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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

3rd May 1877, No. 15 W.

Buildings and Roads.

Civil Works.

Read the following papers:—

No. 29. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 14th December 1876, No. 2,031.

Endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 23rd November 1876, No. 1,760.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. B. KENNEDY, District Engineer, Malabar, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Sultan's Battery, 18th November 1876, No. 162.

THE Range Officer of Ernaad Division having selected a quantity of teak-timber required for restoration of the Nellumboor bridge, amounting to 3,063 cubic feet, and valued at Rupees 6,126, the Conservator of Forests declines to keep it unless credit for same can be given in current year. As the state of the funds quite precludes this, the consequence is that next year, when the work must be carried out, there will be no seasoned timber to do it with; even the logs now selected were only cut a short time ago, and are not fit for use at present; and if the Conservator has no power to allow timber to be bespoken, unless credit is given at same time for its value, it will never be in his power to supply any but unseasoned logs. I certainly think that some means might be adopted to protect the interests of the Forest Department, and at the same time allow orders for logs to be taken without requiring payment for them, provided that they remain meanwhile on his stock list.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department.

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

REFERRED to the Conservator of Forests for report.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
24th November 1876.

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

From Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Bangalore, 6th December 1876, No. 1,393.

With reference to your docket, dated 24th November, on the enclosed letter from the District Engineer, Malabar, I have

- the honor to forward the correspondence as per margin, by which you will perceive that we were asked to supply a large quantity of timber this year and not receive payment for the same till 1877-78. The District Engineer appears to be under the
1. Letter from Mr. Ferguson, to the Conservator, No. 63, dated 26th September 1876.
 2. Letter from Mr. Ferguson, to the Conservator, No. 70, dated 18th October 1876.
 3. Letter from the Conservator, to Mr. Ferguson, No. 1,204, dated 18th October 1876.

impression that our department had refused to allow timber to be bespoken, and he leads Government to suppose that we declined to take steps to meet indents from his department; whereas it will be seen that the timber was to be used immediately, but not to be paid for till next year, which is quite against our rules, and would lead to much complication in our accounts, and is an innovation which I trust may be avoided.

Forests, No. 14.

REFERRED to the Public Works Department for remark.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 29-A. From Lieutenant-Colonel R. B. KENNEDY, District Engineer, Malabar, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp, Luckadie, 26th December 1876, No. 185.

With reference to correspondence accompanying your memorandum, No. 1,421 T, Government memorandum, No. 1,421 T, with dated 19th instant, I have the honor to explain that, although I was aware that the Range Officer did propose at first that he might be permitted to take over the timber in question at once and give credit for its value next year, I did not concur in that course, because I knew it could not be agreed to by the Forest Department. My letter was not written with any view to demur to any refusal of that nature on the part of the Conservator, but because it was reported to me that the Deputy Conservator at Nellumboor expressed his inability to keep the selected timber at all, and stated that he must, unless it was taken over and credit given at once, send it down to the coast for sale; and this in fact is, I understand, what has since been done. My object was to secure certain selected logs to be kept in stock by the Forest Department till we were in a position to take them over and pay for them; and I would ask that for the future the officers of the Public Works Department may be at liberty to select such logs as they may require, have them marked, and set aside for delivery when required, and when payment can be made.

No. 29-B. Memorandum from the Deputy Chief Engineer, dated 3rd January 1877, No. 14 T.

No. 29-C. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 23rd April 1877, No. 1,520.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th April 1877, No. 1,503.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 13th March 1877, No. 1,714.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of the G.O., No. 927, of the 3rd instant.

2. The whole of my correspondence with the Deputy Conservator of Nellumboor is before Government. I was asked by the Deputy Conservator to sanction the delivery of a quantity of timber to the Public Works Department, the payment for which was not to be made till the next official year. I had not power to sanction such an arrangement, which would quite upset our Budget Estimates and complicate our accounts; and if Colonel Kennedy found that he could not grant credit for the timber in the usual way, I think that he should have obtained the sanction of

Government through the Chief Engineer, or addressed me direct with a request that I should lay the matter before Government.

3. The question of reserving this timber for the Public Works Department was never before me; this is done in every district to meet indents, &c. I can hardly think that Mr. Ferguson can have been asked to reserve it, otherwise he would have done so without any reference to my office; the timber in question appears to have been sold, but Mr. Ferguson probably has other timber with which the indent can be met.

No. 1,715.

FORWARDED to Government through the Board of Revenue.

OOTACAMUND,
13th March 1877.

(Signed) R. H. BEDDOME, Lieut.-Colonel,
Conservator of Forests.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Correspondence.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G.O., dated 3rd March 1877, No. 927.

2. It does not appear that the Deputy Conservator of Forests was ever asked to reserve the timber for the Public Works Department; and as it seems that he has authority to do so, and that this is all that the District Engineer requires, the misunderstanding could have been obviated by a little more explicitness on both sides.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

Forests, No. 9.

COMMUNICATED to the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

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

Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 3rd March 1877, No. 927.

Endorsement of the Acting Joint Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 1st March 1877, No. 527.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. B. KENNEDY, District Engineer, Malabar, to the Chief Engineer for Roads and Buildings, dated Calicut, 24th February 1877, No. 235.

REFERENCE No. 14 T, dated 3rd January 1877.

With reference to above I have the honor to state that the timber was inspected by the Ernad Range Officer with the Deputy Conservator of Forests at Nellumboor on the 10th August, and measurement completed on the 13th September last; it has also been ascertained from the Deputy Conservator that the timber was despatched from Nellumboor on the 29th November, and reached Kalai Depôt on the 11th December; it has subsequently been sold.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department with previous correspondence.

(Signed) W. T. F. FAREWELL, Colonel,
Acting Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, 3RD MAY 1877, No. 15 W.

Forests, No. 2.

These papers will be communicated to the Conservator of Forests for his remarks. His reply will be submitted through the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 30.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd May 1877, No. 15 W.

COMMUNICATED to the District Engineer, Malabar.

2. The Government concur in the remarks made by the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Malabar.
„ Revenue Department.

Exd. T. D. Ryan.

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No 2577
BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of 1877 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
MALABAR,
&c. &c. &c.

Dated May 3rd.

Issued

Recd. 18th May 1877 Encl.

G.O., 3rd May 1877, No. 15 W.

MAY.

Nos. 29-30.

Supply of Timber to the Public Works
Department in the Malabar District.—Corre-
spondence regarding the—, communicated to
the District Engineer, Malabar.

Comm. to the
Board of Revenue
21st May 77