

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th May 1871.*

No. 39. Read the following letter from the Conservator of Forests, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 27th April 1871, No. 115 :—

forwarding the enclosed letter* from the Assistant Conservator of North Arcot. I request sanction allowed to defend a Suit brought against the department by a Charcoal Trader.

2. Mr. Sheffield appears only to have acted up to our rules in detaining the charcoal, as it was not covered by a license. When a license was subsequently produced, it was not in the name of the party concerned, and there was reason to suppose it was purchased; while the case was still under inquiry, the owner of the charcoal files a Suit against the department in the Small Cause Court.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From T. SHEFFIELD, Esq., Assistant Conservator of Forests, to the Conservator of Forests, dated Veeringaporam, 17th April 1871, No. 23.

On the 1st November 1870 one of my Peons confiscated two bandy-loads of charcoal, because the owner had no license; some hours after, the owner produced two licenses for four loads, but as they were not in his own name, and I had reason to suspect he bought them merely to cover his fraud, I refused to release the charcoal. On the same day I received reports from several people that the charcoal had been stolen, and that five more bandies were in a village near the hills. The Reddy of the village, in which the charcoal was, also reported it, and I ordered the whole to be detained, and brought the case before the Town Sub-Magistrate, and went personally to Court to give my evidence; from that time to this I have heard nothing of the case officially, but believe it was sent to the Sub-Collector for inquiry. However, on the 8th instant, I received a Summons from the Small Cause Court to appear on 24th July, as the owner of the charcoal had put the case in that Court. I have the honour to request you will please obtain sanction for me to defend the Suit for and on behalf of Government.

2. Our Forest Rules say that people must be prepared to produce the license when called for; this man could not do so for some hours, and then produced other people's licenses.

No. 40. ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1871, No. 779.

Forests, No. 5.

THE Government sanction the defence of the Suit at the public expense in the first instance, but will determine,

when the judgment is reported, as to who shall bear the costs.

2. The Conservator will also report how the complaint, lodged by Mr. Sheffield before the Sub-Magistrate, and stated to have been referred to the Joint Magistrate, has been disposed of.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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License

Official Conservator of Forests,

No. 115.

Camp, Ootacamund,

27th April 1871.

From

Major R. H. Beddome
Conservator of Forests.

To

D. F. Carmichael Esq^r
As^t Secretary to Government
R. L.

Sir,

In forwarding the enclosed
* Letter from the Assistant Conservator of North Arcot; I request sanction for his being allowed to defend a suit brought against the Department by a Charcoal trader.
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REVENUE.
To THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS,

Dated 4th May.

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Sanction granted for its defence at the request of the Assistant Conservator of Forests, North Arcot, in the instance of the Charcoal trader, who has been subsequently referred to the Department, has been disposed of.

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Sir,

Your Most Obedt Servt

Robt Sedme Major
Conservator of Forests

Revenue. 1871-72
 Forest Department.
 From *W. 1369.*
 To *The Conservator of Forests.*
 Dated *27th April* 1871.
 Despatched *1st May*
 No. 115
 Enclosure. *No. 102*
 Subject.

Submits a letter from the forest officer of N. Arcot, and requests sanction to allow him to defend a suit brought against the Dept. by a Charcoal trader.

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 Under date the *4th May 1871.*

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