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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th April 1877.*

No. 212. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd March 1877, No. 1,292 :—

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 4th January 1877, No. 23.

Read also the following letter from Lieut.-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Rajahmundry, 24th February 1877, No. 1,666.

Board's Proceedings, No. 23, dated 4th January 1877, I have the honor to inform you that I quite agree with the Assistant Conservator and the Collector that it appears very necessary to revert to the old system of issuing licenses for bamboos in the Salem Division, the change from the license system to that of depôt appears to have been made without any reference to this office at a time when the forests were under the Collector. Depôts are seldom established except for the reserved classes of timber.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to paragraph 14 of G.O., dated 29th September 1876, No. 1,380.

2. The Board concur in thinking that the depôt system which has proved a failure should be abandoned.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Sub-Secretary.

No. 213. ORDER THEREON, 10th April 1877, No. 1,381.

Miscellaneous.

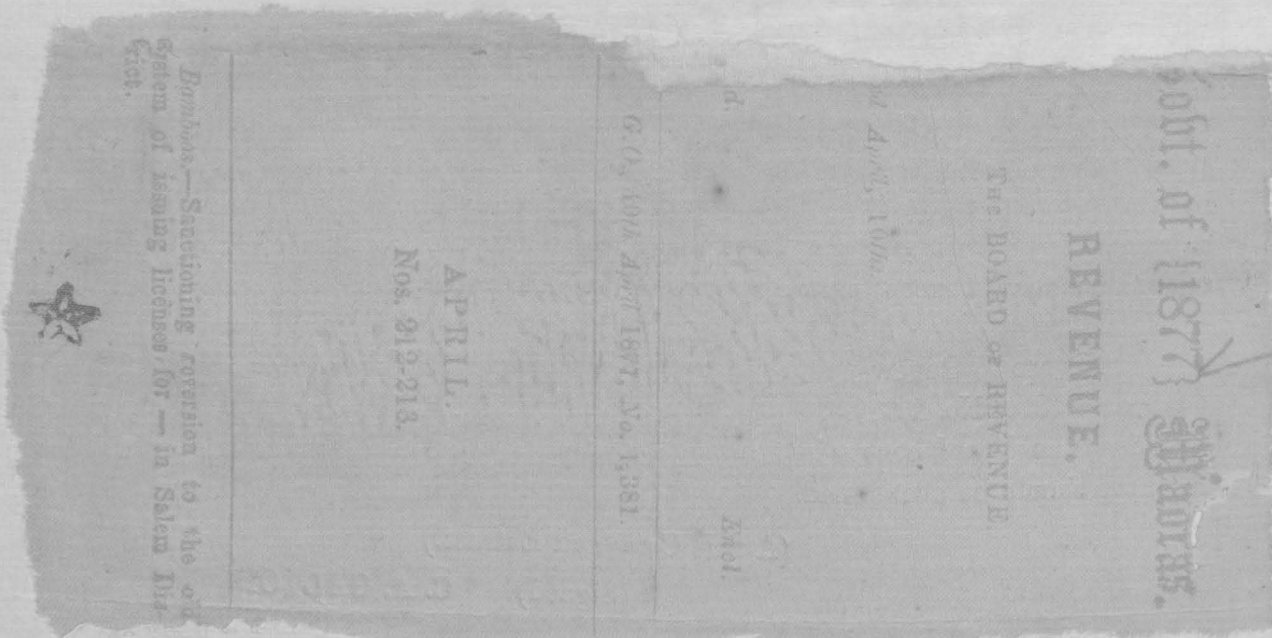
HIS GRACE the Governor in Council sanctions reversion to the License System, which should not have been changed without the sanction of Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

Erd. F. R. Bantleman.



No. 1,292.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 22nd March 1877.

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Read also the following letter from Lieut.-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Rajahmundry, 24th February 1877, No. 1,666.

ADVERTING to paragraph 1 of the Board's Proceedings, No. 23, dated 4th January 1877, I have the honor to inform you that I quite agree with the Assistant Conservator and the Collector that it appears very necessary to revert to the old system of issuing licenses for bamboos in the Salem Division, the change from the license system to that of depôt appears to have been made without any reference to this office at a time when the forests were under the Collector. Depôts are not established except for the reserved classes of timber.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 4th January 1877, No. 23.
,, Conservator of Forests.
Copy to the Collector of Salem.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Bamboos.—Submitting to Government letter from Conservator of Forests regarding necessity for reverting to old system of issuing licenses for — in Salem Division and concurring with that officer and Collector in thinking that depot system should be abandoned.

MARCH.
No. 1,292.

Received 28 March

Feb 26-4-77 in 1887

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PROCEEDINGS, 22ND MARCH 1877, No. 1,292.

Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

1877. 24th
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No. 23.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 4th January 1877.
Read the following letter from C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd November 1876, No. 311:—

In reference to Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 9,113, dated 23rd ultimo, and paragraph 14 of G.O., No. 1,380, dated 29th September last, communicated therewith, I have the honor to forward, herewith, for the information of the Board and Government, a copy of a letter received from the Assistant Conservator of Forests of this district reporting on the subject of the contention in the sale of bamboos between the Forest Department and the town traders.

2. Mr. Stanbrough treats the subject under the following six heads as requested by me:—

- (a.) Arrangements existing previous to the contention in question.
- (b.) Arrangements existing at the time the contention arose.
- (c.) Changes or causes that led to the contention.
- (d.) Duration and effects of the contention.
- (e.) When and how did it end, and causes that tended to this.
- (f.) Present arrangements and results.

His report is very complete on all points.

3. In paragraph 8 Mr. Stanbrough recommends a reversion to the old system of granting licenses, which financially* and in other ways I think would be a decided change for the better.

* Vide statement enclosed.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From A. W. STANBROUGH, Esq., Assistant Conservator of Forests, to C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, dated Salem, 20th November 1876, No. 512.

With reference to your letter, No. 64, dated 7th November 1876, calling for a report on the subject mooted in Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd ultimo, Miscellaneous No. 9,113, and paragraph 14 of the G.O., No. 1,380, dated 29th September last, I have the honor to subjoin under the heads laid down therein the information requested.

2. (a.) Prior to the contention in question the license system was in vogue and had been so for several years; in fact, from the formation of the department.
3. (b.) The arrangement existing at the time the contention arose was the depot system, which on the 17th February 1873 with the sanction of the Collector and Conservator* was introduced, while the license system was in the meanwhile held in abeyance; the chief object

* Mr. C. T. Longley.

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aimed at by the change effected was controlling as much as possible the felling of bamboos which, at that particular time, had been freely seeding throughout the district, and in consequence dying off, as well as to prevent wastage which in the opinion of the then Forest Officer could not be altogether prevented under the license system, even under the supervision of a large establishment.

4. (c.) The causes that led to the contention were that as the change in the system hitherto prevailing effected the town traders pecuniarily inasmuch that they were unable to realize their customary profits, they procured bamboos from the private forests, and as an inducement to the people to purchase from them, in lieu of resorting to the Government depôts, reduced the rates usually obtainable, under the impression that by so doing they would effectually accomplish the object they were aiming at, *viz.*, that of closing the Government depôts and compelling the Forest Department to revert to the license system. The Forest Officer then in charge of the range being apprised of the traders, intentions suggested that the Government depôts and forests should be entirely closed to the public as it was unadvisable in the then state of the

* Acting Collector Mr. J. F. Price.

5. (d.) The contention lasted for a period of about eight months, *viz.*, from the 17th February 1873, the date on which the depôt system was introduced, to the 15th October of the same year, that on which the Government depôts and forests were closed to the public. From a letter to the Collector and Conservator from the then Forest Officer I gather that for some months no sales were effected. This was due to the combination on the part of the traders as alluded to above, thereby seriously affecting the forest revenue of this district.

6. (e.) When it came to the knowledge of the traders that owing entirely to their conduct not only had the Government depôts been closed, but that the people were deterred from resorting to the Government forests, and that the quantity of bamboos they were able to procure from private forests was insufficient to meet the demand, being considerably less than what they had been in the habit of procuring from the Government forests, they petitioned the Forest Officer requesting that the license system might be reintroduced, but that officer refused to accede to their request on the grounds that as they had not attempted to support the depôt system and had done everything in their power to frustrate his intentions with regard to the sale of bamboos, as well as to his being adverse to the reintroduction of a system which in his opinion was highly objectionable and likely to open the door as it were to clandestine felling. A petition was thereupon submitted on the 9th July 1874 to the Board of Revenue which was forwarded to the Forest Officer through the Collector for report, on receipt of which the latter officer, although in favor of the depôt system, remarked that "it is hardly fair to the public to close both the depôts and to refuse the licenses," and requested that the depôts should be reopened, which was accordingly done.

7. (f.) The system in vogue at the present time is the depôt one.

8. I am of opinion that the former system has not turned out so well as anticipated, and, from what little I have seen of the system as carried on in this district, deem it advisable to abolish the depôts and revert to the license system. This opinion is started by my predecessor in the office in a letter addressed to the Conservator of Forests, dated 14th July 1873, No. 356. The subjoined statement will clearly demonstrate the results of the two systems as carried on in the Salem Taluq alone for a period of 12 months. Under the depôt system Rupees 4,171-2-0 was realized on sale of bamboos, but, if we deduct Rupees 2,854-7-5, the charges incurred on the supply and salary of the establishment connected with the depôt, the net profit would amount to Rupees 1,316-10-7 against Rupees 3,399-15-6, that realized by the license system.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) T. PRITCHARD,
Deputy Collector, for Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.
Salem Taluq.

Months.	Sales of Bamboos from Government Depôts in 1875-76.	Expenditure on Bamboos supplied to the Depôts.	Sales of Bamboos on License in 1872-73.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
April	207 14 0	102 8 0	407 5 0
May	730 8 0	304 14 0	335 7 0
June	513 10 0	309 4 0	344 4 0
July	557 12 0	402 12 0	331 6 0
August	119 6 0	212 12 0	209 4 0
September	498 0 0	131 5 7	167 15 6
October	532 14 0	405 4 0	188 4 0
November	133 8 0	372 9 9	187 1 6
December	371 0 0	61 12 0	229 2 0
January	140 8 0	190 8 0	374 7 6
February	230 10 0	65 12 1	303 4 6
March	135 8 0	295 2 0	322 2 6
Total ...	4,171 2 0	2,854 7 5	3,399 15 6

(Signed) A. W. STANBROUGH,
Assistant Conservator.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) T. PRITCHARD,
Deputy Collector, for Collector.

FORWARDED to the Conservator of Forests for remarks.

2. A report from the Collector on the subject (19th January 1876, No. 12) was transferred to the Conservator on the 27th January 1876.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

To the Conservator of Forests.

Copy to the Collector of Salem.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Sale of Bamboos.—Letter from Collector of Salem submitting report of Assistant Conservator of Forests on subject of contention in—between Forest Department and town traders, and recommending a revision to old system of granting licenses, forwarded to Conservator of Forests for remarks.

JANUARY.
No. 23.

Received
Jb 6-4-77 n. 1397.

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PROCEEDINGS, 4TH JANUARY 1877, No. 23.

Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

1877.

Bi. No. 22. March 77 - No. 1292

Memorandum

Bi. No. 29. Sep. 76 No. 1380 -

passing order on B's remarks
in the ^{the B's} Annual Report - Feb. -

1872-73 - called for a
report on the working of the

arrangements for the sale
of bamboos, which had given

rise to contention with
the local traders -

Of course the order must be rectified -
Practically local officers assume the right to do as

the like - Here we find a despatch approved by Govt. for advising the public to use the

product of the public forest under due precaution - or the licence system - or

without authority for one of petty hawkstering in Bamboos & the utter inconvenience of the public respects to the State - An outlay of 1/2 phase

these misadventures at least & ruin of the forest all round for months

The conduct of the local officers deserves severe and

madness - M

into B's Report 4th Jan 77
(now communicated to Govt.)

will be found a couple of paragraphs in the subject of W. State branch - Attention

is called to the Statute which is appended

hereto - from which it appears that the deposit system which was first

introduced in Feb 1873 has not worked satisfactorily

The net yield under the licence system in 72-73 was 3,398 Rs. against 2,117 in 75-76 under

the Depot system -

The Bd & the Council
both approve the change
to the licence system -

Order given requested

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& the Licence system

P. W. has been
changed in the
direction of

for 1/4

No 1952

Order No 1381

Bamboe Depôts

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his price the price is

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now in the license

system which should

not have been

changed without

the sanction of the

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14. To the Lt of Revenue 14-4-77

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