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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th November 1873.

No. 53. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th October 1873, No. 2,067, Forest No. 62 :—

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 10th September 1873, No. 201 :—

WITH reference to the remarks in paragraph 4, Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st August 1873, No. 43-1,619, that my refusal to sanction a proposed sale of timber to a department, which timber could not be written off as sold because it was not to be considered as sold till it had been all worked up, and no time having been assigned for this purpose or any written agreement entered into was "an injudicious interference," I have the honour to remark that it would have caused an interminable account and confusion in a business transaction. I only suggested a more business-like agreement, but did not cancel the sale, as represented. The departmental officer himself withdrew from his verbal bargain of Rupees 2,000. As regards the statement that the timber, in consequence of my interference, remained unsold, I have the honour to state that I then at once directed the timber, which had lain unsold on the bund of the tank and almost on the public road for years, to be sold by auction in lots, when it realized its full* value paid on the spot three months before the date of Major Beddome's letter. It would have been well if Major Beddome had ascertained this fact before writing such a statement.

	Rs.	A.	P.
* Taken by departmental officer, value	513	10	0
Sold by auction	1,561	2	0
Total...	2,074	12	0

2. Although the Board have not noticed Major Beddome's remarks in paragraph 9, where I am represented as having effected a change of Forest Overseers without reference to Colonel Morgan, Mr. Douglas, or himself, I have the honour to state that the change was made at the earnest request of Mr. Douglas; that the reasons for the change were duly and officially communicated to Colonel Morgan; that it was the only possible change in the district in regard to salaries; that subsequently Major Beddome informed me that he could not help me in any way in the matter. I regret, therefore, that the step I took in the public interests, and which I would willingly have left to Major Beddome himself to effect, has been so represented. I beg that a copy of this letter may be submitted to Government in continuation of the Board's Proceedings above recorded.

THIS letter will be submitted to Government, as requested by the Collector of Coimbatore, in continuation of Board's Proceedings quoted. Copy will also be sent to Major Beddome for his remarks.

2. The Board consider Mr. Wedderburn's explanation perfectly satisfactory. They regret that Major Beddome should not have been more completely informed when he addressed the Board both in regard to the negotiation with the Jail Superintendent for the sale of the timber and its sale by auction shortly after at its full value.

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No. 54. ORDER THEREON, 10th November 1873, No. 1,255.

Forests, No. 5.

THE Governor in Council considers the Collector's explanation to be perfectly satisfactory.

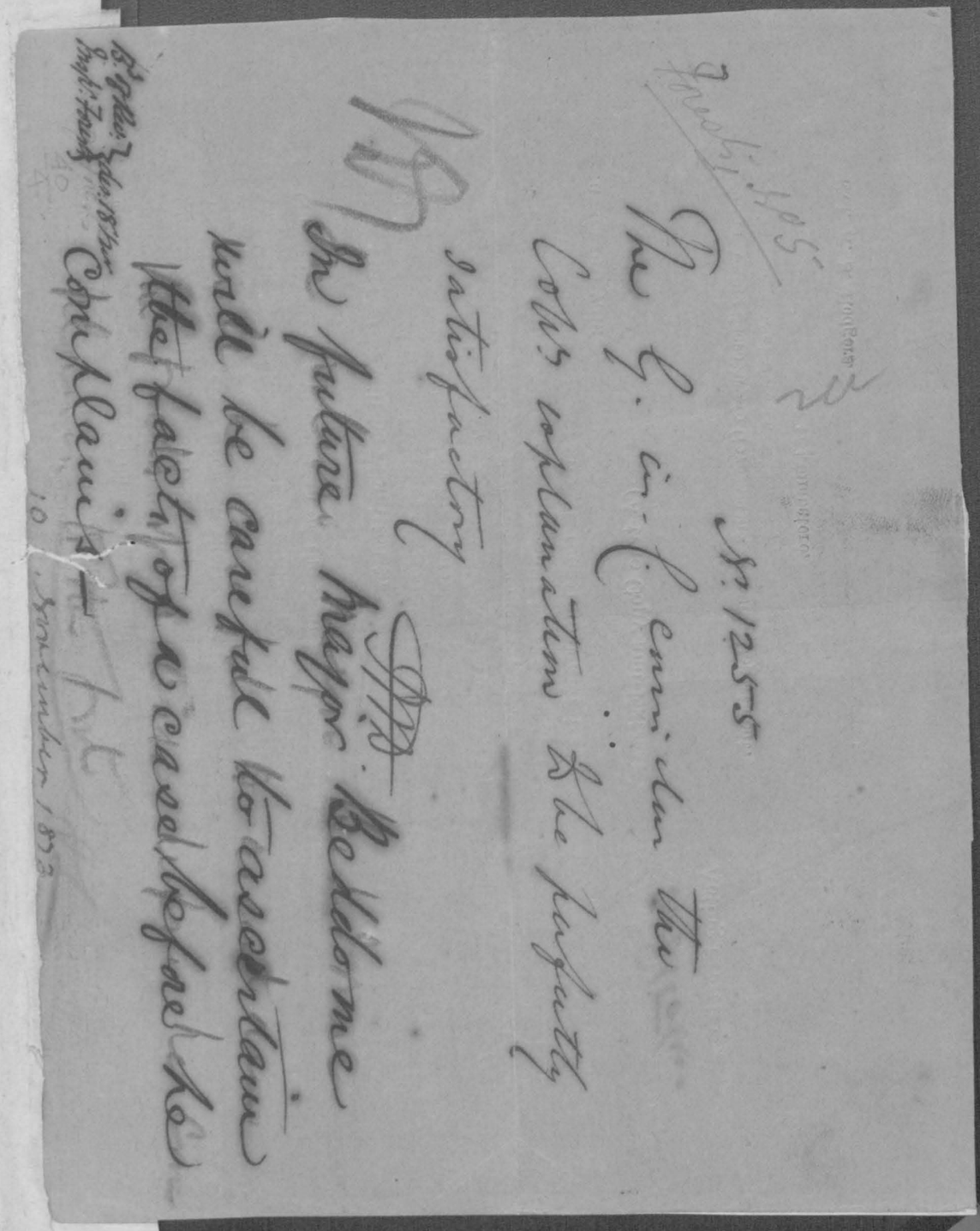
2. In future, Major Beddome will be careful to ascertain the facts of a case before he complains.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Dantleman.



Govt. of {1873} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated November 10th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 10th November 1873, No. 1,255.

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 53-54.

Timber for Coimbatore Jail.—Considerin the explanation of the Collector in regard to hi alleged interference with the supply of — per fectly satisfactory, and directing Major Beddom to be careful to ascertain the facts of a case befor he complains.