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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th January 1877.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 818. Endorsement of the Acting Under-Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort St. George, 18th December 1876.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Codoor, 17th December 1876, No. 1,510.

In forwarding the correspondence as per margin, by which it will be seen that Letter from Mr. Douglas, Deputy Conservator, South Coimbatore, to the Conservator of Forests, dated 10th December 1876, No. 232, with two enclosures.

owing to a failure of both monsoons in the Anamallay forests this very disastrous year, it will probably be impossible to supply the curved teak to the Admiralty by April 1877, unless the work is pushed on without full consideration to the exact terms of the specification, I have the honor to request that, as suggested by Mr. Douglas, he should be allowed to delay this consignment till February 1878.

2. By G.O., No. 699, dated 27th May last, I am required to inspect this trial consignment; but as it could in no case be ready before the middle or end of January, this would be impossible if it should be decided that it must be forwarded this year, as I shall be absent in Jeypore and the Godavery Districts all January and February.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From C. G. DOUGLAS, Esq., Deputy Conservator of Forests, South Coimbatore Division, to Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, dated Toonacadavoo, 10th December 1876, No. 232.

With reference to the enclosed copy of a communication from the Superintendent, Bombay Marine, which you will observe contains a sanction from the Bombay Government for the purchase of Anamallay curved teak, I have the honor to explain that when beginning the preparation of the trial consignment of that timber for the Admiralty I expected a considerable surplusage before the full demand could be worked up in exact accordance with the specifications, much of which surplusage would be useful, and for which, to render the whole experiment successful, it was desirable to obtain a sale. I thereupon addressed the Superintendent of Marine (copy of letter enclosed), and the sanction above referred to is the result.

2. I write now to submit whether it would not, under all circumstances, be advisable to meet the Bombay indent first and to defer shipment of the curved portion of the Admiralty timber until next season, forwarding only the straight logs and planks as agreed on. We have engaged to deliver both by the 14th April 1877, but there would probably be no objection to extend the term as regards the curves to, say, the 14th February 1878, which would not bring the transaction into a later official year than originally proposed.

3. This, as you are aware, has been an exceptionally unfavorable season for forest work in this division, and it has proved more particularly so as regards the curved timber for the Admiralty. The axemen were quite new to the work, and though I spared no pains in selecting trees, supervising the men, getting the best workmen, and going over and over again the

instructions for trimming, I have only succeeded partially in turning out the timber to my own satisfaction. In practice, the Admiralty specification proves exceedingly difficult to work up to, at all events, in a forest like this, where the axemen fell in detached parties. Scattered over a wide area, supervision over inexperienced workmen is a very arduous task. The terms of specification may appear stricter on paper than would be insisted on really, but this is not known, and it is best to be cautious, and I am not able to guarantee that all the curves are in exact correspondence with the specification, though in no case greatly different from it. I engaged a gang of men and two maistries specially for this work under my own eye, and had the season been more favorable they would have cut much more timber, and I should have secured the required quantity for the Admiralty and more for the Bombay Marine. As it was, whenever they left the forest long intervals passed ere they returned owing to sickness; and as it was hopeless to effect much by employing fresh hands each time ignorant of the work, I was compelled to submit to circumstances. The failure of both monsoons has of course rendered these forests, especially latterly, more than usually feverish.

4. Even if it were decided to ship the crooks selected for the Admiralty so that they should reach England by the stipulated date, I should not be able to get the others intended for the Marine down to the coast as well in proper time for adjustment within the official year.

5. I am beset with difficulties in fact, and, though all work has been brought to a tolerably satisfactory termination in the forest, the drought, &c., threatens to impede operations at their last stage, viz., export of timber.

6. If not utilised this official year the Bombay sanction must lapse, and considering the prospect of obstruction of further operations on which much revenue depends, I am loath to lose any chance of selling which presents itself. Moreover, this may lead to further transactions at higher prices with the Bombay Marine, while under no circumstances can we expect settlement of accounts with the Admiralty before next official year.

7. By reserving only the very best of the selected curves for the Admiralty, completing the balance required next season, and transferring all the rest to Bombay, we shall realize something for the work done. I shall ascertain from the Master Builder at Bombay in what respects improvement may be effected, and I shall have the great advantage of having a gang of men trained to some extent with whom to carry out those suggestions next season. The Burmah consignment will probably have reached England long before operations begin again in this division, and by obtaining the opinion of the Dockyard authorities thereon many a hint may be got.

8. One other point for notice. Government have expressed a wish that you should inspect the timber before it leaves for England; to do this a month or six weeks hence would, I believe, be impossible, from what I know of your movements, without altering important arrangements; and while I am quite ready to guarantee the straight timber, in which we are accustomed to work, I should not like to send off the curves without your concurrence.

Proceedings of the Government of Bombay, Marine Department (Stores—Timber), dated Bombay Castle, 14th October 1876, No. 1,501.

Letter from the Superintendent of Marine, No. 749, dated 16th September 1876.

ABSTRACT.—Forwards a letter from the Deputy Conservator of Forests, South Coimbatore Division, together with a report thereon by the Master Builder, and requests sanction to the purchase of a quantity of crooks or knees and curved timber.

Report by the Accountant-General, No. M-310, dated 25th September 1876.

Report by the Superintendent of Marine, No. 796, dated 7th October 1876.

ABSTRACT.—Submits a letter from the Acting Marine Storekeeper, stating that the probable cost of the curves, including conveyance charges, is Rupees 4,530-4-0.

Report by the Accountant-General, No. M-330, dated 10th October 1876.

RESOLUTION.—Sanctioned.

To the Superintendent of Marine.
„ the Accountant-General.

(Signed) J. MACDONALD, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 3,844.

MEMORANDUM.

FORWARDED to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, South Coimbatore Division, with reference to his letter, No. 148, of the 6th September last.

(By Order,)

SUPERINTENDENTS' OFFICE,
BOMBAY,
13th November 1876.

(Signed)

Secretary.

(True Copy.)

(Signed)

C. G. DOUGLAS,
Deputy Conservator.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From C. G. DOUGLAS, Esq., Deputy Conservator of Forests, South Coimbatore Division, to the Superintendent, Bombay Marine, dated Toonacadvoo, 6th September 1876, No. 148.

I SHOULD be glad to know whether the undermentioned curved timber would be likely to suit your department, and if so, whether arrangements could be made for its purchase.

2. The curves vary from 12' x 10' x 10" to 20' x 15' x 15"; the timber is good and free from injurious heartshake, the bend is in one direction, and has a deflection of not less than 4 inches.

3. There are about 150 suitable curves, all teak, and they have been obtained from the branches of large trees cut into planks or from crooked trees felled for conservancy purposes.

4. The price on the coast would be Rs. 1-8-0 per cubic foot, and they can be delivered in January and February next.

REFERRED to the Board of Revenue, through whom this letter should have been submitted.

(Signed) H. B. GRIGG,
Ag. Under-Secy. to Govt., R.D.

No. 819. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th January 1877.

Read Endorsement of the Under-Secretary to Government, dated 18th December 1876.

ABSTRACT.—Referring to Board letter from Conservator of Forests, dated 17th December 1876, No. 1,510, requesting that the Deputy Conservator, South Coimbatore, may be allowed to delay the supply of curved teak to the Admiralty till 1877 owing to the failure of the monsoons in the Annamallay Hills.

UNDER the circumstances represented by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Coimbatore, the Board are of opinion that it will be expedient to postpone shipment of the sample consignment of curved teak to the Admiralty till February 1878.

No. 820. ORDER THEREON, 26th January 1877, No. 370.

Forests, No. 10.

THE Government consider the post-
ponement recommended expedient.

2. A despatch will be forwarded to
the Secretary of State accordingly.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Conservator of Forests.
„ the Board of Revenue.

Cobt. of (1877) Madras.
REVENUE.

To
THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS,
Es., Es., Es.

Dated January, 26th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 26th January 1877, No. 370.

JANUARY.

Nos. 818-820.

Curred Teak.—Considering the postponement of the shipment of — till February 1878 expedient, and resolving to forward a despatch to the Secretary of State accordingly.

No. 1510

Enc. 3.

From

Lieut. Col. R. H. Beddome
Conservator of Forests

To The Honble M. F. Carmichael
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Office of the Conservator of Forests.
Camp Goodoor
17th December 1876

Sir,

*Letter from Mr
Douglas, Deputy
Conservator of Forests,
to the Conservator
of Forests dated 10th
December 1876 No 252
with 2 Enclosures.

In forwarding the correspondence as per margin by which it will be seen that owing to a failure of both monsoons in the Andamallow forests this very disastrous year, it will probably be impossible to supply the curred Teak to the Admiralty by April 1877 unless the work is pushed on without full consideration for the exact terms of the specification I have the honor to request that as requested by Mr Douglas he should be allowed to allow this consignment till February 1878.

2 By L. O. No 699 dated 27th May last I am required to inspect this trial consignment but as it could in no case be ready before the middle or end of January this would be impossible if it should be decided that it must be forwarded this year.

Your Most Obedient Servant

Wm. A. Adams Lt. Col.
Conservator of Forests.

Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Boards of Revenue.

Dated 19th January 1877.

Read Endorsement of the Under Secretary to Government dated 18th December 1876, referring to Board letter from Conservator of Forests d: 17th Decr: 1876, No: 1570, requesting that the Dy Conservator, South Coimbatore may be allowed to delay the supply of carved work to the admiralty till 1877 owing to the failure of the monsoons in the Anamallai Hills

Under the circumstances represented
by the Dy. Conservator of Forests - Coimbatore
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To
Mr. Schenck
Revenue Department

Started 14th

Dec. 18th } Alexander 1876

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Respecting that Deputy
Consul, if I understand
he allowed to delay so much.
During the Consignment of
cured meat with February
1878 owing to the failure of
insurance in the American
Trade.

Refused

Received 19th
Entered & Returned 22nd } December 1876.

Arthur

Ag. Secretary

MSB

February 1878.

(The Suburb)

W. L. W.

As. Secretary

The Secretary to Government R.D.

Ca. W.

of letter enclosed, and the sanction above

QO 14, Jan 1877
27 May 244-95
31 March 312-13

Rev: 1077 Dept.

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Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 19 Jan: 1877

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QO Nº 370

Deciding it
expedient to postpone
the shipment of curved
teak till Feb'y: 1878
owing the failure of monsoon
in the annamallais.

The Govt. consider the information furnished
specimens -
24 in April will be forwarded to the
Adm'l of the Admiralty
21 Jan 1877
26 January 1877

South Comblator & Forest Office
Camp. Ironacavos.
19th December 1876

From L. C. Douglas Esq.
Minister of Forests
S. Comblator & Forest Office

To Lieut. Col. R. A. Heddons
Conservator of Forests

With reference to the enclosed copy of
communication from the Superintendent
Bombay Marine, which you will observe
contains a sanction from the Bombay
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3 This as you are aware has been an exceptionally unfavorable season for forest work in this division and it has proved more particularly so as regards the curved timber for the Admiralty. The axemen were quite new to the work and though I spared no pains in selecting trees, supervising the men, getting the best workmen, and going over and over again the instructions for turning, I have only succeeded partially

in turning out a timber to my satisfaction. In practice the Admiralty specification proved exceedingly difficult to work up to, at all events, in a forest like this where the axemen fell in detached parties scattered over a wide area, supervision over inexperienced workmen is a very arduous task. The terms of specification may appear stricter on paper than would be insisted on really, but this is not known and it is best to be cautious and I am not able to guarantee that all the curves are in exact correspondence with the specification, though in no case greatly different from it. I engaged a gang of men and two maistries specially for this work, under my own eye, and had the season been more favorable they would have cut much more timber & I should have secured the required quantity for the Admiralty and for the Bombay Marine. As it was, however they left the forest long before I passed and they returned owing to sickness, and as it was hopeless to get more by employing fresh hands

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt Servant,

Wm. D. Macdonald
D. Conservator

From
the D. of Marine
to the Conservator of Forests
Dated 10th Oct 1876
Subject
No. 232
Enclosure - 2
Referring to the
of the Forests to the
Ministry and subject
of the Marine to the
Conservator -

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Marine Department
No. 1501
Shore
Timber
Dunbar Castle,
14th October 1876.

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Report by the Accountant General
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Resolution - Sanctioned.

Signed J. Macdonald Colonel
Secretary to Government.
To the Superintendent of Marine.
The Accountant General.

No 3844 of 1876.
Superintendent's Office
Bombay 13 November 1876.

Memorandum

Forwarded to the Conservator of
Forests, South Coimbatore Division with
reference to his letter No. 1148 of the 6th Septem-
ber last.

By order/
Signed illegible?
Secretary

True Copy

Wm. D. Wright
Secretary

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No 1148
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6th September 1876.

From
The Conservator of Forests
South Coimbatore Dist.
To
The Superintendent
Bombay Marine, Bombay.

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and February next.

Shave &c.
Signed C. L. Douglass
D. C. M.
True Copy

Wm. Douglass
D. C. M.

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