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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

13th February 1878, No. 225.

Read the following paper :—

No. 142. From Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Calicut, 4th February 1878, No. 1,390.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge receipt of the G.O., No. 146, of the 28th ultimo, and I forward a letter submitted by Mr. Douglas, the Deputy Conservator of the Anamallays, on the subject.

2. When I reported in May 1876 that the timber could be supplied at the close of the year. I was only stating what I knew could be done if the timber were required emergently; it could have been cut in June, July and August, and carted to Mungara before the freshes in October and then floated to the coast. Mr. Douglas also intended to deliver it on the coast at that date, but it appears that he had intended to send it down by rail—a far more expensive route.

3. In November 1876, Mr. Douglas stopped all work in the Anamallays owing to the drought, and he was supported by the Collector in doing this; the supply of the Admiralty timber was postponed for a year with the sanction of Government.

4. I inspected all this Admiralty timber last August, or just after the working season had commenced on the Anamallays. The curves were all fine timber, and such as I thought that the Admiralty could willingly take, but I had to point out that the wane in every case had been cut off although the instructions insisted on its being kept, and that the curves were all of very slight curvature (nothing more than 5 inches), and I ordered more of greater curvature to be cut at once and the wane retained.

5. Mr. Douglas was not well enough to come up to the forest with me, but Mr. Gass accompanied me as he was about to relieve Mr. Douglas, and I gave him both verbal and written instructions on this point, as I thought it important; but he was about to receive, as Mr. Douglas informed me, carefully prepared memoranda to enable him to carry out all Mr. Douglas' proposed working plans during his short absence.

6. I do not understand why this timber—or at least what was felled in 1876—should not have been floated to the coast during the last monsoon, the freshes being copious up to a very late date; it must, I suppose, be set down to Mr. Douglas' ill-health or to Mr. Gass' not carrying out instructions, if they were given to him. On Mr. Douglas applying for further delay, I forwarded his letters to Government with mine dated 24th December and 18th January.

7. From what Mr. Douglas states in his letter now forwarded, the Bombay supply is not urgent; it was originally his proposal to send them all that did not come quite up to the Admiralty standard.

but to improve in our preparation

8. I must deprecate sending any timber by rail from Palghat instead of by river from Mungara; the distance of these two places is about the same from the forests, but the rail carriage very expensive compared to the floating.

9. The Admiralty supply is, I believe, in no way urgent,—in fact, it is a trial supply to test the value of these curves in the English dockyard and to enable us to see if they can be sent home at a profit. This will all be defeated if we are to send them by any other than the cheapest route; the Admiralty are not likely to pay us very remunerative rates until the superiority of the article is well established.

10. I have applied to Mr. Douglas for a statement showing the quantity now available and will submit this directly I receive it, but I know that there is not sufficient now prepared to supply both the Admiralty and the Bombay Marine.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From C. G. DOUGLAS, Esq., Deputy Conservator of Forests, South Coimbatore Division, to Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, Madras, dated 31st January 1878, No. 267.

ANTICIPATING a reference from you on the subject, I have the honor to submit the following remarks on G.O., Revenue Department, of 29th instant, No. 146, relative to the supply of curved teak to the Admiralty and Bombay Marine.

2. Adverting to paragraph 3, I beg to state that the whole consignment, as it now stands, was prepared by me between the months of June and December 1876, and would undoubtedly, as reported in the month of May 1876, have been completed and despatched to England *via* Beypore *not* Ponany, before the close of that official year, had it not been for the unprecedented drought which retarded all operations.

3. The consequence was that we fell short of the required quantity, and I therefore suggested a postponement of one year, not only to make up the deficiency but to improve in our preparation of the curves—an art hitherto quite unknown to our axemen. This was all explained to Government and approved.

4. Meanwhile I fell seriously ill myself and have been unable to conduct operations, and on my return from leave in December last, finding the Admiralty consignment still incomplete, I immediately suggested that we should secure the value of some of the curves by transferring them to Bombay rather than let the whole batch lie idle until next shipping season at Ponany, where you now directed me to load, by which time the Bombay sanction would expire.

5. The various references on the subject of this timber appear to have caused some misapprehension. The case at present stands very much as it did when I left the forests for boundary work at the conclusion of the unfavorable season of 1876-77. Some more planks have been added, but no more curves. If we are to ship at Ponany in accordance with your latest orders, we must, of course, float the timber *via* Mangara—an arrangement which precludes all possibility of moving it until next official year either to Bombay or to England. If, on the other hand, we ship from Beypore, as originally proposed and estimated for, we can, if too much time has not been lost in references, send it either to Bombay or England, or some to each place as may be deemed expedient, before the close of the current official year.

6. Of course, the interval between this and next shipping season must be employed in the preparation of other and better curves for the Admiralty, as was intended to have been done this working season, and then both Admiralty and Bombay Marine indents will be met—the former next, the latter this year.

7. We shall be considerably behind hand with the Admiralty supply, but, considering what we have undergone during the last two seasons, the delay may well be excused.

8. I do not think that the Bombay Marine are in such urgent need of this timber as supposed by Government, it is rather we who urgently need their money to show as revenue. It was this that induced me to bring forward the suggestion of selling them Admiralty timber that must lie idle till the balance required is ready. They did not originally take the initiative; I offered them certain crooks which I foresaw must accumulate as surplusage when preparing select timber for the Admiralty, and on failing to supply them last year obtained extension of time. Of course, however, the sanction cannot lie over indefinitely, and, having been accorded, the timber is no doubt expected and probably a use found for it. I shall proceed with transport *via* Beypore; if Government prefer it, I can still ship for England.

No. 143.

ORDER THEREON, 13th February 1878, No. 225.

Forests, No. 11.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council has had under consideration the correspondence relating to the shipment of teak to the Admiralty, and regrets to observe that the Conservator has shown but little personal interest in an experiment which had its origin in his own recommendation to the Secretary of State.

2. In January 1877, the Government permitted, on his recommendation, the postponement of the Admiralty indent in order that the requirements of the Bombay Marine might be met and the experience gained be utilized in the preparation of curves to be sent to England. It now appears that neither consignment has been despatched, but that matters are in much the same position as they were a year ago.

3. Colonel Beddome will now take steps to secure the immediate shipment *via* Beypore of the timber indented for by the Bombay Marine as already ordered, and report each month what he has done.

4. With regard to the Admiralty indent, the Government await further information, which will be submitted forthwith.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Conservator of Forests,
the Board of Revenue.

Exd. A. Raitt.

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South Coimbatore Forest Office
Coimbatore
31st January 1878.

No. 267

From, C. G. Douglas Esq.
Deputy of Forests.
South Coimbatore Division

To, Lieut Col R. H. Reddome
Conservator of Forests.
Madras.

Sir,
Anticipating a reference from you on the subject I have the honor to submit the following remarks on G.O. R. D. of 28th inst. No. 146. relative to the supply of curved track to the admiralty and Bombay Marine.

Adverting to Para 3 I beg to state that the whole consignment, as it now stands, was prepared by me between the months of June and December 1876 and would undoubtedly, as reported in the month of May 1876, have been completed and despatched to England, via Bryfore, not Ponany, before the close of that official year had it not been for the unprecedented drought which retarded all operations, as well as cholera and what with fever, cholera and rumours of impending famine, created a regular panic amongst our labourers.

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Govt. of (1878) Madras

REVENUE.

The CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS,

Ac.,
Ec.,

Dated February 1878.

Recd.

G.O., 13th February 1878, No. 225.

FEBRUARY.

No. 142/143.

Signature of T. J. to the Admiralty. — Presenting observations on letter from the Conservator of Forests relating to the supply of curved track to the Admiralty and Bombay Marine. The Admiralty have agreed to secure the immediate shipment of the timber intended for by the Hon. Mr. Douglas as already ordered, and reply that the timber will be sent. Awaiting further instructions with regard to the Admiralty's request.



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13 Feb No. 225

Emergent

Office of Conservator of Forests,
Camp Calicut 4th February
1878.

No. 1390.

From

Lth Colonel R. H. Beddome
Conservator of Forests.

To,

C. G. Master Esq^r
Secretary to Government.
R L.

Sir,

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Enclosure.

By a letter No. 1390 of 14th
February 1878 from the Conservator
of Forests to the Secretary to
Govt R L.

South India Forests and
Shrubbery

From, the Conservator of Forests
to the Secretary to Govt.
R L.

Dated 31st Dec
Revised 14th Jan 1878
R L.

No. 217

Enclosure. Nil.

Subject.

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the floating logs
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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servt.

John Wilson Esq. Colmd
Conservator of forests.

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No 225

Letter from Conservator
of Forests. No 1390 & 4th July 78

His Grace the
Governor in Council
has had under
consideration the
correspondence relating
to the shipment of
teak to the Admiralty
and reports to show
that the Conservator
has shown but little
interest in an experi-
ment which had
its origin in his
own recommendation
to the Secretary of
State.

MR 9/2
MR 11/2
Note. Both last years reports
of the Board were forwarded
to the Admiralty late in 1877
before the teak migration
then continued. Himself
reporting to the Admiralty
of his present letter has
clearly left the matter
in the hands of the Forest
Office.

vide letter in P.O.
30th Sep. 74 No 1243.

1025-1026/1027-1028-1029

Recd 10/7/78
Revenue Secretary

From
The Conservator of
Forests
The Secretary to Govt
P.O.

Letter to
Received 5th February 1878
S.O. 1390-15
Conservator of Forests
Calcutta

Reference is made to receipt of
S.O. 1390 of the 25th ult
and forwarded a letter and
inserted by Mr. W. B. King has
on the subject of shipment
the Secretary.

1025-1026/1027-1028-1029

enclosed

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2. In January 77 the Government permitted the postponement of the Admiralty indent in order that the requirements of the Bombay Marine might be met & the experience gained be utilized in the preparation of improved orders to be sent to England. It now appears that neither consignment has been despatched but that matters are in much the same position as they were a year ago [though Col. Beddome has visited the Admiralty during the past working season & was

20. 26th Jan 77 No 870

on his recommendation

Note
see para 7 of Report
for details of the above.

Note
The para 5 of the
Report submitted
has been submitted

Ind. not to detail

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aware they were under the charge of an inexperienced officer.]

3. Col. Beddome will now take steps to secure the ^{immediate} early shipment ^{via Baysore} of the timber indent for by the Bombay Marine as already ordered.

4. With regard to the Admiralty indent the Govt. await further information which will be submitted with the least possible delay.

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Note. It will be seen that Col. Beddome still desires to send the timber by Polghant though as he says it was always intended to send it this way. He has only now apparently learnt of this intention.

and upon each month what he has done

In S. C. to the Conservator of Forests, 21-2-78
21. Banded Copies, 21-2-78
14. In the O. and 28 Dec 1877

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