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Office of Conserv. of Forests
Madras, 27th January 1876.

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From

Lieut^{nt} Colonel R. M. Beddome
Conservator of Forests

To

The Collector of Madras

Sir,

With reference to your letter N^o 519 dated 28th December 1875 transferred to me for disposal by the Revenue Board I have the honor to inform you that I consider that the measures now proposed by Mr. Brougham which have your approval should at once be adopted and the tracts selected enclosed and treated as firewood reserves.

For this purpose, out of Rs. 1500 the amount mentioned in para 7 only Rs. 1400 have been transferred from the head III "Demarcation Lines &c" to that of IV "Fencing and enclosing in the budget Estimate of your District for the current official year, and Mr. Brougham may

may be instructed to proceed with the work without further delay.

2. On the subject of felling, casting &c my views are quite in accordance with yours as expressed in paras 10-15 of your letter and Rs 1000 have been transferred from items as per margin to item I for Firewood and Charcoal for the experimental supply as proposed by you.

3. It was however agreed at the meeting held in 1875 by the Railway officials, the Board of Revenue and officiating Inspectors that the Railway Company should as a rule find their own contractors for felling &c who on approval by the Forest officer should be granted permits and "supply tracts" in which to fell under certain conditions and payment by the Railway Company of the usual signorage of Rs 1 per 1000 lbs on all firewood delivered. This arrangement recommends itself on several grounds and should not I think be departed from.

4. I trust that the experimental felling which you propose ^{that} Mr. Brougham should undertake will

I 1/200 Lumber Rs 500
II 2 Other forest produce 100
III 2/100 Firewood 400
Balance 1000

will serve not only to induce Contractors to come forward ready to fell and remove for the Railway Company but also give us some valuable data as to the yield per acre of our average jungles in your District which should be carefully noted and recorded.

5. With reference to the concluding paras of your letter I shall await Mr. Brougham's further report and your remarks thereon merely remarking that there certainly should be some good jungle remaining on "Blagherry Cool Mullany" and in the neighbourhood referred to by Captain Campbell Walker in his letter recorded with B. Proceedings No. 201/9719 of 29th September last and that the Tank beds under proper treatment should yield a large and rapidly renewable supply.

6. I presume that you understand that it is not intended to fell at all in the reserves for sometime and that the Railway demand should meanwhile be met from "supply tracts" to be handed over for the purpose as proposed by Mr.

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Mr. Brougham in para 6 of his letter and closed
for reproduction when exhausted. It will however
be advisable to fell all the thorn trees in tanks
beds of 8 years old and upwards as they do not
grow well from the stool if felled at a later age.

7. In para 13 of your letter to the Board
you estimate the cost of delivery at Rs 4-5-0
per ton, this would make the full stand the
Railway in Rs 6-9-0 per ton instead of Rs 6
proposed by you in para 14 of your letter
as the sugarcane on Railway fuel is one Rupee
per 1000 lbs say 2-4-0 per ton but if we
hand over "supply tracks" to the Railway Co.
and they undertake the transport &c this
does not require consideration

I have &c

J. P. of P. A. Beddome Secy to
Conservator of Forests.

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P. D. through the Accountant General with reference
to rule VI embodied in G. O. dated 19th November
1875 N^o 1662 A.

Office of
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Accountant General
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Ans
D. M. M. Secy to
Conservator of Forests

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31 January 1876

W. H. M. M.
Accountant General

