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2nd August 1875.*

No. 10. Read the following letter from Captain CAMPBELL WALKER, Officiating Inspector of Forests, to A. MACGREGOR, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 22nd July 1875, No. 380:—

With reference to G. O., No. 673, dated 1st May, and paragraph 3 of Board's Proceedings, No. 114/1,725, of 22nd June 1875, now before Government, I have the honor to submit that the Mudumullay forest depôt establishment at Mysore is kept up separately from that of Wynaad, each costing Rupees 27 per mensem.

2. Both are, in my opinion, which is shared by the Deputy Conservators of both forests and the Commissioner of the Nilgiris, quite unnecessary and a mere waste of Government money.

3. The question of the Mudumullay depôt establishment is fully dealt with by the Commissioner in paragraph 5 of his letter, commenting on my inspection report.

4. The Collector of Malabar (Mr. Macgregor) alone suggested the retention of the Wynaad depôt establishment at Mysore; but he based his objections to its abolition on what I consider erroneous grounds, viz., that the establishment of a depôt at Tellicherry was as yet in a mere experimental stage. I would put the question of the Tellicherry depôt altogether on one side, and consider that of Mysore on its own merits.

5. The experience of years teaches us that it does not pay to thrust our private forests of Poolpully into competition with the Mysore Forest Department and the auction annually, there is no necessity for keeping up a depôt establishment all the year round.

Apart from this, it has been decided to stop all felling in the Wynaad forests, beyond what is required for the local Department Public Works until Mr. Peet shall have drawn up a working plan which will, of course, include the question of disposing of the forest-produce. This will take several years to do, but, meanwhile, as the Collector states (paragraph 3 of his letter recorded with Board's Proceedings, No. 35/385), "no net loss will accrue, as the expenditure is not remunerative."

6. Meanwhile, the logs now at Goondry ready for floating will be supplied to the Madras Department Public Works at Bangalore or sold by auction; a temporary gumastah be employed for two or three months, if found necessary, to receive them at Mysore during the floating season. The other logs in the forest will be disposed of in like manner, and, as they are first class of very large dimensions, I am in hopes that nearly all will be taken by the District Engineer, Bangalore, for the Madras Department Public Works.

7. There are no unsold Wynaad logs beyond a few of jungle wood now in the Mysore depôt, and I can easily arrange with Captain vanSomeren for the safe keeping and disposal of what remains of the Mudumullay stock after the auction to be held next month. This Mudumullay timber is very poor, and, I fear, not worth the cost of watching, which has already been incurred on it. To maintain establishment, costing Rs. 54 monthly, to watch it, and a few jungle-wood logs from Wynaad in opposition to the opinions of all the forest officers concerned appears to me highly inadvisable.

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2nd August 1875.*

No. 11. ORDER THEREON, 2nd August 1875, No. 1,162.

Forest, No. 2.

RECORDED with reference to G.O.,
17th July 1875, No. 1,075, ordering the
abolition of the Mysore depôt establish-
ment.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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

N^o 380

Office of Inspector of Forests
Ootacamund 22 July 1875

From
Captain Campbell Walker
Officiating Inspector of Forests

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Sir,

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Both are, in my opinion, entirely superfluous by the Deputy Conservators of both forests and the Commissioners of the Nilgiris, quite unnecessary and a mere waste of Government money.

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4. The Collector of Malabar (Mr Macgregor) alone suggested the retention of the Wynad depot establishment at Mysore, but he based his objections to its abolition on what I consider erroneous grounds viz. that the establishment of a depot at Tellicherry was as yet in a mere experimental stage. I would put the question of the Tellicherry depot altogether on one side, and consider that of Mysore on its own merits.

5. The experience of years teaches us that it does not pay to thrust our timber on a foreign market and compete with the Mysore Forest Department and the

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REVENUE.

To

THE OFFICIATING INSPECTOR

OF FORESTS

At Mysore

Dated August, 2nd.

Recd.

G. O. 2nd August 1875, No. 1,163.

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private forest of Poolpully. Besides which, as the timber is sold by tender or auction annually, there is no necessity for keeping up a depot establishment all the year round.

Apart from this it has been decided to stop all felling in the Wynād forests, beyond what is required for the local D.P.W. until Mr. Peet shall have drawn up a working plan which will of course include the question of disposing of the forest produce. This will take several years to do but meanwhile, as the collector states / para 3 of his letter recorded with Board's Proceedings No. 35 / 385, "no net loss will accrue as the expenditure is not remunerative."

6. Meanwhile the logs now at Goondry ready for floating will be supplied to the Madras D.P.W. at Bangalore or sold by auction, a temporary Goomastah be employed for 2 or 3 months if found necessary to receive them at Mysore during the floating season. The other logs in the forest will be disposed of in like manner and, as they are 1st class of very large dimensions, I am in hopes that nearly all will be taken by the District Engineer Bangalore for the Madras D.P.W.

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I have the honor to be

Yours most Obedient Servant

Campbell Walker Captain
Officiating Inspector of Forests

N^o 1162

Recorded with reference to G.O.

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