

(1) Number of Pages.....16.✓
(2) Date of repair.....18-4-67.
(3) Initials of the Referencer.....*gpk*

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Revenue. DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.	1541.	Press
B.P. No.		Mis.
Dated	11-12-1874.	196 .

Not to be folded or roughly handled

No. 133. Read the following letter from Captain C. WALKER, Officiating Inspector of Forests, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, — November 1874, No. 413:—

I HAVE the honor to report that I have recently inspected the fuel-yielding tracts and floating operations at Neeringapett, in the Bhowny Taluq, of the Coimbatore District.

2. Colonel Morgan met me at Erode, and, with Mr. Pennington's approval, I took with us Mr. Hadfield, the Assistant Conservator in charge of the Trichinopoly Plantations and Reserves, in order that he might gain an insight into the system pursued and the supply available from the natural forests near Neeringapett.

3. Colonel Morgan has experienced great difficulties with regard to the supply of wood-fuel to the Railway Company this year. His floating Overseer neglected the work, and was not properly supervised by the Taluq Forester, Mr. Grant. The allotment for widening the channel was not sanctioned until the river (Cauvery) was too full to admit of anything being done this year, and the boats have, therefore, still to pass through with half loads which greatly increases the expense of supply. Hence the operations of the year have been circumscribed, and bear no comparison with what may be done in the future.

4. I cannot help thinking that some method may yet be adopted for floating the firewood billets more simple and less costly than by means of basket boats which have to be carried back in carts or on men's heads.

Colonel Morgan informs me that he tried rafting on bamboos, but gave it up, because the large quantity required was denuding the jungles near Cauverypooram, and they did not find so ready a sale as might have been expected at Trichinopoly. Again he states that the billets will not float alone, but sink after being in the stream for a few hours, and that, even if they did, a large proportion would be lost or swept out to sea by floods. I have not visited the bamboo jungles referred to, but can scarcely imagine that they could not supply the quantity annually required, and that, if proper arrangements were made in communication with the Trichinopoly Forest Officer, a good market might not be found at Trichinopoly, or even at Erode and Caroor. Large rafts stacked with firewood would then be floated down the river at half flood, and the requisite supply made available at Erode, or further down.

5. On this last point definite arrangements are necessary, and it shall have attention at the meeting on the general question of the supply of wood-fuel to the railways shortly to be held.

In G. O., No. 661, dated 25th June 1873, Government approved of the establishment of a depôt at Chavadypolliem (below Passoor Railway Station) as a temporary measure, and Colonel Morgan has supplied some firewood there; but under existing arrangements finds that it does not pay, and has informed Mr. Betts that he cannot supply any more at that place.

If it can be arranged that the South India Railway take their supply at Erode, it would be most satisfactory; and, considering the comparatively few trains which run over the Madras line and the short distance betwixt the station and the bridge, I should imagine that it could be managed without the necessity of a special siding.

1561

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th December 1874.*

We could then arrange for a direct supply to both lines at the bridge where the firewood would be stacked, measured, and handed over by the department to the Locomotive Department of the Railway. At present there is often much delay in taking over what is brought down, and Colonel Morgan states that quantities have been rejected without sufficient cause, but there were probably reasons of which Colonel Morgan and his Overseer are not aware.

6. As regards the supply available, I can fully endorse Colonel Morgan and Colonel Beddome's opinion, that *with proper care* it is amply sufficient. At present the system pursued is to fell suitable trees over a large area stated by Colonel Morgan in paragraph 2 of his letter recorded with G. O., No. 859, dated 15th August 1873, to extend over "twenty-four square miles of scrub jungle," from which he states that about a ton an acre is taken out *per annum* I presume. I do not approve of this plan which gives us no data as to the rate of re-production and affords no guarantee that we are not over felling, and still less that we are getting the highest possible yield from the jungles.

Colonel Morgan quite agrees with me that, if it is definitely settled that we are to supply both lines, fuel reserves should be formed as in Salem and other districts and the blocks worked in rotation. In the formation of the reserves due regard will be maintained for the rights and privileges of the inhabitants, and no difficulty is anticipated on this score, as the neighbourhood is but scantily populated, and there is still ample room for the legitimate spread of cultivation.

7. We returned to Erode by means of basket boats in about six hours, and thus had an opportunity of judging the rate at which the fuel was floated and the difficulties and dangers of the journey which are considerable.

8. I have communicated a copy of this report to the Collector of Coimbatore for his information.

No. 139.

ORDER THEREON, 11th December 1874, No. 1,541.

Forests, No. 14.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue.

2. The Acting Inspector's remarks in paragraph 6 should receive the special attention of the Conservator and Deputy-Conservator. The necessity of securing the permanence of the supply of fuel from this source has already been impressed on Colonel Morgan.

G. O., 24th April 1874, No. 503, para. 15.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

C. G. MASTER,

Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. A. Grubert.

From Cotacamund November 1874
Captain Campbell Walker
Offg Inspector of Forests.
To,
C. G. Master Esqre
As Secretary to Government,
R. D.

Sir,
I have the honor to report
that I have recently inspected the
fuel yielding tracts and floating
operations at Neeringaspet in the
Bhivani Talug of the Coimbatore
District.

2. Colonel Morgan met me at
Erode, and with Mr Pennington's
approval

Govt. of 1874 Muzra.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
No. 10, Sec. 10.

Printed by Mr. 11th.

1-8

End.

G. O. 11th December 1874, No 1541.

DECEMBER
Nos. 138-139.

For the Board of Revenue report of the Inspector
of Forests on the inspection of the, and directing
the special attention of the Conservator and
Deputy-Conservator to Captain Walker's remarks
regarding the supply of fuel for the Forests.

approval, I took with us Mr.
Hadfield the Assistant Conservator
in charge of the Trichinopoly
plantations and reserves, in order
that he might gain an insight
into the system pursued and the
supply available from the natural
forests near Neeringapett.

3. Colonel Morgan has ex=
perienced great difficulties with
regard to the supply of wood fuel
to the Railway Company this year.
His floating Overseer neglected the
work and was not properly super=
vised by the Taluk Forester Mr.
Grant

Grant. The allotment for widening the
channel was not sanctioned until the
river (Cauvery) was too full to admit
of any thing being done this year, and
the boats have therefore still to pass
through with half loads which greatly
increases the expense of supply.

Hence the operations of the year have
been circumscribed, and bear no com=
parison with what may be done in
the future.

4. I cannot help thinking that
some method may yet be adopted
for floating the firewood billets
more simple and less costly than by
means.

means of basket boats, which have
to be carried back in carts or over
men's heads -

Colonel Morgan informs me that
he tried rafting on bamboos
but gave it up because the large
quantity required was denuding the
jungles near Cauvery pooram, and
they did not find so ready a sale
as might have been expected at
Trichinopoly. - Again he states that
the billets will not float alone but
sink after being in the stream for
a few hours, and that, even if they
did

54
did, a large proportion would be
lost or swept out to sea by floods.
I have not visited the bamboo jungles
referred to but can scarcely imagine
that they could not supply the
quantity annually required, and that,
if proper arrangements were made in
communication with the Trichinopoly
Forest Officer, a good market might
not be found at Trichinopoly or
even at Erode and Carorn. -
Large rafts, stacked with firewood
would then be floated down the
river at half flood and the requisite
supply made available at Erode
or

or further down.

5. On this last point definite arrangements are necessary and it shall have attention at the meeting on the general question of the supply of wood fuel to the railways shortly to be held.

In G.O. N: 661 dated 25th June 1873.

Government approved of the Establishment of a depot at Charady polliem (below Passoor Railway Station) as a temporary measure and Colonel Morgan has supplied some firewood there but under existing arrangements finds that it does not pay and has informed Mr

Mr Betts that he cannot ^{6/15/71} supply any more at that place.

If it can be arranged that the South India Railway take their supply at Erode it would be most satisfactory and considering the comparatively few trains which run over the Madras line and the short distance between the station and the bridge I should imagine that it could be managed without the necessity of a special siding.

We could then arrange for a direct supply to both lines at the bridge when the firewood would be stacked, measured

measured and handed over by the
Department to the Locomotive de-
partment of the Railway. At
present there is often much delay
in taking over what is brought down,
and Colonel Morgan states that
quantities have been rejected without
sufficient cause but there were pro-
bably reasons of which Colonel
Morgan and his Overseer are not aware.
b. As regards the supply availa-
ble I can fully endorse Colonel
Morgan and Colonel Beddome's
opinion that with proper care it is
amply sufficient at present the
system

system pursued is to fell suitable
trees over a large area stated by
Colonel Morgan in para 2 of his
letter recorded with G.O. No 559 of
15th August 1873 to extend over "2
square miles of scrub jungle" from
which he states that about a ton
an acre is taken out per annum I
sume. I do not approve of this
plan which gives us no data as to
the rate of re-production and affords
no guarantee that we are not over-
felling and still less that we are
getting the highest possible yield
from the jungles.

Colon

Colonel Morgan quite agrees with me that if it is definitely settled that we are to supply both lines, fuel reserves should be formed as in Salem and other Districts and the blocks worked in rotation. - In the formation of the reserves due regard will be maintained for the rights and privileges of the inhabitants and no difficulty is anticipated on this score as the neighbourhood is scantily populated and there's still ample room for the legitimate spread of cultivation. -

7. - We returned to Erode by means

of basket boats in about ^{8 1/2} six hours and thus had an opportunity of judging the rate at which the fuel was floated and the difficulties and dangers of the journey which are considerable. -

8. - I have communicated a copy of this report to the Collector of Coimbatore for his information. -

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant

Campbell ^{or} Captain
Offg. Inspector of Forests

8. 25 June 1933 no 200-202
115-116-117-118-119-120-121-122.

No 3986
Bureau of the
General Department

no 1541

From the Office of the
Inspector General

The 1933-1934
B.R. 10.

Wanted
Reputation
Revised 1933

Enclosure here
Subject

Submitting the re-
= section report of the
Bureau taking in the
Council on Subjects

23/11/34 R 24/11/34
115-116-117-118-119-120-121-122
115-116-117-118-119-120-121-122

Communicated to
Grand & Evidence.

2. The Acting
Attacks in, have 6. the

severe the special atten-
the Governor of the
University. The university
receiving the permission
to get a full from the
university. The university

Dr. Col. Morgan
The 24. 11. 1933
no 1541

John
The 24. 11. 1933
no 1541