

To Govt of India
 Immediate of the
 Surplus of the oil
 by Source Fund in
 Malabar Dist

Gobt. of 1872 Madras
 REVENUE.

To
 THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
 &c., &c., &c.

Dated April 23rd.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 23rd April 1872, No. 663. - 4

APRIL.
 Nos. 250-252.

Malabar Village Service Fund.—Appli-
 cation made to the Government of India for
 investing the surplus funds to be withdrawn under
 the circumstances represented.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
 23rd April 1872.

No. 254. Read the following letter from the Conservator of Forests, to the
 Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort
 St. George, dated Ootacamund, 17th April 1872, No. 1,140:—

With reference to paragraph 2 of the Government Order No. 505 of the 23rd
 March last, calling for my remarks on Captain Hasted's observations on the subject
 of Government Timber Depôts, I have the honour to inform you that the Forest
 Department have always large depôts of seasoned teak on hand in the districts in
 which teak grows, namely, Coimbatore, Mudumallay, and Wynaad. The carriage
 of the timber from any of these places to stations as distant as Tanjore would be
 very considerable, and it would probably be cheaper for the Engineer's Depart-
 ment to buy Moulmein teak in a district like Tanjore than to indent for it from
 Anamallay (Coimbatore), the nearest depôt. It might be advisable to form depôts
 for Moulmein timber at places like Negapatam and Madras; but, if so, this should
 be the business of the Department Public Works, and not of the Forest Depart-
 ment.

2. In paragraph 4 of Captain Hasted's letter, I imagine he alludes to other
 timbers besides teak, many of which, such as Vengay, Acha, Irul, Kara Marda,
 Kong, Nang, Tamba, etc., are fine engineering timbers, and might be far more
 utilized by the Department Public Works than they are at present. The only
 drawback to our forming large depôts of these timbers and keeping considerable
 stock of seasoned logs always on hand is, that when we do so, the Department
 Public Works and other Government departments will seldom indent on our
 depôts. If they can get what they require a little cheaper in the local market—and
 this must often be the case in districts where there are private forests worked
 simply for profit without any establishment or any conservancy*—they will never

look to our depôts, and our timber
 deteriorates, and we are great losers. This
 has already been too often the case. The
 Department Public Works besides are
 too much in the hands of petty contractors, as pointed out by the Acting Superin-
 tending Engineer, 8th Division†; and
 these men never indent on our depôts.
 They can always pick up unseasoned
 inferior timbers in the local markets, or from private forests, cheaper than our
 depôt charges must necessarily be fixed at.

* Vide my letter No. 2,530, dated 4th January
 1871, recorded in G. O. No. 108, Public Works
 Department, 4th February 1871.

† Vide his letter No. 2,171, dated 7th November
 1870, recorded in the above G. O.

No. 255. ORDER THEREON, 23rd April 1872, No. 665.

Forests No. 9.

COMMUNICATED to the Department
 Public Works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
 Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
 „ the Conservator of Forests.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Office of the Conservator of Forests.
Ootacamund. 17 April 1892.

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From

Major R. H. Beddome
Conservator of Forests.

To

W. Huddleston Esq^r
Off^g Chief Secretary to Government
R.H.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your Most Obedt Servant
~~W. H. D. D. D.~~ Major
Conservator of Forests

Vide my letter
No 2539, 74th
January 1871.
recorded in G. O.
No 108. Pub. W.
Dep^t 4th Feby: 71.

Vide his letter
No 2171, 87th
November 1870
recorded in the
above G. O.

Q.O. 23 August 1872 to 25-07.
- 8 February 1871 to 25 June

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Forest Department

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The Conservator of

Forests

for the Chief

Secy: to Genl. R. L.

dated 17th April 1872

Dec 2 1871

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Subject.

*Remarks on
Capt. Hasted's obser-
vations on Forest
-lands.*

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