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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

30th July 1877, No. 489 W.

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Read the following paper :—

No. 345. Proceedings of the Government of Madras in the Revenue Department, dated 13th July 1877, No. 2,295.

Read again G.O., 16th April 1877, No. 1,441.

Read also the following papers :—

From Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 28th April 1877, No. 52.

In reply to G.O., No. 1,441, of the 16th instant, I have the honor to observe that I do not see why the Department of Public Works should not pay for timber taken from the vicinity of roads as well as for that which may be taken from farther inside a forest. Such a rule as Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy wishes Government to sanction might be much abused in some districts by Overseers and others in his department. Timber near road sides is more valuable than that more remote in the forest, and in the Wynaad and other forest districts they might supply nearly all their wants from trees cut within one chain of roads. Our revenue would be seriously affected and the Department of Public Works works unduly cheapened; in fact, neither department could exhibit a correct return.

2. I consider that trees near roads under the Department of Public Works should be reserved for bridge-work or other purposes connected with such roads, and that their department should be authorized to select and mark what they require, but that when they are cut our department should be credited with the market seigniorage on the timber.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th June 1877, No. 2,878.

From W. LOGAN, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 23rd May 1877, No. 130.

With reference to G.O., Revenue Department, dated 16th April 1877, No. 1,441, forwarded for my remarks with the Board's Proceedings of the 30th idem, Miscellaneous No. 6,270, I have the honor to inform you that, on consulting the Deputy Collector, Wynaad, on the subject, I agree with him in opinion that it would be most objectionable to allow the Public Works Department to fell timber growing on land allowed to them on the sides of roads. It would, moreover, be impossible for the most vigilant of Public Works Department Officers to prevent frauds on the part of subordinates and contractors were this privilege conceded to them.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to the order quoted.

2. The Collector is so much averse to the concession that the Board cannot recommend its being granted.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

Forest, No. 9.

THE Government concur with the Board that the concession sought cannot be granted.

2. The point raised in paragraph of Colonel Beddome's letter is a matter for departmental settlement.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secy. to Govt., Rev. D.

No. 346.

ORDER THEREON, 30th July 1877, No. 489 W.

COMMUNICATED to the District Engineer, Malabar, and to all other District Engineers, who will report their opinions on the question raised in paragraph 2 of Colonel Beddome's letter.

(True Extract.)

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

To District Engineers.
the Revenue Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Trees growing near roads under the Department Public Works.—Orders passed in the Revenue Department on Colonel Goddard's letter regarding the utilization of —, are annexed to District Engineers for report.

Comm^d to the
Board of Revenue
6. Augt/77

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