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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

6th August 1878, No. 1,251.

Read the following papers:—

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(True Copy.)

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

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ENCLOSURE No. 4.

Statement showing the Receipts and Charges of Ahtur, Harur, and Singarapett Depôts for three official years commencing from 1874-75.

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			Receipts.	Charges.
			RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Salem	Ahtur	1874-75	...	...
		1875-76	...	81 1 5
		1876-77	88 6 0	0 8 0
		Establishment Charges.	...	120 0 0
	Total ...		88 6 0	201 9 5
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		1875-76	1,097 4 5	712 5 10
		1876-77	527 4 2	416 7 2
		Establishment Charges.	...	276 0 0
	Total ...		1,713 4 3	1,404 13 0
	Singarapett	1874-75	39 13 11	...
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4. The reported destruction of vouchers should also be explained.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

REFERRED to the Conservator of Forests for his opinion as to the scheme proposed by the Deputy Conservator in connection with the Harur Depôt.

OOTACAMUND,
4th July 1878.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

No. 84. From Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 5th July 1878, No. 623.

WITH reference to your docket of the 4th instant on the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1,405, of the 24th of May (herewith returned), I have the honor to inform you that I approve of Mr. Stanbrough's proposition for re-opening the Harur Depôt for the sale exclusively of first-class timbers.

No. 85. ORDER THEREON, 6th August 1878, No. 1,251.

Forests No. 2.

THE Harur Depôt should be re-opened in conformity with the proposal of the Deputy Conservator which

has the support of the Collector, and is approved by the Conservator.

2. The other depôts may remain closed.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
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To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Conservator of Forests.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 1,405.

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[Signature]
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

" Collector of Salem.

" Conservator of Forests.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 24TH MAY 1878, No. 1,405.

Order 15/6/78.

End.

Ord. 1251 - 6 August 1878

Received
H. H. H.
Secretary

MAY.
No. 1,405.

Her Majesty's — in Salem District. — Submit-
ting for orders of Government letter from Col-
lector recommending the re-opening of the —
for the supply and sale of timber of first-class.

Harbor at Seattle
 Deputy Salmon

S.O. No 1257 of 6 August 1878

Bonds 24th May 78 No: 1405.

From Conservator of Forests

for July 78 No: 623.

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Referring to letter dated the
 22nd Dec 76 on the subject
 Forests. Col: Boddams has
 said that the Harbor
 did not pay "I propose to
 abolish it."
 He has received the collector's
 opinion on the point.

(From S.O. 21st March 77)
 The collector supported the
 suggestion but the Harbor
 for "a statement of the
 timber in the Harbor
 the above" (S.O. 17 Dec 77 No 9000)

The collector now reports
 that the Harbor has closed
 by Col: Boddams' instructions
 from the 1st Jan 77. In the
 meantime a recommendation
 that is made by the Deputy Conservator
 that one at Harbor should be reopened
 on a modified system - the Board
 think it is a fair point immediately
 to be considered. But Col: Boddams is in favor of it
 has the feeling that it is a matter for his judgment
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 the proposal of the
 Deputy Conservator
 which has the
 support of the
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By Order of Board of Officers
 21 The Conservator of Forests

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James ORK

See also

up to the
 Harbor
 H. H. H.
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C10-7-78
 R22-7-78
 R24-7-78
 R5-7-78

The Board - There is
no apparent demand
to open or encourage
the opening of a depot
A for? institution
but transact some
business - including all
receipts & sales is surely
not worth supervision
& management.

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Not to be guided by
the police & the Forest
Dept. They probably
know best what the
S. requires. S

Yes & and an insufficient
supply will only give rise
to illicit supplies

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No. 623.

Office of Commr. of Forests
Ootacamund, 5th July 1891

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From,
Lieut. Col. R. S. Reddome
Conservator of Forests

To, C. G. Master Esquire
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Ootacamund

Sir,

With reference to your order
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I have the honor to inform you
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brought his proposition for re-
opening the Kanner Depot for
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I have the honor to be

Sir,
Your most obed^t Servant
R. S. Reddome Lt. Col.
Conservator of Forests

January 8, 1898. Mr. Deane
Revenue Agents.

No 2891.
From the Conservator of
Forest.

To the Secretary to Govt.
Panama.

Dated 5th July 1898
Respectfully

No 2893.
Dated 1897-1898
Enclosure one.

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The reference to docket
of the 14th June on the forest
map of the Board of Panama
the 1405 of the 24th May 1898
informing that the reference
of Mr. Deane's report
action for regarding the
Forest Report.

C 10-7-78
E 22-7-78
R 22-7-78
R 22-7-78

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