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the - Honorable
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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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No. 32. Read the following letter from Surgeon Major G. BIDIE, M.B.,
Superintendent, Government Central Museum, to the Honorable
D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government,
dated Madras, 27th March 1877, No. 76.

With reference to G.O. No. 364, of 13th March 1876.

memorandum dated 19th March, I have the honor to offer the following remarks
for the information of His Grace the Governor in Council, as from the letter of
the Conservator of Forests, it might be supposed that the Central Museum is
defective regards Economic Botany.

2. For years past continuous efforts have been made to render its collec-
tion of indigenous forest and other produce as complete as possible, and there are
now exhibited typical specimens of the medicinal woods, dyes, drugs, gums,
resins, fibres, tanning materials, jungles, fruits, &c., of Southern India.
Along with these there are also arranged, as space will permit, specimens
of manufactures from raw products, so that the collection is altogether a valuable
one for teaching purposes and as illustrating local produce and manufactures.

3. In the last annual report of the Museum, recorded in G.O., No. 1,055, of
2nd September 1876, the importance of this section of the collections and the
necessity for providing additional accommodation, so as to admit of its extension,
were pointed out, and, but for the financial crisis, I would ere now have submitted
a special communication on the subject.

G.O. No. 364, of 13th March 1876, in which the Conservator of Forests recom-
mended Government to refer to it for information and specimens, and it may also
be mentioned that duplicates of some of the articles sent to the Vienna Exhibition
of 1873 secured three medals and one Certificate of honorable mention.

5. As regards Major Beddome's remark, in paragraph 1 of his letter, that
"the different Indian products are quite mixed up with foreign produce," I have
to point out that this does not hold good as regards the Madras Museum. In
every instance foreign articles are kept distinct, and the cases devoted to Indian
produce contain only articles actually grown in the Madras Presidency or obtained in
the bazaars.

6. I have further to state that it will afford me the greatest pleasure to place
these collections at the service of the Conservator of Forests or any of his officers
for teaching purposes, and I would also suggest that, instead of creating a distinct
Museum for local forest produce, with a separate building and staff, it would be
more economical and more to the public advantage if the forest department would
aid me in rendering the existing collections more complete. With such help
there would be no difficulty in making this section very perfect, and, so far as
I am concerned, no effort would be spared to attain so desirable an object. Until
additional accommodation can be provided, some of the foreign collections now
on view in the Museum might be withdrawn.

7. If, however, His Grace in Council should decide on sanctioning the
establishment of a distinct Forest Museum, I have to report that it can be
accommodated in the old public library at the Museum. This room was during
a portion of 1876, used by the Salt Commission for storing their specimens, and

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3rd April 1877.

now contains a number of plaster casts for which accommodation might be found elsewhere. If forest produce be collected there, the Conservator will have to provide extra cases and establishment, and as he is rarely in Madras I must insist on the establishment being under my supervision during his absence, so as both of collections and building.

Forest, No.

REMARKS.
remarks.

(Extract.)

(Signed)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Officiating Chief Secretary

To the Conservator of Forests,
the Board of Revenue.

F. R. Bantleman.

REVENUE

CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS.

Dated April 3rd.

Recd.

G.O., 3rd April 1877, No. 1302.

APRIL

No. 22-33.

Museum of Forest Products. --Referring to the Conservator for remarks letter from Dr. Blair suggesting that the same can be accommodated at the Central Museum.

Prosser, James, 11th Mar. 1877 1302

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 1732

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From *Secy to Govt Public Works Dept.*

Dated *10 March* 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

*Any room in the
Museum?
17/3/77*

*A room in the P.W.
Stores for Forest Museum*
FOR ORDERS.

19/10/77

P.O. 4-77-1002

order

*Refused to the R.F. 7.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Govt
Read the following*

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th February 1877.

No. 767. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th February 1877, No. 556:—

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Bangalore, 7th December 1876, No. 1,404.

REFERRING to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 88-8,366, of the 29th of September last, I have the honor to report that a good museum of all forest produce and economic botany is very much needed in this department, and I have often felt the want of it, as Dr. Brandis remarks "it must be special and cannot be combined with any general museum" as in such cases the different Indian products are quite mixed up with foreign produce, and are to a great extent lost sight of in a general collection, and are seldom, if ever, of any practical value to Forest Officers or others studying or interested in the subject of forestry or forest produce.

2. Small collections have been formed in the Forest Offices in many of our divisions, and some forest officers have given attention more or less to the woods, fibres, gums, dyes, &c., of their forests; but such collections have been of a desultory nature and not of much general utility, besides in the forest offices at Mangalore and Kanara, toddy and in the Anamallays and all our western forests (the districts most rich in different products) the effect of the south-west monsoon is such that nothing of this nature can possibly be kept for long, every thing gets completely spoilt. I think, therefore, that we should certainly have a Central Forest Museum, and that the officers of all divisions should collect for it, and I would suggest that a large room in the Revenue Board Office at Madras should be devoted to this purpose, or if such cannot be spared that a small building should be erected.

SUBMITTED to Government.

2. The space in the Board's Office building, even after the proposed removal of some of the offices now accommodated there, is all wanted for the Board's Office and the Survey Department. Possibly space might be found for a forest museum in the Public Works Stores buildings lately vacated.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed)

H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 768.

ORDER THEREON, 24th February 1877, No. 813.

Forests, No. 24.

COMMUNICATED to the Department Public Works with reference to the suggestion contained in the latter part of paragraph 2.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
" the Board of Revenue.

Ed. T. D. Ryan.

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Oct. of 1877: *Exhibit*

REVENUE.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

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Dated February 24th.

G.O. 27th February 1877, No. 813.

FEBRUARY.

No. 162768.

Exhibit Museum. — Committee on the Department of Public Works. Board of the Department on the subject of — with reference to the subject of the Public Works Stores buildings lately vacated.

Order thereon 10th March 1877, No. 123

It is observed that without the construction of an additional room no accommodation is available in the old Public Works Stores which are being converted into Public Works Offices

/ True Extract /

Wm. A. Colman
By J. H. Keay to print

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To

1877

C 14/3/77, R 17/3/77.

Referred to the Superintendent
of the Government Central Museum for report, whether
a room is available in the Museum.

Fort St. George

19 March 1877

W. S. J. J.

At Under Secy to Govt.

Referred

17/3/77

For Order

showing that an
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necessary in the
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for Forest Museum.

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Government Central Museum
Madras 27th March 1877

From

Surgeon Major G. Bidie M. 3

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Edw. W. S. J. J. J. J.

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Youngs Baying & Bids
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Wapiti Grant Co. Wisconsin

To

The Secy to Government
Revenue Dept.

Dated 27th March 1899
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Respecting that the

Revenue of Forest

products can be

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the Forest B. Bureau the
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Wm. D. Miller Secy to Govt