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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

8th November 1878, No. 1,803.

Read the following paper :—

No. 112. From Lieut.-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Ootacamund, dated Ootacamund, 1st November 1878, No. 1,170.

In accordance with paragraph 1 of the G. O., No. 1,336, of the 19th August last, I have the honor to forward letters as per margin from Mr. Morgan, lately in charge of the Bolampatti Forests, and Mr. Peet, the present Range Officer.

1. Letter from Mr. Morgan, to the Conservator of Forests, No. 135, dated 14th September 1878.
2. Letter from Mr. Peet, to the Conservator of Forests, dated 23rd September 1878, No. 638, forwarding a letter from his Forest Ranger.

2. When the timber in question was cut these forests were entirely under the late Collector Mr Wedderburn, and were being worked by him.

Enclosure No. 1.

From R. W. MORGAN, Esq., Deputy Conservator of Forests, to Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, dated Baigoor, 14th September 1878, No. 135.

With reference to your letter No. 896, of the 6th instant, I have the honor to inform you that there is no copy of G.O., No. 1,336, dated 19th August last, in this office, but I have written to the Central office for a copy of the same. The timber felled by me in the Bolampatti Forests was by order of the Collector, the then Conservator; a contract was drawn up in legal form by the Government Solicitor with one Khader Sahib. The trees were marked, some by the Ranger, and others by myself in person, and all were inspected and approved by me. The contractor's axemen felled by mistake some unmarked trees. Of these a few were brought into Coimbatore, and a deduction was made by me in the rates paid in consequence. All the logs in the depôt are first class, with the exception of some eight or ten. When the contract was entered into, there was a great demand for Blackwood on the Coast, and I could have sold any amount; but immediately after opening out a road to Bolampatti, and getting a few logs out, one Andoo Sait thought it fine opportunity to bring his timber out and commenced doing so, dragging his logs along the road with elephants to the neighborhood of my depôt. I immediately put a stop to this; but being obliged to take leave on sick certificate for three months, I found on my return that a great number of logs had been brought out, and that Andoo Sait was underselling me. I wrote and complained to the Collector about the destruction of the road, &c., and had the dragging put a stop to. All the correspondence on this subject Mr. Peet has. Rajah Arakurishi Nair, about whose trade in timber I have so frequently complained, has been the chief cause of the Coimbatore timber lying unsold. A small consignment of Rosewood was despatched to the Coast on trial; but as no one would offer more than Rs. 1-6-0 per foot, it remained unsold. The whole of the timber in the Coimbatore Depôt might have been sold if offered at Rs. 1-6-0, or an anna or two less. It cost us 12 Annas a foot. On receipt of Government order I will report further on this matter, if this is not sufficient.

Enclosure No. 2.

From A. W. PEET, Esq., Deputy Conservator of Forests, to Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, Coimbatore, dated Coimbatore, 23rd September 1878, No. 638.

Referring to your letter, dated 6th instant, No. 897, I have the honor to forward a copy of the Ranger's* letter on the subject of felling in the Bolampatti Range during my predecessor's time. He explained to me personally that the license and voucher felling was limited in extent, or was carried on only on the lower parts of the hills.

* No. 61, dated 22nd September 1878.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

From V. GOVINDARAJA MUDALIAR, Ranger, to A. W. PEET, Esq., Deputy Conservator of Forests, North Coimbatore Division, dated Coimbatore, 22nd September 1878, No. 61.

WITH reference to your Memorandum No. 93-B-633, dated 20th September 1878, which I just received, I beg respectfully to report that since I took over charge of the Bolampatti Range, the trees that have been felled under the voucher and license system and departmentally have been duly selected and marked out previous to their being felled; but as to the felling prior to my taking over charge, I beg to report that I am unable to inform whether this practice was observed or not.

No. 113. ORDER THEREON, 8th November 1878, No. 1,803.

Forests, No. 10.

RECORDED.

2. It appears that it has been customary for the Forest Department to select and mark the trees to be felled in the Bolampatti Forest as desired by Government. The Conservator should have reported this, and not have confined himself to simply forwarding the Divisional Officers' letters.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Conservator of Forests.

Exd. W. H. French.

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REVENUE

To the CONSERVATOR of FORESTS

Dated November 5th.

Printed 19th.

Read.

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G.O., 5th November 1878, No. 1,303.

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 112-113.

Felling of Timber in the Bobmpatti Forest.—Recording letter from the Conservator of Forests forwarding two letters from Messrs. Morgan and Poet on the subject of the —, and remarking that in doing so, the Conservator should have reported that it has been customary for the Forest Department to select and mark the trees to be felled as desired by Government.

Read Letter from Deputy Conservator
September 1878

From R. W. Morgan Esq.
Deputy Conservator of Forests
To Colonel R. H. Beddome
Conservator of Forests.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 896 of the 6th instant I have the honor to inform you that there is no Copy of G. O. No. 936, dated 19th August last in this Office, but I have written to the Central Office for a Copy of the same. The timber felled by me in the Bolampatty Forests was by order of the Collector the then Conservator. A Contract was drawn up in legal form by the Government Solicitor with one Khader Sahib. The trees were marked some by the Rangers and others by myself in the

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North Coimbatore Division,
Dy. Conservator's Office,
Camp, Coimbatore
23rd September 1878.

No. 638

From

The Deputy Conservator of Forests,

N. Coimbatore Division.

To

Enclosure. 5/w

The Lt Colonel R.H. Beddome
Conservator of Forests.
Coimbatore.

Sir,

*No. 61 of 23rd Sept/78.

Referring to your letter dft Sept. No. 597 I have the honor to forward a copy of the Ranger's letter on the subject of felling in the Palumpatty Range during my predecessor's time. He explained to me personally that the Licenses and Voucher-felling was limited in extent, or was carried on only on the lower parts of the hills.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most obedient Servant

R. Rowan

Deputy Conservator

Endorsement 8/1.

Copy forwarded to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Coimbatore Division, for information in connection with his D.O. dated 23rd Sept/78.

The Conservator of Forests.

No: 61.

Cannelakon
22nd Septr: 1878.

To

A. W. Peet, Esquire
Dpy Conservator of Forests
N. Canellakon Division
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I beg to remain
Respected Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Sd) V. Cannidaraja Pillai
Ranger.

(True Copy)

A W Peet
Dpy Conservator of Forests
23. 9. 78.

NORTH COIMBATORE FOREST OFFICE.

From

The Deputy Conservator of Forests,
North Coimbatore Division.

To

The Commissioner of Land Revenue
Coimbatore

Memorandum dated 1st September 1878.

Dated 23
Despatched 23rd September 1878.
Received

No. 638

Enclosures. Nil

Subject.

Submitting Copy of Executive Circular No. 8 Rangers letter No. 61 dated 22nd September 1878 on the subject of auctioning of timber in the Reserves under the Range Officers

Memorandum dated 1st September 1878 from the Deputy Conservator of Forests, North Coimbatore Division to the Commissioner of Land Revenue Coimbatore

Forwarded with compliments

Dated 23rd September 1878

Deputy Conservator of Forests

Received Dec 4 1878

Office of Conservator of Forests
Ootacamund 1st November '78

No. 1170

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From,

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

To, The Secretary to Govt.
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