcoal to Rupees 1-8-0 per bandy-load.

No. 327. ORDER THEREON, 27th June 1870, No. 952.

Forests, No. 18.

THE Right Honourable the Governor in Council observes that the G. O. under date 19th July 1869, No. 2,093, raised the rate of seigniorage from 10 Annas to one Rupee per 1,000 lbs. A bandy-load is usually estimated at 1,000 lbs., and though no reservation was made in the order, Major Beddome appears to have concluded that it related to bandy-loads only, and has apparently retained the old rates of seigniorage in bullock-loads and head-loads.

2. The Board of Revenue have very properly made no such distinction, and have made the order generally applicable in accordance with the terms of it. Major Beddome should at once issue similar instructions to the officers of his department,

Govt. of 1870: 32nd June.

REVENUE.

To

THE OFFICIATING CONSERVATOR
OF FORESTS.

cc, cc, &c.

Dated June, 27th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 27th June 1870, No. 952.

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nos. 320-327.

Seigniorage on firewood and charcoal.—
Conservator of Forests instructed to make the
order increasing the rates from 10 Annas to 1
Rupee for 1,000 lbs. firewood applicable.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th June 1870.*

3. The Government will defer passing orders on paragraph 3 of Major Bed-
dome's letter until the report referred to by the Board in paragraph 3 of their
Proceedings, under date 20th April 1870, No. 2,540, is received.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

R. S. ELLIS,

Chief Secretary.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests,
the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No 952-

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Proc of the Madras Govt.

Under date the 27 June 1870

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from the Off. Secy of Govt.
(H. C. P. Secy 10 Oct 21/60)

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