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19th June 1874.

No. 171. 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, 9th June 1874, No. 149 :—

WITH reference to paragraph 25 of G. O., No. 1,194, dated 27th October 1873, in which the Government call for explanation regarding certain items in the Mudumallay accounts, I have the honour to forward an extract from Colonel Morgan's letter on the subject received through the Commissioner of the Nilgiri Hills.

2. The explanation appears satisfactory; but the present system of valuation and tabulating the results of departmental operations under this head, Felling, Carting, *etc.*, requires revision, as pointed out by Government in their Proceedings of 29th April last, reviewing the Forest Administration Report for 1872-73.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Extract from letter, No. 27/76, dated 30th April 1874, from Colonel H. R. MORGAN, Deputy-Conservator of Forests, to the Commissioner of the Nilgiris.

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WITH reference to paragraph 25 of G. O., No. 1,194, dated 27th October 1873, calling for explanation for the cost of carriage of timber in Statement A being greater than the amount exhibited in Statement D as increased value of timber brought to depôt during 1871-72, I have the honour to explain that the item of carriage includes a portion of the sums paid in 1871-72 for timber carted and brought to account as stock in hand in 1870-71, and that for reasons stated in the ensuing paragraphs the stock on 31st March 1872 in the Mysore depôt was under-valued, *i.e.*, 1½ Annas less than the actual cost; that the Ootacamund depôt average rate of Rs. 1-8-0 a cubic foot existed up to the commencement of 1871-72 was reduced to Rs. 1-4-0 a cubic foot at the close of that year as actual cost, agreeably to G. O., No. 962, dated 22nd June 1872 (*vide* Statement D); and that Rs. 750 were deducted from the total value of timber in different depôts on 31st March 1872 "as destroyed by fire, white ants, *etc.*;" hence, apparently, a large deficit under the item "net surplus value of timber stored in different depôts" during the year 1871-72, against which Rs. 15,653-9-6 would have otherwise been entered as per margin in place of Rs. 10,305-14-0, while the actual cost of carriage during that year would have been Rs. 10,733-9-1 (in lieu of Rs. 13,102-0-5) if Rs. 2,368-7-4 paid in that year for timber carted and brought to account in 1870-71 was left out of account.

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Net surplus value of timber stored in different depôts...	10,305	14	0
Add difference of value between Rs. 1-1-6 and 1-0-0 on 29,031 cubic feet at Mysore on 31st March 1872	2,721	10	6
Add difference of value between Rs. 1-8-0 and 1-4-0 on 7,504¼ cubic feet on 31st March 1872	1,876	1	0
Add value of timber destroyed by fire, white ants, etc.	750	0	0
	15,653	9	6

2. The valuation of timber in Mudumallay depôt is 12 Annas a cubic foot, and the carriage hire to Mysore is 5½ Annas a cubic foot, which causes the valuation at the latter depôt to be Rs. 1-1-6; but having held auctions in that town on two occasions for sale of the timber, I found that one Rupee is a pretty certain average price that we can always obtain, which was, therefore, considered a safer valuation on the Mysore stock.

3. As regard the under-valuation on the Ootacamund depôt stock, I beg to state that the market is now very dull, and the small sales effected during the year prove that Rs. 1-4-0 a cubic foot as an average rate is a reasonable one for us to depend upon. The rate of the stock in the jungles from which timber is exported to Mysore and Ootacamund must be reduced to 8 Annas a cubic foot all round, which is a correct valuation instead of 12 Annas the old rate.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. WALKER, Captain,
Officiating Inspector of Forests.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th June 1874.

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ORDER THEREON, 19th June 1874, No. 751.

Forests, No. 8.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue to whom, and not to the Inspector of Forests, Colonel Morgan's explanation should have been submitted by the Commissioner of the Nilgiris.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Govt. of 1874 Madras.

REVENUE.

To

The Board of Revenue,

&c. &c. &c.

Dated June 18th

Recd. Encl.

G.O. 19th June 1874, No. [illegible]

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Nos. [illegible]

Madras Forest Accounts.—Communicates to Revenue Board letter from Inspector of Forests enclosing Colonel Morgan's explanation regarding certain items in the — with remark.

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Extract from letter No 27/76 dated 30th April 1874, from Colonel H. R. Morgan, Depy. Conservator of forests, to the Commissioner of Nilgiris.—

With reference to para 25 of G.O. No. 1194 dated 27th October 1873, calling for explanation for the cost of carriage of timber in Statement A being greater than the amount exhibited in Statement D as increased value of timber brought to Depôt during 1871-72. I have the honor to explain that the item of carriage includes a portion of the sums paid in 1871-72 for timber carted and brought to account as stock in hand in 1870-71, and that for reasons stated in the ensuing paras the stock on 31st March 1872 in the Mysore Depôt was undervalued i.e. Rs [illegible] less than the actual

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cost, that the Ootacamund Depot average rate of 1-8-- a Cubic foot existed up to the commencement of 1871-72 was reduced to 1-4-- a Cft. at the close of that year as a valuation agreeably to G.O. No 762 dated 22nd June 1872 (Vide Statement D) and that Rs 750 were deducted from the total value of timber in different depots on 31st March 1872 as destroyed by fire, white ants &c, hence apparently a large deficit under the item Net surplus value of timber stored in different depots during the year 1871-72 against which Rs 15653-9-6 would have otherwise been entered in the margin, in place of 10305-14--, while the actual cost of carriage during that year would have been Rs [illegible]-9-1 (in lieu of 12402--5) of

Net surplus Value of timber stored in different depots —— 10305-14-
Add difference of Value between 1-8 & 1-4 on [illegible] Cft at Mysore on 31st March 72 } 2721-10-
— Do — Do — of Do — between 1-8 & 1-4 on [illegible] on 31st Do 1872 — 1876-1-
— Do — Value of timber destroyed by fire, white ants &c — — — 750
15653-9-

2368-7-4

2368—7—4 paid in that year for timber carted and brought to account in 1871 was left out of account.—

The valuation of timber in Mudumalai Depôt is 12 annas a Cft. and the carriage hire to Mysore is 5½ annas a Cft. which causes the valuation at the latter Depôt to be 1-1-6, but having held auctions in that Town on 2 occasions for sale of the timber, I found that one Rupee is a pretty certain average price that we can always obtain, which was therefore considered a safer valuation on the Mysore stock.—

As regard the under valuation on the Ootacamund Depôt — but I beg to state that the market is now very dull and the small sales effected during the year prove that 1-4-- a Cft. as an average rate is a reasonable one for us to depend upon - The rate of the stock in the jungles from which timber is exported to Mysore and Ootacamund must be reduced to 8 annas a Cft all round which is a correct valuation instead of 12 annas the old rate -

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(True Extract)

Campbell Walker Captain
Offg Inspector of forests

Enclosure -

In a letter No 149 of 9th June 1874 from the Offg Inspector of forests to the Secretary to Govt R. D.

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No 149.

Office of Inspector of forests
Ootacamund 9th June 1874

From

Captain Campbell Walker
Offg Inspector of forests

To,

C. G. Master Esqre
Ag Secretary to Government R. D.

Sir,

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of valuation and tabulating the results of departmental operations under this head — felling, Carting &c — requires revision as pointed by Government in their Proceedings of 29th April last reviewing the Forest Administration Report for 1872-73.

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

Campbell Walker Captain
Offg Inspector of Forests

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Forest Department

From
The Offg Inspector of forests
To. The Asst Secretary to Govt. R. D.

Dated 9th } June 1874
Received 10 }

No. 149.
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Subject
Submitting the explanation called for in para 25 of GO No 1194 of 27th October 1873

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