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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Revenue. DEPARTMENT

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Read the following papers:—

No. 122. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th September 1874, No. 2,698, Forest No. 173.

Read the following letter from Captain C. WALKER, Officiating Inspector of Forests, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Trichinopoly, 25th August 1874, No. 257:—

WITH reference to G. O., No. 972, dated 3rd instant, I have the honor to point out that the rates (cost price) quoted in paragraph 3 of Colonel Walker's letter, viz., Rupees 1-6-6 per cubic foot, as stated in the Anamallay Deputy Conservator's letter, recorded with G. O., Revenue Department, No. 199, dated 13th February 1874, "*apply strictly to new timber*," whilst that at which we are prepared to supply the Department Public Works at Pothanore is for *seasoned first class logs* of the season, 1870-71.

2. The whole question is one of quality, seasoning, and the permanent and steady nature of the demand. If the Forest Department know that they will have to supply the Department Public Works regularly, and receive an estimate of the probable quantities and scantlings required in each district during the year in time to provide the necessary funds in the budget, arrangements can be made to supply cheaply, but hitherto the demand has been uncertain, and we cannot maintain working establishments *on the chance* of the Department Public Works taking the timber we bring to market.

3. The Chief Engineer compares the price of our timber with that unsquared Burmah teak in Madras, but there is really no comparison between the quality of the two, the Malabar teak having long been admitted by all the best judges to be infinitely superior; in fact they may almost be regarded as two different descriptions, and the market price of Anamallay teak will always be very considerably higher than that of Burmah.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to the papers disposed of in G. O., dated 3rd August 1874, No. 972.

No. 123. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd September 1874, No. 2,745, Forest No. 182.

Read the following letters:—

From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 9th September 1874, No. 211.

* No. 149 of 26th August 1874.

I HAVE the honor to submit Mr. Douglas' letter,* giving the information called for by Government in paragraph 2, G. O., dated 3rd August 1874, No. 972, Revenue Department, (Board's Proceedings, dated 18th August 1874, No. 212-5,607.)

2. Government wish to know whether the Department Public Works demand for teak can be met from the Annamallay forests, which is answered in the affirmative.

3. Second, whether the price at Pothanore will exceed or fall short of that which the Department Public Works can afford to pay.

4. Mr. Douglas enters into a detailed explanation on this point. He gives valuations of teak from Annas 12-6 to Rupees 2-4-0 per cubic foot, which I suppose is the market valuation

on the spot (*i. e.*, the foot of the ghaut), if not it cannot be of much use as an arbitrary valuation.

5. He also gives the market price at Coimbatore at Rupees 1-10-8 per cubic foot, presumedly squared timber.

6. Consequently I presume that our timber should be valued not above market rate, for if so it cannot be sold at all.

7. Such being the case Mr. Douglas should be desired to meet the demand so far as he can from the large stock which has accumulated at Annamallay.

8. I have got a depôt ready, if necessary, at Coimbatore for the wood whenever Mr. Douglas can cart it in.

9. I have no doubt the Forest Department and Government will be no losers by taking the wood, which must be properly selected at the market price.

10. The price of Annamallay teak on the coast is not a criterion for Coimbatore. The cartage to the river in the first place is short, and water carriage does the rest; whereas there is cartage from the foot of the ghaut to Pothanore, forty miles or so.

11. It seems to me that we must value our wood at the market price, and the former overvaluation was doubtless one of the causes of the great accumulation of stock.

12. I only know that when I took in hand to dispose of by auction a large lot of timber that had lain unsold for some years I had no difficulty in getting a sufficient price. I got collectively for small lots the full price of the whole, which no one cared to buy wholesale at that price.

13. If Burmah undersells India it cannot be helped, but there is this material difference that the Burmah price is apparently for unsquared, whereas the Coimbatore market price is for squared timber, and Government would not think of taking their own timber at less than the local market price, which is the true value, so whether the profit be 12 Annas a foot or 2 Annas a foot the timber should be at the Government service.

14. The question of profit can be afterwards adjusted in account, and should not impede the early execution of the Department Public Works indent.

Enclosure No. 1.

From C. G. DOUGLAS, Esq., Depy. Conservator of Forests, Annamallay Range, to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector and Conservator of Coimbatore, dated Toonacadavoo, 26th August 1874, No. 149.

I have the honor to reply to your endorsement, No. 360, dated 21st instant, on Board's Proceedings, Forest Miscellaneous No. 212-5,607, calling for a report as per paragraph 2 of G. O. (returned) of 3rd August, No. 972.

2. I have in the first place a few remarks to submit with reference to Colonel Walker's Memorandum which accompanied the Government Order under notice.

3. In comparing the rate of Rupees 100 per ton charged by the Forest Department for Annamallay teak with that of Rupees 82 at which Burmah teak, "unsquared," is procurable in Madras from "middlemen," Colonel Walker assumes that we should derive a profit of 12 Annas per cubic foot, and observes that this high rate at once precludes the Department Public Works from dealing with the Forest Department; in support of this conclusion he quotes the papers recorded with Revenue Department Order, No. 199, of 13th February, from which it appears to him that teak can be delivered at Pothanore for Rupees 1-4-0 per cubic foot.

4. Colonel Walker evidently refers to the calculation prepared by me, but has not apparently read the Memorandum which accompanied, in which I distinctly pointed out that the rates were solely applicable to *new timber*. My estimate was framed for the supply of a regular demand from the Admiralty on a carefully arranged working plan, and showed that if 30,000 cubic feet were required that quantity could be felled and delivered on the coast annually for Rupees 1-6-6 per cubic foot, but was not intended to refer to stock cut years ago without apparently much regard to demand, and valued as has been repeatedly mentioned at high rates, and which, therefore, now represents an amount requiring the most careful management and forethought to realize.

5. When the Inspector of Forests, who happened to be with me, asked my opinion on the Department Public Works reference for information as to the rates charged for Annamallay teak I gave Rupees 2 per cubic foot at Pothanore without having the opportunity of going into details; but it will be seen from figures below, paragraph 11, that this, so far from ensuring a profit of 12 Annas a foot, or Rupees 25 a ton, yields a profit of only 3 Annas a foot or Rupees 9-6-0 per ton, or less by 10 Annas a ton than Colonel Walker himself in paragraph 4 of his Memorandum seems to consider a reasonable margin.

6. Colonel Walker speaks of "unsquared" timber, but the Inspector was not asked the price of "unsquared" timber—*vide* correspondence—and I beg to point out that all timber is trimmed before it leaves these forests and much of it is in plank, the most valuable form for some purposes in which teak can be wrought.

7. Whether it is quite fair to expect Annamallay to compete with Burmah teak may be questioned. The Burmah forests are well provided with water-carriage, and timber of great bulk can, therefore, be sent to the coast at an outlay for which it is impossible to work out Annamallay timber, undergoing as it must a long and difficult land transit. Moreover, "middlemen," who obtain their timber generally from private forest owners or contractors, can undersell Government, for they purchase at rates in which careful forest management has no share. This is exemplified in Coimbatore District, where good teak appears to grow scarce from improvident working, and I have of late years been frequently applied to even by Department Public Works contractors.

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9. I have the honor to state there is an ample stock at Annamallay and at foot of ghaut, from which the supply can be drawn. Nothing, however, has been said of scantlings.

10. The market rate at Coimbatore for good teak is reported to be Rupees 20 per candy, i.e., Rupees 1-10-8 per cubic foot, or say Rupees 13 per ton; 600 tons would thus amount to Rupees 49,800, or Rupees 6,300 more than at the Department Public Works offer of Rs. 72-8-0 per ton, or Rupees 1-7-2 per cubic foot.

11. But our stock in the Annamallay depôt is valued at rates varying from Rupees 2-4-0 to Annas 12-6 per cubic foot, so if a mean rate of Rupees 1-8-3 be taken the 600 tons will amount to Rupees 45,468, or Rupees 1,968 more than is offered by the Department Public Works, and Rupees 4,332 within the alleged market value. This does not include cost of carriage to Coimbatore, which on 30,000 cubic feet, or 600 tons at 4 Annas per cubic foot, would amount to Rupees 7,500, so that the timber would stand at Rupees 52,968 delivered at Coimbatore, *i. e.*, Rupees 3,168 above the market value and Rupees 9,468 above that proposed by Colonel Walker.

12. Our stock of timber is large, too large; it has lain long on hand, chiefly because, until lately, it has been in excess of the carriage supply, but it is now nearly all available for export in whatever direction it may be required. Under these circumstances it seems a pity that Government should resort to the market and lay out 40 or 50,000 Rupees in the purchase of Foreign timber.

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14. In Bombay and in the Madras Gun Carriage Factory, Malabar and especially Annamallay teak is preferred to all others.

15. Should Government resolve to lower the Departmental value imposed on the 600 tons I would suggest that the amount of the difference between the rate of value and rate of sale be distributed amongst the balance of stock, which, however, ought first to be thoroughly overhauled,

re-measured, and re-valued; if it prove unequal to the imposition, as above, of any increase an addition to stock by fresh felling might be sanctioned to such extent as would rectify the matter and place the range in possession of a carefully and moderately valued supply of timber.

16. I solicit early orders as to the Department Public Works indent; the carting season is just commencing, and unless I can arrange for labor speedily I may fail to deliver the required quantity; for the demand, be it observed, is a totally unforeseen one. It will, however, considerably augment receipts probably to Rupees 70,000 or Rupees 80,000.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 11th September 1874, No. 1,164, Revenue Department.

ABSTRACT.—*Teak indented for by Colonel Walker.*—Forwarding to Board of Revenue for early notice telegram from the Collector of Coimbatore requesting orders in regard to the supply of —.

THE letter of the Collector of Coimbatore, which gives the information called for in G. O., dated 3rd August 1874, No. 972, Revenue Department, will be submitted to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 10th September 1874, Forest No. 173-2,698.

2. The requirements of the Public Works Department at Pothanore can be met from the Annamalla stock of teak.

3. The market price of good teak at Coimbatore is Rupees 83 a ton. The Chief Engineer has intimated that his department can afford to pay Rupees 72-8-0 a ton. Accordingly under the rules laid down by Government the price at Pothanore will be Rupees 10-8-0 a ton more.

4. The Deputy Conservator shows that the Chief Engineer's calculations of the actual cost of teak at Pothanore are based in part on inapplicable data, and points out that the price quoted by him for Burmah teak is for unsquared timber.

5. It is evidently necessary that the stock in the Annamallay depôts should be overhauled and re-valued.

No. 124. Memorandum by the Chief Engineer, Department Public Works, dated Ootacamund, 1st October 1874.

IT appears from paragraph 4 of Mr. Douglas's letter that the Chief Engineer accurately realised the rate at which Annamullay timber could be delivered by the Forest Department at Pothanore, including every conceivable charge for conservancy roads, establishments, *etc., etc., etc.*, and presuming that a regular demand to the extent of 30,000 cubic feet annually might be reckoned on; such rate being Rs. 1-6-6 per cubic foot on the west coast, or about Rs. 1¼ at Pothanore, which is Rs. 62½ per ton.—But that in consequence of bad management by the Forest Department both as regards excessive felling and valuation at unduly high rates, the existing stock of timber is valued at an abnormal rate.

2. The order of Government in the Revenue Department, No. 972, of 3rd August, having prescribed that the Public Works Department shall obtain its timber from the Forest Department at such a price as that timber will fetch in the open market, it only remains for the Forest Department to adopt measures to supply the Public Works Department at a depôt where it can be conveniently inspected, purchased, and the market-rate ascertained.

3. There can be no better locality for the purpose than Coimbatore where the Collector is prepared to establish a depôt, and where the timber should be put up to auction at periodical sales to be duly notified. Present market-price at Coimbatore being quoted at Rs. 1-10-8, and likely to fall on a constant large supply being ensured, it may suffice to fix an upset price of Rs. 1½ per cubic foot. As the Presidency, Chingleput, North Arcot, Bangalore, Salem, Coimbatore, Malabar, and Nilgiri Districts must all resort to this depôt for supply, the Public Works Department may be considered pledged to take an annual minimum supply of 30,000 cubic feet or 600 tons. And it is desirable that steps be taken for the sale of at least that quantity at Coimbatore at an early date. The Superintending Engineer in charge of the Coimbatore District will receive instructions from other districts as to their demands, and will be the only person authorised to bid on account of the Public Works Department.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer, D.P.W.

No. 125. ORDER THEREON, 12th October 1874, No. 1,305.

Forests, No 6.

As the immediate requirements of the Department Public Works must be speedily met, His Excellency the Governor in Council directs that such quantity of timber as may be required by the Chief Engineer for the current official year shall be carted as early as possible to Pothanore, and be there delivered to the Superintending Engineer in charge of the Coimbatore District.

2. The price to be paid for this and future consignments will be that ruling at Coimbatore at the time of delivery, and this will be determined by the Collector and the Superintending Engineer in consultation.

3. The overhauling and revaluation suggested in the last paragraph of the Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd September 1874, should be carried out; but this is not to interfere with the speedy supply of the wants of the Department Public Works. In valuing the timber the remarks in paragraph 3 of G. O., 24th April 1874, No. 503, must be borne in mind.

4. The remarks of the Inspector of Forests in regard to the preparation for future years of estimates of probable quantities and scantlings required will receive attention in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Inspector of Forests.
„ the Public Works Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 19th September 1874. No 2676.—

Read the following

From

No 257
Captain Campbell Walker
Offg Inspector of Forests

To

J. Grose Esquire
Secretary to Board of Revenue
Madras

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Office of Supt. of Forests
Camp Trichinopoly
25th August 1874.

(Sd) Campbell Walker Capt.
Offg. Inspector of Forests

Submitted to Government with reference to the papers disposed of in G.O. 3rd August 1874 No. 972.

True copy & Extract

J Grote
Secretary

To,
The Acting Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

(Sd) M Narasinna Chetty

Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 23rd October 1874.
Received " 24th "

Read the following:-

No. 2111.

From J. Maclean Esqre
Collector of Coimbatore.

To

J. Grant Esqre
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras.

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Enclosures
1 Letter from Mr. Douglas dated 18th Sept. No. 212/5601.
2 Government Circular No. 1362 dated 19th Sept. 1874.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
J. Maclean
Collector.

Forwarded for information.

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2nd [illegible] the 26th October 1874.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

No. 1305 - 12 October 1874.

Dated 19th } Sept. 1874.
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SUBJECT.

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Coimbatore
Collector's Office
9th September 1872

I have &c
Signed A. Wedderburn
Collector.

1 Enclosure.

No 149.

From C. G. Douglas Esqre
Dy. Conservator of Forests,
Anamalay Range.

To A. Wedderburn Esqre
Collector and Conservator of
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Anamalay Deputy Conservator's office
Camp Tomacadavoo
26th August 1874.

I have &c
(Signed) C. G. Douglas
Deputy Conservator of Forests.

Read also Proceedings of Madras Government, dated 11th September 1874 No. 1164.

Remitted Department, forwarding for the Board's early notice, telegram from the Collector of Coimbatore requesting orders in regard to the supply of Teak indented for by Colonel Walker.

The letter from the Collector of Coimbatore which gives the information called for in Government Order 3rd August 1874 No. 972. Remitted Department will be submitted to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings 19th September 1874, Forwarded No. 173 2698.

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The actual Number Note is to be inserted hereafter on receipt of a Report from the Deputy Conservator

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J Grose
Secretary.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department

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Memorandum by Chief Engr

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No 3324
Forest Department
Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue.

Dated 29th
Despd 23rd
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No 1305-12 Bombay 8th

Oak required by Public Works Department — Letter from Collr of Ernakulam regarding supply of timber to be cut under the Annaymudi Working Circle — Instructions that requirements of P.W.D. should be met from Pathanore coupes as far as possible.

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The order of Govt in the Revenue Departt dated 3d August having prescribed that the Public Works Departt shall obtain its Timber from the Forest Departt at such a price as that timber will fetch in the open market, it only remains for the Forest Departt to adopt measures to supply the Public Works Departt at a depôt where it can be conveniently inspected, purchased, and the market rate ascertained.

There can be no better locality for the purpose than Coimbatore where the Collector is prepared to establish a depôt, and where the timber should be put up to auction at periodical sales to be duly notified. Present market price at Coimbatore being quoted at Rs 1-10-8 and likely to fall on a constant large supply being ensured, it may suffice to fix an upset price of Rs 1½ per cubic foot. As the Presidency, Circle of South Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore, Malabar, and Canara and Neilgherry Districts must all resort to this depôt for supply, the Public Works Departt may be considered justified to take an annual minimum supply of 30,000 cubic feet, or 600 Tons. And it is desirable that steps be taken for the sale of at least that quantity at Coimbatore at an early date. The Superintending Engineer in charge of the Coimbatore Circle will receive instructions from other Districts as their demands and will be only thereon authorized to bid on account of the Public Works Departt.

Calcutta
1st October 1874.

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Chief Engineer
&c &c

No. 3403.
Revenue 1874 Dept.

From
The Chief Engineer
Public Works Dept.

Dated 7th October 1874.
Recd 12th "

No. 1305 - 12 October 1874.

Memorandum in P.W. Board of Revenue regarding supply of Teak Timber required by Public Works Dept.

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Revenue Department.

No. 1305. 13 Oct

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 12 October 1874
Read the following
papers.

Pro. Bd of Rev.
Subj. Letter from Conservr. of Forests pointing out that the rates quoted in para 3 of Colonel Walker's letter apply strictly to new timber which at present the Forest Dept. prepared to supply the P.W.D. at Pollachy is for seasoned & Clapt logs of the season of 1870-71 — H.C. 19th Sept. 1874

Pro. Bd of Rev.
Subj. Letter from Collr of Coimbatore regd supply of teak to P.W.D. with remarks &c — H.C. 23rd Sept. 1874

The Chief Engr. P.W.D.
Memorandum on Pro. Bd of Rev. regarding supply of teak timber to P.W.D. — H.C. 1st October 1874.

As the immediate requirements of the Dept. Public Works must be

be speedily met. His
Excellency the Governor
in Council directs that
such quantity of timber
as may be required by
the Chief Engineer for
the current official year
shall be carted as early
as possible to Pothanore
and be there delivered
to the Superintending
Engineer in charge of
the Coimbatore District.

2. The price to be
paid for this and future
consignments will be
that ruling at Coim-
batore at the time of
delivery and this will
be determined by the
Collector and the
Superintending Enginee
in consultation.

3. The over-hauling
and re-valuation sugge
ed in the last paragra

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of the Board's Proceed
ings dated 23rd September
1874 should be carried
out but this is not to
interfere with the speedy
supply of the Dept. of
Public Works wants.
In valuing the timber
the remarks in para 3
of G.O 24th April 1874
No 503 must be borne
in mind.

4. The remarks of the
Inspector of Forests in
regard to the preparation
for future years of estimates
of probable quantities
and scantlings required
will receive attention in
the Public Works Dept.

To the Collector in
his Memorandum of the
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3 " the Inspector of Forests
21 " the Chief Engr.