

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
9th May 1871.*

No. 100. Read the following letter from Major R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 29th April 1871, No. 127 :—

WITH reference to the latter portion of paragraph 4 of the Proceedings of Government, No. 730, of the 24th instant, I have the honour to inform you that all the timber in the Anamallay, Mudumallay, and Wynaad depôts is either *Teak* or *Blackwood*; both these timbers can be kept a good many years without any deterioration; in fact, they take at least two years to season properly, and are all the better for being kept several years in the forest.

2. All the Anamallay timber in the depôts has been indented for by the Bombay Marine, and our only difficulty is in getting it out of the forests and down to the coast. The unexpected stoppage of works at the Lawrence Asylum has stopped our sales of Mudumallay timber, but there is always a considerable demand upon this depôt. All three of the depôts in question must keep a large stock of Teak and Blackwood in hand. The Anamallay depôt turns out the finest Teak in the world, and is largely indented upon by the Bombay Marine, the Madras and Bombay Gun Carriage Departments, and other Government departments in this Presidency. Mudumallay supplies almost all the Teak required on the Nilgiris, and Wynaad supplies Mysore and Bangalore; it is, therefore, very evident that these depôts must always have a large stock in depôt, or we may not be able to supply seasoned Teak and Blackwood when indented for. I think that Anamallay should always have about 1,00,000 Rs. worth in hand, Mudumallay about 50,000 Rs. worth, and Wynaad about 25,000 to 30,000 Rs. worth. Considering that Teak and Blackwood do not deteriorate, there can be no loss in keeping our stock up to this mark.

3. It is in *jungle-timber* that deterioration causes us a loss, and for some years our officers have been very careful in endeavouring not to fell more than they have reason to suppose they can sell. In South Canara, Cuddapah, and North Arcot, there is stock which has been many years in depôt, and which was originally valued at much more than its proper price; this stock is rather considerable in South Canara, but trifling in the other ranges. I will report in a few days regarding the North Arcot timber. Loss of this nature must, however, always be occurring, particularly in districts departmentally worked, as many of the inferior jungle-timbers begin to show deterioration very soon after they are felled. The larger the depôts, the greater the loss; and the extent would always depend much upon the judgment of the executive officer.

No. 101.

ORDER THEREON, 9th May 1871, No. 809.

Forests, No. 8.

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(True Extract.)

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

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

N<sup>o</sup> 127  
From...

Office of Conservator of Forests  
Camp Ootacamund 29<sup>th</sup> April  
1871.

To,

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Conservator of Forests.

D. F. Carmichael Esq<sup>r</sup>  
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I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,

I have the honor to be,  
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Your Most Obedt. Servt.

R. S. Reddell  
Major  
Conservator of Forests

No. 809.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 9<sup>th</sup> May 1871.

Read the following letter from the Conservator  
of Forests.

Replying to the latter portion of { G.O. 29<sup>th</sup> April 1871 No. 127.  
para 4 of G.O. No. 430 of 25<sup>th</sup> April 1871.  
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14 Board of Revenue Secy<sup>r</sup> to  
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*[Signature]*

G.O. 29<sup>th</sup> April 1871 No. 127

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Forest Department

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The Conservator  
of Forests

In the 4<sup>th</sup> Decy. to Govt  
R. D.

Dated 29<sup>th</sup> April 1871  
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No. 127  
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Govt. of 1871 Madras.

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To  
THE BOARD OF REVENUE,  
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Dated 9th May.  
Recd. Encl.

G. O., 9th May 1871, No. 809.

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*Stock of timber in certain forests.—*  
Explanation of the Conservator of Forests in con-  
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