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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th January 1871.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 340. From the Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 7th January 1871, No. 2,547.

In forwarding the enclosed letter* from Mr. Nisbet, I have the honour to inform you that some Agraharamdars in the Denkinacottah Taluq of the Salem District have lately been felling timber and bamboos in tracts of forest hitherto supposed to belong to Government. Captain Gosling, when lately in charge of the Range, confiscated some bamboos which he stated were felled in Government forests, and the Agraharamdars have now filed a Suit against the department; I request, therefore, that you will obtain the sanction of Government for Mr. Nisbet to defend the Suit.

* No. 193 of 6th January 1871.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. NISBET, Esq., Assistant Conservator of Forests, to the Conservator of Forests, dated Salem, 6th January 1871, No. 193.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that the Mymasoon drum Agraharamdars of Denkinacottah have filed a Suit against, Head Overseer Mahomed Alli Sahib for bamboos confiscated by order of Captain Gosling; I therefore request you will obtain the necessary sanction for me to defend this case at Government expense.

2. The hearing is fixed for the 3rd of February, so I would request your early permission to do so.

3. This is an important question at issue, and the Collector has ordered the Sub-Collector to accompany me to the spot and inquire into the rights of the Agraharamdars to fell in the jungle under dispute.

4. As soon as I receive a copy of the plaint from the Head Overseer, it shall be forwarded to you.

No. 341. From J. NISBET, Esq., Assistant Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated Salem, 21st January 1871, No. 199.

I RECEIVED your telegram of the 19th instant yesterday evening at Tripatore, just as I was leaving for Mullapooram, which will account for the delay in answering it.

2. I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of the plaint made by Denkinacottah Agraharamdar, Contractor, against Head Overseer Mahomed Alli Sahib, also the Overseer's letter to me, in which he fully answers the plaint together with copies of the letters and orders to which he refers.

3. I am unable to tell you the exact date when this dispute first commenced, but it is one of long standing. I have personally visited the spot in company with the Agraharamdars, Deputy-Tahsildar of Denkinacottah, Curnums, and Village Officials, and have no doubt whatever that these Inamdars claim for more land than they have a right to.

4. They have felled bamboos and timber indiscriminately all over a tract of jungle, fully ten square-miles in extent, and when I asked them for their title to the land, either could not or would not produce any.

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5. I enclose a copy of my report to the Conservator of Forests for your perusal.

6. The bamboos and timber were confiscated by order of Captain Gosling, but since I have been in charge, I have not confiscated any, but told the Agraham-dars "I should keep a careful account of what they cut, and if, when the boundaries had been settled, I found they had felled outside their limits, they would be sued in the Civil Court for damages."

No. 342. ORDER THEREON, 24th January 1871, No. 165.

Forests, No. 22.

As the Suit really turns on a question of disputed boundary between an Agraharam and the adjacent Government villages, the Government desire that the Collector will apply to the Court to be included as a defendant, and will at once prepare and submit a draft reply, through the Board of Revenue, for the approval of Government.

2. The time fixed for putting in the reply expires on 3rd February, but the Collector will apply for such extension as may be necessary for arranging the defence.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

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

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Rev. Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the January 1871.

Read the following
letter from the Conservator
of Forests.

Requesting sanction for
Mr. Nesbet to defend the within
mentioned suit filed against the
Forest Dept. by some Agraharamdars
of Denkimattor taluk, Salem Dist.

(H.C. 7th Jan'y/71 No. 2547)

The defence of
the suit in the first instance
at the cost of Government

I think as usual, is sanctioned, but the Go.
as usual, have a
copy of the plaint & government will decide
the draft of the reply - when the result of the suit
otherwise be very is submitted to them, who
be defending an in-
defensible case - then the costs if any
are

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REVENUE.

To

THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS,

Sec., Sec., Sec.

Dated January 24th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 21th January 1871, No. 165.

JANUARY.

Nos. 340-342.

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Suit against Forest Department in
Salem.—Collector directed to apply to the Court
to be included as a defendant, and to prepare and
submit a draft reply to the Board of Revenue for
the approval of Government.

are awarded against the
Forest Department, shall
be borne by Government
or by the officer whose
acts are impugned.

Major Beddome will
submit the plaint proposed
answer to Government
before filing the answer.

2. The Collector will
afford the Forest Dept.
such assistance as may
be required for establishing
or maintaining the Govern-
ment rights.

L.R.

Copy to P. & D. Secy.
Atch. Genl.

Approved by
 Council
 24. Jan 1971.
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N.Y. Jan: 10/41, #2544.

From the Ap^l Court of Her Majesty
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Forwardsing the Plaintiff
against the H^o Brewer
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Not by order
in Council

to Govt.

*For the use of
Salem Post*

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