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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

16th February 1878, No. 244.

Read the following papers :—

No. 178. From Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 28th May 1877, No. 214.

I HAVE the honor to forward the correspondence as per margin for the orders of Government.

- Letter, No. 25, dated 16th April 1877, from the Deputy Conservator, Wynaad, to the Conservator of Forests.
- Copy of letter, No. 227, dated 31st December 1876, from the Deputy Conservator, Wynaad, to Assistant Conservator, Mysore Division.
- Copy of Docket, No. 249, dated 11th January 1877, from the Assistant Conservator, Mysore Division, to Mr. Peet.
- Copy of letter, No. 267-F., dated 31st January 1877, from the Deputy Conservator, Mysore, to Mr. Peet.
- Copy of letter, No. 264, dated 5th February 1877, from Mr. Peet, to the Deputy Conservator, Mysore Division.
- Copy of letter No. 277-F., dated 10th February 1877, from the Deputy Conservator, Mysore Division, to Mr. Peet.
- Copy of letter, No. 269, dated 16th February 1877, from Mr. Peet, to the Deputy Conservator, Mysore Division.
- Copy of Docket, No. 287, dated 21st February 1877, from the Deputy Conservator, Mysore, to Mr. Peet.
- Copy of letter, No. 286, dated 9th March 1877, from Mr. Peet, to the Deputy Conservator, Mysore.
- Copy of letter, No. 263, dated 5th February 1877, from Mr. Peet, to Conservator of Forests.
- Copy of letter, No 101, dated 19th February 1877, from the Government Solicitor, to the Conservator of Forests.
- Copy of letter, No. 316, dated 28th March 1877, from the Deputy Conservator, Mysore, to Mr. Peet.
- Copy of letter, No. 2, dated 5th April 1877, from Mr. Peet, to the Deputy Conservator, Mysore.
- Original Docket, No. 95, dated 11th May 1877, from the Conservator, to the Conservator of Mysore and Coorg.
- Original Docket, No. 347-44, dated 14th May 1877, from the Conservator of Mysore and Coorg, to the Conservator.
- Letter, No. 76, dated 24th May 1877, from Mr. Peet, to the Conservator of Forests.

2. It will be seen that in selling other timber in his Hirnandy depôt in the Mysore territory preparatory to giving up this depôt, Mr. Peet, the Wynaad Forest Officer, sold two logs on which there were no property marks; these marks are occasionally fraudulently erased, and they sometimes get rubbed off in transit, so there was nothing in the fact of this timber not bearing our stamp to prevent its sale; the logs which had been brought in by our floating contractor were carefully inspected by Mr. Peet, and the erasures of four lines were found which corresponded to the four lines of figures which are our Government marks.

3. In December 1876, or one year after the sale, Mr. Peet was informed for the first time by his ex-overseer that one Yacoob Saib claimed these two logs on behalf of the Mysore Forest Department, because they were not marked with our stamps.

4. This Yacoob Saib (who I presume is a subordinate in the Mysore Forest Department) is a brother of Budeen Saib, the late floating contractor for the Madras Forest Department. In 1874 Mr. Peet discovered that the latter was attempting an organized system of fraud in removing Government marks from logs entrusted to his care, and substituting other logs in their place, his services were consequently dispensed with, but his successor, one Dauty Sid Ram, appears to have employed him as his agent, and eventually been obliged to prosecute him criminally for timber theft, in which prosecution the Wynaad ex-overseer was the principal witness; hence there is proof of animosity on the side of Yacoob Saib against the subordinates of the Madras depôt.

5. The matter went up to the Government Solicitor for opinion in rather an incomplete form during my absence in Jeypore. Mr. Peet's letter No. 76 of the 24th instant explains the case fully.

6. In any case the seizure of the logs from our depôt (a year after their sale and when they were covered with the marks of the purchasers) because they did not happen to bear our stamps, was a most illegal proceeding on the part of the Mysore Forest Department, and I thought that my docket to the Mysore Conservator would ensure the matter being at once set at rest, but it appears by his docket that he supports the conduct of his Assistants and considers that all logs in our depôts in Mysore territory not happening to bear our stamps can be dealt with under certain rules of his department, and as he has referred the whole correspondence to the Chief Commissioner, I have thought it proper to lay it also before this Government.

No. 179. From Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Nellumbur, 8th February 1878, No. 1,400.

WITH reference to your Official Memorandum, No. 20, of the 17th ultimo, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from Mr. Peet, the Wynaad Forest Officer, by which it appears that no further action has been taken in the matter.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From A. W. PEET, Esq., Deputy Conservator, Wynaad Forests, to Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, dated Chedleth, 30th January 1878, No. 294.

I HAVE the honor, in answer to your letter of the 18th instant, No. 1,338, enclosing Official Memorandum, No. 20, of the 17th instant, from the Revenue Department, to state that I have received no intimation from Mysore of any further action in the matter of the two logs since the date of my letter to you, enclosing copies of the whole correspondence that passed between the Mysore Forest Officer and myself. I sold the two logs in December 1875.

No. 180. ORDER THEREON, 16th February 1878, No. 244.

Forest, No. 13.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Conservator of Forests.

Exd. A. Grubert.

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Govt. of (1878) Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS.

Dated February 16th.

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 16th February 1878, No. 214.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 178—180.

Two logs claimed by the Mysore Forest Department.—Forwarding letter from the Conservator of Forests intimating that no further action has been taken in the matter of the—

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No. 214

Office of Conservator of forests
Ootacamund 28th May 1877.

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Lieut. Colonel R. H. Beddome
Conservator of forests.

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Secretary to Government
Rev: Departt.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servant

R H Beddome Lt. Colonel
Conservator of forests.-

Revenue 1877
~~Forest~~ Department.

No 2700

From
The Conservator of forests.

To,
The Secretary to Govt.
R.D.

Dated 28th
Received 31st } May 1877

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Enclosures 16. Recd
S.O.No. 244-16 February 1878
Subject.
Submits certain correspondence for the orders of Government, about 2 logs claimed by the Mysore Forest Department.

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No 178

C. 14 Feb/78 R. 16/2/78
C. 6 June/77. R 18 June/77

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Letter for the Conservator
of Forests.

Dated 28th May 1877.

It is submitted that this letter should have been forwarded to Govt. thro' the Bd. of Rev. – and that it should now be referred ~~to them~~ for remarks.

Nothing however, it would seem need at present be done, until the Conservator reports what opinion the Mysore Govt. have expressed on the question, which has been referred to them by their own Conservator. – It

The whole matter
is in all probability
a piece of roguery
originating in ~~[illegible]~~
afforded by that officer
not altering the timber
marks on ... ~~[illegible]~~
in. & of fraudulently
[illegible] replacing them.
~~[illegible]~~
unworthy the time
of Govt. – B.C. 1/6

Quite possible that they may refuse to have anything to do with the matter.

5.6.77

CH

Wd. await this or desire the CO to do so

In any case I think the thing is not worth the time it is occupying

7/6 RH

Awaiting comn. from the Mysore Govt. I don't see that the Rev. Bd. have anything to do with it. WH

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Forests – 2700

Dispute with Mysore Forest Depart.t regarding 2 logs in the possession of this Collr.'s officers but claimed by them –

C. No. 2700

Vide Offl. Memo. No. 20 d/17 Jan/1878

To lie over till Collr. reports further re action of Mysore Govt.

18.6.77

C.G. June/77. R. 18 June/77

No. 1400.-

Office of Conservator of forests
Camp Nellumbur 8th February 1878

From

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

To,

C. G. Master Esqre.
Secretary to Government,
R. D.

Sir,

With reference to your Official Memo. No. 20 of the 17th Ultimo, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from Mr. Peet the Wynaad forest Officer by which it appears that no further action has been taken in the matter.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servt.

R H Beddome
Lt. Colonel
Conservator of Forests.

Revenue 1877-78 Deptt

Revenue - Forests -

From No 604

The Conservator of
Forests

To, The Secretary to Govt.
R. D.

Dated 8th } February 1878.
Received 11th }

No 1400.

Enclosure No 1 ✓

Subject.

Replies to Official Memo
No 20 of the 17th Ultimo &
submits copy of a letter from
the Forest Officer of the
Wynaad Division -

No 244 - 16 February 1878

Read letter from Conservator of Forests 1st - 28th May 77
& from - do - d: 8th Feby 78 No 1400 No 214

No 244

Recorded
&c
16-2-78.

No 2700/77

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Note It is presumed the [illegible] brought the logs has been allowed by the Mysore Forest Dept. [illegible]

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N 179.

C. 14-Feb/78. R. 16/2/78

No 294.

Camp Chedleth
30th January 1878.

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Deputy Conservator
Wynaad Forests

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(Signed) A. W. Peet
Deputy Conservator

(A true Copy)

R H Beddome Lt. Colonel
Conservator of Forests. -

Enclosure

In a letter No. 1400 dated
8th February 1878 from the
Conservator of forests to the
Secretary to Government R.D.

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