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No. 193. Read the following Endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 26th April 1876, No. 728 :—

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 3rd April 1876, No. 464.

In forwarding a copy of the correspondence as per margin, I have the honor to

1. Letter from the Deputy Conservator, South Coimbatore, to the Conservator of Forests, No. 363, dated 30th March 1876.
2. Bill No. 24 of 1875-76, dated 20th March 1876.
3. Docket from the District Engineer, to the Deputy Conservator, South Coimbatore, dated 28th March 1876, No. 5,678.

request that you will order the full amount of Mr. Douglas's bills to be adjusted at once. The bills were adjusted at the current market-rates, as accepted by the District Engineer in consultation with the Collector, agreeably to the terms of G.O., No. 1,305, dated 12th October 1874, Revenue Department.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From C. G. DOUGLAS, Esq., Deputy Conservator of Forests, Anamallai Range, to Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund, dated Coimbatore, 30th March 1876, No. 363.

I HAVE the honor to forward, in original, a communication from the Presidency Engineer, from which you will perceive that it is proposed to adjust the price of timber supplied by this department at the rate of Rs. 1-8-0 per cubic foot *on account*. As I have received no explanation regarding this method of settlement, and as it may arise from an objection on the part of the Public Works Department to the rates with which they have been charged in my bills, I beg to know whether I ought to accept the payment or not.

2. The timber supplied was all sawn, and the price charged in my bills was regulated by "the current market-rates," as accepted by the District Engineer in consultation with the Collector, agreeably to the terms of G.O., No. 1,305, dated 12th October 1874, Revenue Department.

3. I have duly reported, through the Collector, the result of inquiries made to ascertain the market-price of Teak in Coimbatore and on the Coast.

4. The rate fixed for rough timber, *i.e.*, unsawn, is Rs. 1-6-0 to Rs. 1-8-0 per cubic foot according to quality, and for sawn timber Rs. 2 to Rs. 2-8-0.

5. Cubic feet 5,835-7-7 of Teak in various scantlings have been supplied, and I enclose copy of the bill furnished for payment, which amounts to Rs. 4,270-2-2 more than has been admitted by the Public Works Department.

6. I charged Rs. 2-4-0 per cubic foot for all scantlings over fifteen feet in length and Rs. 2 for such as were below fifteen feet. The timber was selected by the Public Works Department from lists of scantlings prepared in this Office, and was inspected before despatch by the Presidency District Engineer, with the exception of cubic feet 1,318-4-11 sent from the Anamalai Depot.

7. As Rs. 1-8-0 was last year paid for unsawn timber of the same quality, and as the market-rate does not appear to have altered the same rate cannot, of course, be accepted for scantlings.

8. We have, as it is, been subjected to a considerable diminution of the revenue anticipated for the year from the timber having been selected according to specifications not communicated prior to its removal to depot and conversion, and also, I think, in consequence of indents from one district only having been made on the stock prepared,—a course which, when

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timber is selected to suit requirements not previously stated, must necessarily impair chances of sale.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

Bill No. 24 of 1875-76.

The District Engineer, Presidency, Madras *Dr.*
To the Anamallai Forests—

	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
For supplying sawn Teak as follows, with reference to his letter, No. P.S.-1, of 11th February 1876, 390 logs, feet and upwards in length, containing cubic feet 4,847-10-9, at Rs. 2-4-0 per cubic foot	10,907	12	3			
Thirty-three logs, below fifteen feet in length, containing cubic feet 486-1-11, at Rs. 2 per cubic foot	972	5	3			
				11,880	1	6
Ten rafters, fifteen feet and upwards in length, containing cubic feet 17-6-8, at Rs. 2-4-0 per cubic foot	39	8	0			
354 rafters, below fifteen feet in length, containing cubic feet 484-0-3, at Rs. 2 per cubic foot	968	0	8			
				1,007	8	8
Total	12,887	10	2			

COIMBATORE,
20th March 1876.

(Signed) A. W. C. STANBROUGH,
Assistant, for Deputy Conservator.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

Docket from the District Engineer, Presidency District, to C. G. DOUGLAS, Esq., Deputy Conservator of Forests, Anamallai Range, Coimbatore District, dated 28th March 1876, No. 5,678.

WITH reference to your letter, No. 350, dated 20th March 1876, you are informed that on this date the sum of Rs. 8,617-8-0 as per margin has been credited to your department on account, and you are requested to debit this department with the same in your accounts for the current month under "Transfers."

(Signed) R. THOMPSON, Major, R.E.,
District Engineer, Presidency.

G.O., dated 7th September 1874, No. 41. REFERRED to the Revenue Department with note in the Public Works Department and remarks thereon by the Members of Government.
" " 14th April 1875, " 1,033.
" " 18th November 1874, " 142.
" Revenue Department, dated 4th October 1875, No. 1,457.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 194. ORDER THEREON, 20th May 1876, No. 651.

Forests, No. 8A.

THE attention of the Public Works Department will be drawn to paragraph 5 of the Board's Proceedings, recorded in

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G.O., dated 4th October 1875, No. 1,457, Revenue Department, from which it will be seen that the rate for old stock alone was fixed at Rs. 1-8-0, while for logs converted with the saw Rs. 2 were proposed as the minimum; and the rate for the whole Presidency was intended to be settled by the Board or Government in communication with the Chief Engineer and the Conservator of Forests. The Conservator of Forests will now report, after communication with the Public Works officers of the districts, the general rate to be adopted for the whole Presidency. His report will, on receipt, be referred to the Chief Engineer for his remarks.

2. With regard to the rates now entered in the bills presented to the Public Works Department, the Government desire to have a report from the Collector of Coimbatore and the Superintending Engineer, as to whether the rates charged are fair and warranted by the prevailing market-rates.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
" the Conservator of Forests.
" the Collector of Coimbatore.
" the Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore.
" the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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3. I have duly reported through the Collector the result of inquiries made to ascertain the market price of teak in Coimbatore and on the Coast.

4. The rate fixed for rough timber, i.e. unsawn, is Rs 1-6- to Rs 1-8- per Cft according to quality and for sawn timber Rs 2-0- to Rs 2-8-.

5. Cubic feet 5835-7-7 of teak in various scantlings have been supplied and I enclose copy of the bill furnished for payment which amounts to Rs 4270-2-2 more than has been admitted by the D.P.W.

6. I charged Rs 2-4- per Cft for all scantlings over 15 ft in length and Rs 2-0- for such as were below 15 feet. The timber was selected by the D.P.W. from lists of scantlings prepared in this Office and was inspected before despatch by the Presidency District Engineer, with the exception of cubic feet 1318-11-11 sent from the Annamalai depot.

7. As Rs 1-8- was last year paid for unsawn timber of the same quality and as the market rate does not appear to have altered the same rate cannot of course be accepted

for scantlings.

8. We have, as it is, been subjected to a considerable diminution of the revenue anticipated for the year from the timber having been selected according to specifications not communicated prior to its removal to depot and conversion, & also, I think, in consequence of indents from one District only having been made on the stock prepared, a course which when timber is selected to suit requirements not previously stated must necessarily impair chances of sale.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) C. G. Douglas
Dy. Conservator

(true Copy)

W. H. Douglas Esq. Colonel
Conservator of Forests.

Mr. 2511/96.

In a letter No 464 of 3rd April 1876 from the Conservator to the Secretary to the Government of Madras (with 2 sub divisions)

Recd 3/1/76

Conclusion

Bill No 24 of 1875-76
The District Engineer Presidency, Madras.
To The Anamalai Forests.

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For supplying sawn teak as follows with reference to his letter No. P.S. of 11th February 1876.
390 logs, ft. & upwards in length. Containing cubic feet 4847-10-9 at Rs 2-4-0 per cubic feet.
33 logs, below 15 feet in length, containing cubic feet 486-1-11 at Rs 2-0-0 per cubic feet.
10. Rafter, 15 feet and upwards in length containing c.ft. 17-6-8 at Rs 2-4-0 per cubic feet.
354 Rafter below 15 feet in length containing cubic feet 484-0-3 at Rs 2-0-0 per cubic feet.

10907	12	3		
972	5	3		
			11882	1 6
39	8			
968		8		
			1007	8 8
			12887	10 2

Coimbatore
20th March 1876

(Signed) A. W. C. Stanbrough
Asst. for Dep. Conservator

(True Copy.)

(True Copy of a copy)

C. G. Douglas.
Dep. Conservator

For Madras Lt Colonel
Conservator of Forests

FW 2511/96
2/96

Recd 2/23/96



Advice of Transfer Receipt.

From

District Engineer
Presidency District.

To

C. G. Douglas Esq.
The Dy. Cons. of Forests.

Annamalai Range
Coimbatore District.

Dated 28th } No 5678.
March 1876.

5715 cubic feet teakwood
at Rs 1/8/- per cubic foot Rs
8617-8-0 Supplied to the Military
Hospital Buildings.

With reference to your letter No 350
dated 20 March 76. you are informed that
on this date the sum of Rs 8617-8-0 as
per margin, has been credited to your
Dept. on account and you are requested
to debit this Dept. with the same in
your Accounts for the current month
under "Transfers".

(Signed)

R. Thompson Major R.E.
District Engineer
Presidency.

/ True Copy /

Attest: Lt Colonel
Conservator of Forests.

Mr. 2511/96

No 1633/96



N^o 464.
From

Office of Conservator of Forests.
Cotacambú 3rd April 1876.

To,

L^{te} Colonel R. M. Beddome
Conservator of Forests.

General G. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government
P. W. D.

Sir,

1. Letter from the L^{te} Col. R. M. Beddome to the Conservator of Forests N^o 363 dated 30th March 1876.
2. Bill N^o 24 of 1875-76 dated 20 March 1876.
3. Docket from the District Engineer to the L^{te} Col. R. M. Beddome N^o 1305 dated 12th October 1874.

In forwarding a copy of the correspondence as per margin, I have the honor to request that you will order the full amount of Mr. Douglass' bills to be adjusted at once, the bills were adjusted at the current market rates as accepted by the District Engineer in consultation with the Collector agreeably to the terms of G.O. N^o 1305 dated 12th October 1874. R.D.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

R. M. Beddome L^{te} Col.
Conservator of Forests.

P. W. Dept 9

Letter from Forest Dept
No 464 dated 3rd April 1876

Circulated for orders,
with the remark that
there is no information
in the Public Works
Department as to
any other rate besides
that of Rs 1 1/2, fixed
by the Collector, Superin-
tending Engineer, and
Forest Officer of Coimbatore.
vide G.O. No. 1033 of 4 April
1875, and that it is
proposed to refer the
matter of price to be
settled by the Revenue
Department

Letter refers the question
of price to the Revl.
Department. It is clear
that 1. 8. will not be
sufficient for ^{converted. (by saw)} expenses
logs. and that it will
not meet the cost of
scantlings -

PM
20/4/76. per
MPL 22/4

Comd'r Major Genl. Rb.
Secretary to Govt.
P.W.D.

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1876
Revenue No. 1633
From
The Comr of
Coimbatore
To
The Secy to Govt.
P.W.D.
Dated 3rd April 1876
Revenue No. 464
Chief Engineer's Memo 728 of 26/4/76

No 728

Referred to the
Revenue Dept with
note in the Public
Works Department
and remarks thereon
by the members of
Government

Comd'r Major Genl. Rb.
Secretary to Govt.
P.W.D.

The Revl. Dept with 4 inclos.

G.O. 7th Sept/74 No 41
" 14th April/75 No 1033
" 18th Nov/74 No 142
G.O. Revenue Dept 24th Oct/75 No 1457

Cir. 18.4.76. Dtd. 25.4.76.
sent to Coimbatore 15.4.76.

C. 15th Nov/76 19 May

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Instructions, and fundus and
of request to order the full cost
of the King's bill to act -
protect answer -

Enclosure 3
Subj. 1876

Memo. for order.

Letter from the Conservator of Forests d. 3rd April 1876. Nos. 66 & enclosures referred to his Revenue Dept. with the sheet from the P.W. Dept. d. 20th 72.

The P.W. Department object to pay a higher rate than Rs. 1-8- per cut of 100 for timber supplied to them by the Forest Dept. The latter state that for sawn timber the higher rate of from 2 to 2 1/2 Rs. should be charged; & that this price has been fixed according to the market rates as accepted by the S^r Engineer in consultation with the Collector agreeably to go No. 1805 d/12th October 1874. N.D. The Public works Department refer only to the rate specified by the Superintendent Engineer in his letter received in G.O. No. 1033, P.W.D. but it must be remembered that more than a year has elapsed since the date of the Superintendent Engineer's letter & that the P.W. works omit to allude to the subsequent go.

Letter to the P.W. Dept.
10/7/76

Rs. 1-8- per cut of 100.

Recd. W. L. Conner 18/7/76
18/7/76

in the Rev. Department of the
Collector (1895-96 No 1457). Recording
boards recording approving
of Capt. L. Walker's suggestions
in the following terms.

"He considers that the rate
for old black mang remains at
Rs 1-8-0 for 1895/96, but that
for last converted with the saw
it should be at least Rs 2, & that the
rate which is to apply to the
whole Presidency, should be
settled by the Board or Govt. in
communication with the
Chief Engineer & Inspector of
Forests, & the Board approve
these suggestions."

It is submitted that the
attention of the P.W. Dept. may
be drawn to the above & the
Conservation of Forests requested
to report after communication
with the District officers of the
Districts the general rate
to be adopted for the whole Pre-
sidency with reference to the
foregoing remarks.

It is also submitted that the
Collector of Coimbatore & the Chief
Engineer should be called upon
to state whether the rates for
the supply of the Forest Dept. for
the annually timber supplied

& Cap. Walker

to the P.W. in 1895/96 are fair
& warranted by the prevailing
market rates.

21 To the Public Works Dept. on June 2
 21 To the Conservator of Forests
 1 To the Collector of Amritsar
 1 To the Chief Engineer, Amritsar
 1 To the Boarding Officer

Order for approval

No. 657

The attention of the Rev. Secy. will be drawn to para. 5 of the Board's Proceedings recorded in No. 4, dated 15th Nov 1857. Rev. Secy. from which it will be seen that the rate for old stock alone was fixed at Rs. 1-8-0, while the rate for Coft. converted with the same Rs. 2 were proposed as the minimum, & the rate for the whole Residency was intended to be settled by both of the Comm. in communication with the Chief Engineer & the Conservator of Forests. The Conservator of Forests will report after communication with the Public Works Officer of the Bt., the probable rate to be adopted for the whole Residency. His report will on receipt be referred to the Chief Engineer for his remarks.

With regard to the rates now entered in the bills presented to the Public Works Department, the Government desire to have a report from the Collector, Comr.

value & the Supd Engineer as to whether the rates charged are fair & warranted by the prevailing market rates.

20 May 1876

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C. 15 May 1916 A 19 May