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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

21st November 1878, No. 1,887.

Read the following papers :—

No. 288. From Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 27th April 1878, No. 160.

With reference to paragraph 5 of the G.O., No. 471, of the 25th March last, I have the honor to ask for more definite instructions.

2. I am afraid that the Public Works Department cannot well dispense with the 30,000 or 40,000 cubic feet of teak which they annually indent for from the tract in question, but if they can do this and draw their teak from the Anamalai supply or from Birma teak at Madras, it would simplify matters, as the forest in question need not then be worked for the present.

3. If it be necessary, however, that the tract continue to be worked for the Nilgiris, I do not see my way to arranging it under the present order without much additional expenditure. Mr. Peet has already very important work in demarcating and blocking out the forests of the Wynad teak belt, which fully occupies his time; he has besides other forests along the ghats which have lately been handed over to him, and I am afraid that he could not attempt to work this tract without much detriment to his present operations; at any rate, it will be impossible for him to undertake it without a considerable addition to his establishment; he must have another Forest Ranger and accommodation for him and several other subordinates, and elephant sheds, &c., must be erected, and he will require elephants; and unless Major Jago be instructed to take over all the timber at his boundary and undertake the carting and delivery at Ootacamund, an arrangement which will cause much complication in the accounts of two different divisions—Mr. Peet will require a cart establishment and a receiving office at Ootacamund, and he will have to spend much of his time actually in Major Jago's range, and his presence will often be necessary at Ootacamund. Major Jago's elephants might be transferred to Mr. Peet, but as the former will still have to look after the conservancy of the Mudumallay and Beni tracts (which must still remain closed for some years, as there is little or no ripe teak), the two teak plantations, and the sandalwood plantations, his establishment cannot be transferred, though there will be no revenue to pay for its up-keep.

4. Should the transfer still be considered desirable, I think that Major Jago should be allowed a few months to clear away his outlying timber.

No. 289. From the same Officer, dated Ootacamund, 2nd May 1878, No. 188.

With reference to G.O., No. 471, of the 25th March last, and in continuation of my letter, No. 160, of the 27th ultimo, I have the honor to forward a letter from Major Jago, the Deputy Conservator in charge of the forest tract lately transferred to Wynad from the Nilgiri Division.

No. 290. From the same Officer, dated Ootacamund, 22nd May 1878, No. 333.

With reference to paragraphs 1 and 2 of your Official Memorandum, No. 100, of the 11th instant, I have the honor to forward a letter* from the Deputy Conservator in charge of Mudumallay, by which it will be seen that there is a good four

* No. 26-66, dated 20th May 1878.

years' supply of ripe teak in the tract in question, and I believe that all this will be required for the Nilgiris; so I would recommend that this tract should not be transferred to the Wynad Forest Division until the 1st of April 1882.

2. Referring to paragraph 3 of the same memorandum, Mr. Peet is just assuming charge of the North Coimbatore Division and Mr. Morgan takes Wynad.

No. 291. From the same Officer, dated Ootacamund, 29th May 1878, No. 380.

WITH reference to your Official Memoranda, Nos. 100 of the 11th and 111 of the 24th instant, I have the honor to forward a letter* from Mr. Peet.

* No. 45 of the 21st May 1878.

2. I have called upon Mr. Morgan to report on the points raised in paragraph 3 of the former memorandum after he has assumed charge from Mr. Peet, but I cannot recommend that he should have charge of the tract of forest in question whilst it is being worked for Nilgiri requirements; it can, however, be transferred to the Wynad Division when we cease to work it for the Nilgiris, which will be three or four years hence.

No. 292. From the same Officer, Ootacamund, 14th October 1878, No. 1,081.

WITH reference to your Official Memorandum, No. 111, of the 24th May last, I have the honor to forward correspondence as per margin.

1. Letter from the Deputy Conservator, Wynad, to the Conservator of Forests, No. 95, dated 26th July 1878.
2. Letter from the Deputy Conservator, North Coimbatore, to the Deputy Conservator, Wynad, No. 350, dated 4th July 1878.
3. Letter from the Deputy Conservator, Wynad, to the Conservator of Forests, No. 126, dated 4th September 1878.
4. Letter from the Deputy Conservator, Wynad, to the Conservator of Forests, No. 142, dated 19th September 1878.

2. It appears that in the tract in question there are some 200 mature teak trees of sound boll besides much outlying felled timber, so that there is probably a supply to meet all the Nilgiri requirements for at least two if not three years.

3. Mr. Morgan considers that if he had the working of the tract he would require an extra Forester and two guards or peons; considering that this tract is quite cut off the rest of the teak belt during the south-west monsoon (the most healthy working season) by rivers and swamps, and that his own time and that of his Ranger must be almost completely occupied in work in the portion of the belt between Rampur and the Cubbany, I consider this additional establishment necessary.

4. Mr. Morgan states that he can send the timber up to the Nilgiris either by the Gudalur and Neddivattam Ghat or *via* the Seegoor Ghat; if it be sent by the latter route, it will have to pass through Major Jago's forests and depots, and might give rise to smuggling and other complications; and I do not think the former route feasible, and feel sure that no cart contractor would undertake to deliver by it except at enormously high rates, as except in the very driest weather the road is always in a terrible state of mud and most difficult to very lightly-laden carts.

5. Mr. Morgan also proposes that the cartmen should deliver to the Engineer's Department and bring him back the receipts before they receive payment. I do not think this plan can be adopted; the Public Works Department only take our timber as they require it, and even then reject very much that is brought up purposely for them; a depot and receiving establishment will be necessary, even if the wants of the public are entirely left out of consideration.

6. If Government, therefore, consider it necessary to hand over the tract in question immediately to the Wynad Forest Department, I am of opinion that there should be no attempt by this department to work the timber to the Nilgiris; it

should be sold on the spot to merchants, in which case it will probably all go to Mysore, and some revision in Major Jago's working establishment and elephant establishment will be necessary. I would, however, still suggest that Major Jago should continue to work this tract (for which he is much more favorably suited than the officer of the Manantoddy establishment) for another two years before it be handed over to Wynad.

7. Some delay has occurred in answering your memorandum, but I have had to make a good many references to Major Jago, Messrs. Morgan and Peet.

No. 293. From the same Officer, dated Ootacamund, 21st October 1878, No. 1,125.

IN continuation of my letter, No. 1,081, of the 14th instant, I have the honor to inform you that Major Jago has reported that he has just been over the tract in question very carefully with his subordinates with a view to ascertain the amount of teak available, and that he is quite positive that a four years' supply for the Nilgiris can still be cut.

2. Government remarked that Mr. Peet had stated that the forest was worked out, but Mr. Peet had probably only seen the more frequented portion, and from Mr. Morgan's report there could scarcely be more than a two years' supply; but it is very difficult to form a correct idea of timber available from a short visit to an overgrown tropical forest like the one in question, and I think the estimate of Major Jago and his Ranger and Forester, who have had an intimate acquaintance with the tract for some years, may be accepted.

No. 294. ORDER THEREON, 21st November 1878, No. 1,887.

Forests, No. 23.

THE Government see no reason to reconsider the orders already passed on this subject, and the Conservator will arrange to carry out the transfer ordered in paragraph 5 of G.O., 25th March last, No. 471, with the least practicable delay.

2. There can be no real difficulty in the Public Works Department on the Nilgiris obtaining teak from this tract in charge of the Wynad or the Nilgiri Forest Officer.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

Further G.O. 5310/78

Govt. of India. Home

REVENUE

To

The CONSERVATOR of FORESTS,

&c, &c. &c.

Dated November 21st.

Printed 28th.

Read.

G.O. 21st November 1878, N. 1883

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 283—294.

Transfer of Forest land from the Nilgiris to Wynad.—Intimating that the Government see no reason to reconsider the orders already passed regarding the —, and directing the Conservator to arrange to carry out the transfer ordered with the least practicable delay.

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No 333. Office of Conservator of Forests.
Cotacamund, 22nd May 1878.

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From,

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

To,

C. G. Master Esquire,
Secretary to Govemt:
Revenue Department
Cotacamund.

Sir,

With reference to paras 1 and 2 of your Official Memo, No 100 of the 11th instant I have the honor to forward a letter* from the Deputy Conservator in charge of Nadumalay, by which it will be seen that there is a good 4 years supply of pipe teak in the tract in question, and I believe that all this will be required for the Nilgiris, so I would recommend that this tract should not be transferred to the Wynad Forest Division until the 1st of April 1882.

* No: 26/66 dated 20th May 1878.

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Service Memo. Mr. Peet is just
assuming charge of the North
Coimbatore Division and Mr.
Morgan takes Wynaad.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obed.t Servt.
R.H. Beddome Lt.-Col.
Conservator of Forests.

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Revenue Dept
Rec'd 27th May 1878
No 2192.
From
The Conservator of Forests.
To,
The Secretary to Govt
Revenue Department.
Dated 22nd May 1878
Received 27th May 1878
No 333.
Encls. 1/1
Subject
Submits information with reference to Letter, 2 & 3 of 1st Inst. Official No 100 of the 11th May 1878.
No 2190
Rec'd 28th May 1878
Revenue Dept
No 188.

Office of Conservator of Forests
Ootacamund 24th May 1878

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From

Lieutt Colonel R. H. Beddome
Conservator of Forests

To

C. G. Master Esquire
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No 471 of the 25th March last and in continuation of my letter No 160 of the 27th Ultimo, I have the honor to forward a letter from Major Jago the Deputy Conservator in charge of the Forest tract lately transferred to Wynaad from the Nilgiri Division.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obt Servant
R H Beddome Lt Colonel
Conservator of Forests.

was the most beneficial plan for the Forest department. In addition to these letter, I would ~~also~~ lay before you, that in event of this being handed over to Mr. Best all timber that he would have to cart for the D. P. W to Cotacamund would have to go through the forests in this Range or else to be taken out on to the Sultans battery road which would cause an increase of mileage for cartage via Goodalur; which necessarily must add heavily to the cost of timber for the D. P. W at Cotacamund; and it is questionable whether the D. P. W would care to pay such increase for cartage, without which no profit could be obtained for the Forest Department after all the expenses of "preparation" of the timber for the market. and unless the D. P. W take this trade, I beg respectfully to doubt if a market can be found elsewhere. Mr. Best would have, not only have a Depot here to receive the timber for the D. P. W but arrangements would have to be made about an establishment being under his supervision and paid out of his range for the charge of the timber forwarded through Gudalur all forest all

all of which would incur further expenses.

I trust you will not consider my reopening this case, as wanting in anything but anxiety that the best should be done for Government. As I have before written if ordered to hand over this portion of forest I should part with a very valuable tract of country; but I candidly own that after my predecessor having worked this tract for so many years so successfully and during my short comparatively tenure of 3 years and ½ with, I trust, fair satisfaction to myself and Government with the firm conviction that any alteration will not benefit Government. It is disheartening to find one opinion holds but little weight against a Revenue officer, who cannot have had the same experience or interest in the matter. I shall feel greatly obliged by your sending me further instructions as early as possible. Measures should be taken to meet the order quoted. I have not touched on the Collector of Malabar's correspondence on the matter because you are so well aware of the

the lay of the land in [illegible] - nor the arguments advanced by him which I believe you have replied to - you may not be aware that the Gundulpet road passed to one the latter portion of his notes is but little used by my establishment During the last two years only 100 Rupees worth of timber has gone that way for bridges mending by the P. W and a few bandy loads of bamboos.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most obedient Servant

R. T. Jago Major

Deputy Conservator of Forests

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Forest Department
1878-79

From
The Conservator of Forests
Nilgiris
To The Conservator
Forests

Dated 2nd
Despd 2nd } May 1878.
Rcd

No. 20/28.

Subject enclosures - Ch

Requesting to be informed whether he is to take any action on paras 5 of G.O. of 25th March 1878 No. 471 and adducing further reasons to show that Divl. Offr cannot advantageously work the forest within the Ramapathivattom division of the Malabar District

Enclosure in a letter from the Conservator of Forests to the Secretary to Govt. R.D. dated 2nd May 1878 No. 188.

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G.O. 21 Nov 78 No 1229.

No. 160.

Office of Conservator of Forests.
Ootacamund, 27th April '78

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

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

Sir,

With reference to para 5 of the Government Order No. 471 of the 25th March last I have the honor to ask for more definite instructions.

2. I am afraid that the D. P. W cannot well dispense with the 30 or 40,000 cubic feet of Teak which they annually indent for from the tract in question but if they can do this and draw their Teak from the Anamallay supply or from Bimna Teak at Madras it would simplify matters as the forest in question need not then be worked for the present -

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3. If it be necessary however that the tract continue to be worked for the Nilgiris I do not see my way to arranging it under the present order without much additional expenditure. Mr. Peet has already very important work in demarcating and blocking out the forests of the Wynad Teak belt which fully occupies his time, he has besides other forests along the ghats which have lately been handed over to him, and I am afraid that he could not attempt to work this tract without much detriment to his present operations, at any rate it will be impossible for him to undertake it without a considerable addition to his establishment he must have another

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obed.t Servt.
Hon.ble Col.l Lefol
Conservator of Forests.

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Office of Conservator of Forests
Cotacamund 21st May 1879

No. 380.

From,

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

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

Sir,

With reference to your Official Memos. No: 100 of the 11th and 111 of the 24th instant I have the honor to forward a letter from Mr: Peet.

* No: 45 of the 21st May 1878.

2. I have called upon Mr: Morgan to report on the points raised in para 3 of the former Memo after he had assumed charge from Mr: Peet, but I cannot recommend that he should have charge of the tract of forest in question whilst it is being worked for silvicultural requirements, it can however be transferred to the Wynaad Division, when we cease to work

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Revenue Forests
From The Govt. of Madras
To
The Secretary to Govt.
B.D.
Cotacamund 1st
Dec 1878-81 November 1878
Forest
Mr. Peet's reference to
para 5 of G.O. No. 45
of 25th March last
regarding more
definite instructions
on the subject of a
certain forest in
Pycara. Further disposal

G.O. 25 March 1st 1880-81

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Rc enclosed 1st Dec 78
29-11-78
Rc 1-12-78
C.D. Rec'd 1st Dec 78

work with for the Belgaum which will be ready a year hence.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obed. Servt.

R. Wilson Lt. R.E.

Conservator of Forests.

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Office of Conservator of Forests
Ootacamund 21st October 1878.

No 1125.

From

Lieutt Colonel R. H. Beddome
Conservator of Forests.

To

C. G. Master Esqre
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No 1081 of the 14th Instant, I have the honor to inform you that Major Jago has reported that he has just been over the tract in question very carefully with his subordinates with a view to ascertain the amount of Teak available and that he is quite positive that a 4 years supply for the Nilgiris can still be cut.

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Revenue 1878-79 Nilgiris
Forests
No 2302.
The Conservator of Forests
Ootacamund
The Secretary to Govt.
Revenue Department.
Dated 23rd October 1878
Received 25th October 1878
No. 380.
(Rupees One) only
With reference to Official
Memo No. 100 dated 9th inst
on the subject forwarding a
letter from the Nilgiris Planters
Association with Part of the
enclosures a Copy of the Report
of Major Jago on the Teak
Timber which is likely
to appear which is likely
worked for the Nilgiris
& this Government
Copy. —

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supply but it is very difficult to form a correct idea of timber is available from a short visit to an overgrown tropical forest like the one in question and I think the estimate of Major Jago and his Ranger and Forester who have had an intimate acquaintance with the tract for some years may be accepted.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
R. A. Nelson Lt Col
Conservator of Forests

No. 95 Dy. Conservator's Office
Mannoutoddy 26th July 1878

From R. W. Morgan Esqre.
Deputy Conservator of
Forests.

To Colonel R. H. Beddome
Conservator of Forests.
Octacamund

Sir,

With reference to your letter
No. 367, dated 25th May 1878.
I have the honor to inform you that
I have consulted Mr. Pate on the
subject. He is of opinion that as
is little or no timber left in the tract
in question worth cutting out. The forests
can easily be supervised by the Ranger
if he is permitted to reside at the
Pattery, and 3 extra guards are
added to his Establishment.
All timber would have to be sent
up via Goodalore or through Mudu-
malay up the Nilgoor Chaut.
I

I forward a copy of Mr Pusk's letter
on the subject

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant

R. Rawlinson
Deputy Conservator

Forwarded
the Copy
of Mr Pusk's
letter
to the Secretary
Asiatic Society
Calcutta 26th Feb 1851
Rec'd
Sent to Mr Pusk
Copy
of
his former letter
to Mr Rawlinson
with the
Opinion of the Law Officers
of the Crown
& the French Consulate
Requesting they
Papers
may be returned
to the Asiatic Society

Enclosure No: I

In a letter from the Conservator of Forests to the Secretary to Government, Rev. Dept; No: 1081 dated 14th October 1878.

Rec'd 25/10/78

Ans. 21 Nov/78 L. No 292

Manantoddy Sept^r 1878

No. 126

From

R. C. J. Morgan Esqre

Deputy Conservator of Forests.

To

Lt Col. R. H. Beddome

Conservator of Forests.

Sir

I have the honor to furnish the report called for in your letter of the 1st Nov. on the Periya Luk Forests in the Ganapad Division Annshom.

I left Mananthoddy on the morning of the 18th and returned to the Battery on the 29th.

I took Mr Brightwater the Ranger with me, and we Camped at Vengapore we had Major Jago's Coorumbas with us.

And inspected the whole of the Teak

Forests.

Points.

2 The Link seems to be confined to the
North East portion of the Forest.

3. There is a very fine thriving young
small Link which will not be fit
for felling for the next 50 years.

4. We saw a good deal of felled
timber in depots in the Forest.

5. Of the trees fit for felling,
and not particularly crooked
there are very few under 4 and did
not run more than 200 altogether.
And they were in scattered inaccessible places.

6. I am of opinion that the Forest
has been worked out and requires
rest.

7. Of other timbers Blackwood and
Vengay or Honey are fairly
abundant; but teak is the prevailing
timber.

8. The timber can be worked out by the
Gundulpett road via Battery or
through Mudumullay.

9. Carting arrangements will have
to be made in Mysore and the timber
via Battery will have to go up the
Gundulpett Ghaut. But through
Mudumullay up the Nugoor Ghaut.

10. As to the rates for carting, I shall
have to see Contractors in the Subject
first.

11. There has been some unauthorized
Felling made in these Forests.
A Rajpoot was felling a number
of teak trees on the edge of the Mysore
road without leave or license for
Cultivation

Collinstown Mount a Block to it and
if you permit me, I will provide
you for mutch chief.

Have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
R. Mc Clure
Dispatch Commander

Enclosure No II
to letter from the
Conservancy Forester
to the Secretary to Govt
Rev Dept, Dated 14th
October 1878, No 1081

Rec'd 2/10/78
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Mundumbi 19th September
1878

From R. C. A. Morgan Esqr
Deputy Conservator

To Lt. C. G. R. A. Boddam
Conservator of Forests

Sir,

With reference to your letter
No 923 of the 12th instant I have the honor
to inform you that a Forester and two
peons will be necessary to work the tract
in question.

2nd The arrangement I propose making
for hauling over the timber to the
District Engineer Nelgiris are as follows:-

As soon as the carting season sets in
I will engage cartmen on Contract to
cart the timber up the Gudalore or Seegur
Ghaut or Kinkonay, they may consider
easier

Copy of Memorandum
Dept Ecc'y
Conservancy 12/11 [illegible]

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cation. The Contractor will be provided with a passport for each batch of timber they cut, and when they return the passport Countersigned by the District Engineer they will receive payment for the batch, and a second batch will be delivered to them.

The District Engineer can inform me at the Commencement of the felling season of his probable requirements for the year.

The Government call the forest in question by the name of Benni Forest the real Benni Forest lies between this tract and the Mundumbug Forest.

I have the honor &c.
&c
&c
Your most obedient Servant

R. Maclean

Deputy Conservator

Dept etc etc
Conservator 12/11 NK

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From.

Ex. Dy. Comrs. Lighthouse Dpt.

To.

Ex. Comrs of Irish Lights

Dated 19/9/78

Recd

Dpt 142.

Requests that a Foreman & 2 men will be necessary to work the Vessel in question

Enclosure No. III

In a letter from the Conservator Forests to the Secretary to Government, Rev. Depart, dated 11th October 1878, No. 1021

Rec'd 5/6/78

Ly. A. N. No. 708 dated 2 1292

N. Cachar Hills Division
Conservator's office
Cachar the 2nd July 1878

No. 550

From A. W. Sketchley
Deputy Conservator of Forests

To R. H. Thorne Esqr.
Dy Conservator, Wynaad Division

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 78 of the 28th ultimo I have the honor to state that I answered the official memo No. 111 C dated 24th May 78 } enclosing the memo No. 111 C of the 11th May 78 as well as I could but I am unacquainted with Wynaad

2. I am not acquainted with the carrying facilities in the direction of the Nilgiris.

3. The best road from which to work the tract in question would be I think the ghaut from Gudalur by Naduvattum as this road is far easier, according to my recollection, than the Segoor road.

The timbers from the Northern part of the tract would probably have to be taken to Sultan's Battery and thence

by

Copy of memo dated etc
Received 12/6 MK

by the hair and by fraudulent.

The timber from the Southern part of the tract might with permission be carried through part of Bare, by a road from Sultans Battery to Fredericksbuck Nellicottah.

4. As regards the additional Establishment required, I am of the opinion that one of the Foresters, stationed at Sultans Battery, or better at Naiety, should work the tract, with the assistance of two or three extra forest guards.

If the Rangers House was built at Sultans Battery, he would be able to superwise this tract as well as the Cheletta tract, without difficulty.

I have &c.
(True Copy) (Signed) A. W. Pratt,
Conservator.

R. Thomson
Deputy Conservator.

Enclosure No II
to a letter from the
Conservator of Forests to
the Secretary to Government
Rev. Dept., dated 14th Dec.
ber 1878, No 1081.

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From the Conservator
of Forests:

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In para 5. fo 25 vo
Board's No 471 it was
intimated that Govt
concurred with Conr
Logan & would not
retain separate from
the charge of the
Malabar forest officer
a portion of Ganapadi-
-vattam Amsham
now under the
Nilgiri forest officer
In April Col: Beddome
who had already
objected to this transfer
wrote #m & represented
that extra expense
would thus be entailed
He considered the
Malabar forest officer
would require an
addition to his local
establishment while
the Nilgiri forest
officer could not
spare any of his &
that the work would also
need a deciding
depot etc up here if
I concur 12/4 MM

The correspondence
the ref. can be
had officially in the Nilgiris.
F.W.D. 18/5 Ask from
the Conr. whether he agrees
to the transfer of the Nilgiri
Forest Officer. The tract
belongs to the Wynaad & with
which the Govt. [illegible] Copy of Malabar
[illegible]

teak is still to be
brought up for the
P. W. D.
After various deputations
the opinions of Messrs
Peat - Murgan, (the
former & the present
Forest officers of Malabar)
have been obtained
on these points.
Mr. Peat considers
that if the Ranger's
house (recently
sanctioned) & Kalpetta
Kallatani's battery
be one "supervise this
tract as well as the
Chiedleth tract without
difficulty" thinks
All he ~~thought~~ necessary
as an extra establish-
=ment also "two three
Forest-guards".
Mr. Murgan agrees
to this in one letter
but in another
speaks of a "Forester" also
being necessary to
work the forest.
He thinks the timber
indented for by the
P. W. D might be sent

to them direct
to this Col Beddome
objects that they
are apt to reject
timber.
The simplest plan
would be for the
P. W. D. to select the
timber they require
from a depot in the
forest. The District
Engineer has constantly
to go to the neighbourhood
But this is on the
supposition that the
forest is capable of
being worked -
Now it was noticed
that Mr. Peat-Ryder
in 77 that he had
recently "carefully
inspected the whole
in question" & "that
the greater part of
the valuable teak
has been worked out"
A reference on this
point having been
made to Col. Beddome
he asked Messrs
Jago & Messrs Peat &
Murgan. The first

In the autumn of two Foresters stated there was a 4 years supply fit for felling

Mr. Peat again stated

"it had been excessively worked & that there was no yield to be expected in any way commensurate with its area" but that there are "isolated trees"

Mr. Morgan went in August to the forest with his Ranger the same with Mr. Peet. He says that "fit for felling" — "there are very few indeed" & "we did not see more than 200 altogether & they were in rather inaccessible places".

It is observed that this forest-officer visited the tract during the South West-monsoon &

See his letter d: 4th Sept. 28 Nov. & Bed. to Bed. 14th Oct. 8 No: 1084.

Note It would appear that this Forest is about 45 miles from Kalaeamud & about 90 from Trichinopoly where the Dept. Conservator lives. As a practical commentary on the case of superintendence from Kalaeamud note that Mr. Morgan found a Rajput felling trees "on the edge of the Sempore road without leave or license for cultivation"

See Enclosure 2 in III Bdl: Beddomes last letter.

Col. Beddome regards it as a last effort from the dept of his charge at that season "by Riders & Standers" Ed: Beddome

Mr. Morgan concludes by recommending that this forest should either not be worked towards the Nilgiris or should remain under the forest officer of the Nilgiris for two years.

From both Morgan & Peat reports there is apparently little or no fresh timber fit for felling in this forest except mature teak in this forest for some 50 years.

Ed.

& vide letter d: 21st Oct: 1125

I will the above was written by Beddome who reported that Morgan had gone & written to say he has not been over the forest & there is a 4 years supply. This must depend on the demand but it is significant that even now Mr. Beddome can show the P.W.D. a good deal of what is felled for them. An inspection

of the timber in the depot here and how bad it is what poor stuff it is for their purposes if for beams etc in buildings

Ld

It seems obvious that because the Conservator's opinion was not adopted he makes out that the greatest difficulties will follow the transfer of this bit of Wanad Forest to the Deputy Conservator in Wanad Division -

Major Jacob's object appears to be to show that there is a great deal of mature teak still left which will be wanted in the future & that he & his Establishment are alone capable of dealing with it.

On the other hand Supt Peet & Morgan think the Forest nearly

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Transfer of Forest to Sindeshwar from Nilgiris Forest Officer

worked out & though there may be a few good trees scattered about -

But whatever may be the exact facts on this point there can be no real difficulty in carrying out the orders of Govt if the Forest Officers chose to work together & combining their forces & put the timber wherever required for Govt purposes. It is simply a matter for departmental arrangement but instead of trying to make the thing work six months are wasted in raising every kind of objection.

It is submitted that this correspondence is entirely unnecessary.

EMM

No 1836.

For Orders

Transfer of Forests to be taken from Subordinate Forest Officers.

R.C. 15 Nov 78 R. 19 Nov 78
C 29 - 10 - 75
R 4 - 11 - 78
C 11 Nov 78 R. 12 Nov 78

Revenue Dep.t

No 1867

Proceedings of the Madras Govt

Under date the 21 November 1878

Read the following Letters from the Conservator of Forests.

Dated 27 April 78 No. 160.
— 2 May — 188.
— 22 — 333.
— 29 — 380.
— 14 October — 1081.
— 21 — 1125.

The Government see no reason to reconsider the orders already passed on this subject and the Conservator will arrange to carry out the transfer ordered in para 5 of G.O. 25 March last No. 471 with the least practicable

practicable delay.

2. There can be no real difficulty in the Public Works Department on the Nilgiris obtaining desk from this tract whether in charge of the Wynaad or the Nilgiri Forest Officer.

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Transfer of Forests
to Malabar
from Kilgoorie
Office.

Office of Conservator of Forests,

No. 1081.

Ootacamund, 14th October 1878.

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

To The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
Ootacamund.

SIR,

With reference to your Official Memo No. 111 of the 24th May last I have the honor to forward Correspondence as per margin.

1. Letter from the Depy. Conr. Wynad to the Conr. of Forests No. 95 Dated 26th July 1878.
2. — — From the Depy. Conr. of Coimbatore to the Depy. Conservator Wynad, No. 350 Dated 4th July —
3. — — From the Depy. Conr. Wynad to the Conr. of Forests, No. 126 Dated 4th September 1878.
4. — — From — Do. — to — Do — No. 142 Dated 19th September 1878.

2. It appears that in the tract in question there are some 200 mature Teak trees of sound bole besides much unobtainable felled timber so that there is probably a supply to meet all the Nilgiri requirements for at least 2, if not 3 years.

3. Mr. Morgan considers that if he had the working of the tract he would require an extra Forester and 2 guards or peons, considering that this tract is quite cut off the rest of the Teak belt during the South West monsoon (the most healthy working season) by rivers and swamps and that his own time and that of his Rangers must be almost completely occupied in work in the portion of the belt between Rampur and the Cubbany. I Considers

Consider this additional establishment necessary.

4. Mr. Morgan states that he can send the timber up to the Nilgiris either by the Gudalore and Nedivattam ghat or via the Seegoor ghat; if it be sent by the latter route it will have to pass through Major Jago's Forests and Depôts and might give rise to stinging and other complications, and I do not think the former route feasible and feel sure that no Contractor would undertake to deliver it except at a seriously high rate, as except in the very driest weather the road is always in a terrible state of mud and most difficult to any lightly laden carts.

5. Mr. Morgan also proposes that the Cattymen should deliver to the Engineer's Department and bring him back the receipts before they receive payment. I do not think this plan can be adopted, the D.P.W. only take our timber as they require and even then reject very much that is brought up purposely for them; a Depot and receiving establishment will be necessary even if the wants of the Public are entirely left out of Consideration.

If

6. If Government therefore consider it necessary to hand over the track in question immediately to the Ootacamund Forest Department I am of opinion that there should be no attempt by this Department to work the timber to the Nilgiris, it should be sold on the spot to Merchants, in which case it will probably all go to Mysore and some revision in Major Jago's working establishment and Elephant establishment will be necessary. I would however still suggest that Major Jago should continue to work this track (for which he is much more favorably suited than the Officer of the Mamboody establishment) for another two years before it be handed over to Ootacamund. I have not had time since receiving your Memo, but I have had to make a good many references to Major Jago, Messrs Morgan and Peet.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servt.
D Cobbe Lt. R.E.
Conservator of Forests.

Revenue 1878 Deptt

REVENUE FORESTS.

No 4516.

From 8 Oct. 1878 and Rec. 15

THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS.

To The Secretary to Govt.
Revenue Deptt.

Dated 14th

Despatched 14th October 1878.

Received 15

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Enclosures Four

SUBJECT

Forwarding certain
Correspondence relating
to the points raised in
para 3 of the Govt. Office
Memo No. 100 dated 11th
May 78 about trans-
ferring certain portion
of Nilgiri Forest lands to
Dyk. and Revenue -

No. 292

Rec'd from Dyk. 19-6-78

Rec'd 18-7-78

Rec'd 28-7-78