

(1) Number of Pages.....14
(2) Date of repair.....27.1.1969
(3) Initials of the Referencer.....*g u*

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Revenue DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.
B.P. No.

403

Press
Mis.

Dated

22. 3. 1876 196 .

Not to be folded or roughly handled

No. 209. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th March 1876, No. 627 :—

Read the following letter from W. LOGAN, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 21st February 1876, No. 47.

REFERRING to G.O., Revenue Department, No. 1,557, dated 2nd November 1875, I have the honor to inform you that I have just returned from a visit made in company with the Sub-Collector, Mr. Buick, to the Kanoth Escheat Forests for the purpose of selecting a piece of ground for an experimental plantation.

2. I at first thought that the best plan would be to put down the young plants at the same time as the Ponam crops. This arrangement would have had certain advantages, but these I found, on discussion with the Kurchiars, would have been very much overbalanced by other disadvantageous circumstances; and as we found, on visiting a number of patches from which Ponam crops were taken last season, that the crops had cleared the ground to a very remarkable extent from weeds and grass, and as the growth of young wood from the stumps left standing was comparatively very small, we decided that it would be by far the best arrangement to select such pieces for plantations.

3. We accordingly fixed on two pieces of pretty level ground lying one on each side of the river and in extent about eleven acres altogether. Some stumps of natural teak are already on the ground; and, judging from the dimensions attained by other timber at the spot, I fancy the piece of ground selected will be as well adapted as any we could have chosen for trying the first experiment.

4. The plan of operations proposed is as follows:—

Twenty of the Kurchiars residing in the neighbourhood of the patch, that is, about two men per acre, are being selected for clearing the ground. Four of the twenty will be men who have felled for Ponam this season a piece adjoining the selected ground, and they (the four) will work permanently on the plantation, watering seed-beds, hunting up failures among the young plants, weeding, and subsequently looking to the fire traces. All these operations can go on contemporaneously with their own work on the adjoining Ponam patch, and I propose to pay them at a rate to be fixed hereafter for each tree found to be alive at the beginning of the monsoon succeeding that on which the plants were set out. These men and the remaining sixteen of the twenty will be specially paid for the number of days they may be at work, clearing the ground, forming seed-beds, and planting out.

5. How long it will take to clear the ten acres it is at present difficult to say, but I consider it should not take the twenty men more than two or at the very most three days, and the expense should

* Clearing bamboo land for coffee in Wynaad costs about Rupees 7 per acre, and forest land about Rupees 20 per acre. I am not as yet in a position to say what similar operations at Nilambur cost.

certainly be less than Rupee 1* per acre, or Rupees 10 in all. The expense of forming the seed-beds is also matter for experiment, but I consider that Rs. 10

should more than suffice for that purpose. Watering the seed-beds daily will, of course, be part of the duty of the four men who cultivate the adjoining Ponam

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd March 1876.*

patch. Rupees (20) twenty, therefore, should, I think, suffice for all the operations to be undertaken in the current year, and I am writing to Colonel Beddome to ask that that sum may be put at my disposal from the current year's budget grants of the Wynaad Forests.

6. After gaining some experience, and after determining what, under the circumstances, would be the best way of planting out the seedlings, I shall again apply for some money from next year's Forest Budget. The result will be reported to the Board in due course.

7. The trees I propose to plant out this year are teak raised from Wynaad Forest seed, and *Ayani* (അയണി), a kind of wild jack, the timber of which is in great repute on this coast for many purposes.

8. Finally, I have the honor to suggest that the very earliest opportunity should be taken to survey and demarcate permanently the boundaries of the Government and of private land in this neighbourhood. We saw many indications of encroachments on the Government property, and the only effectual way of stopping them will be a survey and demarcation as proposed above. I would, therefore, propose that a survey party should be sent down as soon as possible. The jungles will be free from fever till after the first heavy showers, which may be expected soon after the 31st March. As soon as the heavy monsoon begins in June, the jungles will be again free from fever.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government with reference to G.O., dated 2nd November 1875, No. 1,557.

2. The Board approve the plan of operations proposed.

3. As regards the survey advocated in paragraph 8, the Board concur in the advisability of its being undertaken as soon as possible, and resolve to request the Superintendent of Revenue Survey to state when he will be able to depute a party for the purpose. Meanwhile the Collector might undertake the demarcation at once, and thus pave the way for the survey.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 210.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd March 1876, No. 403.

Forests, No. 17.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Mr. J. W. Fisher. V. crop may

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 4th March 1876, No. 624.

Read the following

N^o 47
From W. Logan Esquire
Ag Collector of Malabar.
To C. A. Gattori Esquire
Ag Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir,
Referring to the Revenue
Department N^o 1557, dated 2nd November
1875, I have the honor to inform you
that I have just returned from
a visit made in company with
the Subcollector Mr. Buck, to the
Kaniath Escheat Forests for the
purpose of selecting a piece of
ground for an experimental
plantation.

Obt. of 1876

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated March, 22nd.

Recd.

G.O., 22nd March 1876, No. 403.

Encl.

MARCH.

Nos. 209-210.

Kaniath Escheat Forests in Malabar District.—
Recording Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
on the selection of ground in — for experimental
Teak Plantation.

2. I at first thought that the best plan would be to put down the young plants at the same time as the Ponam crops. This arrangement would have had certain advantages, but these I found on discussion with the Furchians would have been very much overbalanced by other disadvantageous circumstances and as we found on visiting a number of patches from which Ponam crops were taken last season that the crops had cleared the ground to a very remarkable extent from weeds and grass, and as the growth of young wood from the stumps left standing was

was comparatively very small, we decided that it would be by far the best arrangement to select such pieces for plantations.

3. We accordingly fixed on two pieces of pretty level ground lying one on each side of the river and in extent about 11 acres altogether. Some stumps of natural teak are already on the ground and judging from the dimensions attained by other timber at the spot I fancy the piece of ground selected will be as well adapted as any we could have chosen for trying the first experiment.

4. The plan of operations proposed

proposed is as follows -

Twenty of the Kurchi are residing in the neighbourhood of the patch, that is, about two men per acre, are being selected for clearing the ground. Four of the twenty will be men who have felled for Ponam this season a piece adjoining the selected ground, and they (the four) will work permanently on the plantation, watering seed-beds, hunting up failures among the young plants, weeding and subsequently looking to the fire-traces. All these operations can go on contemporaneously with their own work on the adjoining

adjoining Ponam patch, and I propose to pay them at a rate to be fixed hereafter for each tree found to be alive at the beginning of the monsoon succeeding that on which the plants were set out. These men and the remaining sixteen of the twenty, will be specially paid for the number of days they may be at work, clearing the ground, forming seed-beds and planting out.

5. How long it will take to clear the 10 acres it is at present difficult to say, but I consider it should not take the 20 men more than two or at the very most three days.

days and the expense should cer-
tainly be less than one rupee per [†]clearing bamboo
acre or Rs 10 in all. The expense ^{in Mysore costs}
of forming the seed-beds is also about Rs 7 per acre
in matter for experiments, but ^{and forest land}
I consider that Rs 10 should more ^{about Rs 20 per}
than suffice for that purpose. ^{acre. I am not}
^{as yet in a position to say what}
^{similar operations}
^{at Nilambur cost.}

Watering the seed-beds daily will,
of course, be part of the duty of the
four men who cultivate the
adjoining Ponaie patch. Rupees (20)
thereby, therefore, should, I think,
suffice for all the operations to
be undertaken in the current year,
and I am writing to Colonel Beddome,
to ask that that sum may be put
at my disposal from the current
year's budget grants of the Mysore
Forests.

6. After gaining some experience
and after determining what,
under the circumstances, would
be the best way of planting out
the seedlings, I shall again apply
for some money from next year's
Forest Budget. The result will
be reported to the Board in due
course.

7. The trees I propose to plant
out this year are teak raised from
Mysore Forest seed and again
a kind of wild jack, the timber
of which is in great repute on
this coast for many purposes.

8. Finally I have the honor
to suggest that the very earliest
opportunity should be taken
to

to survey and demarcate permanently
the boundaries of the Government
and of private lands in this neigh-
bourhood. We saw many indications
of encroachments on the Govt
property and the only effectual
way of stopping them will be
a survey and demarcation as
proposed above. I would therefore
propose that a survey party should
be sent down as soon as possible
The jungles will be free from fever
till after the first heavy showers
which may be expected soon
after the 31st March. As soon as
the heavy monsoon begins in
June the jungles will be again free
from fever

Shaver
Malabar Office }
Calicut }
21st February 1876 }
J. N. Logan
Asst. Collector

7
Submitted for the information
of Government with reference to G.O.
dated 2nd November 1875 No 1557.

2. The Board approve the plan
of operations proposed.

3. As regards the survey advocated
in para 8, the Board concur in the
advisability of its being undertaken
as soon as possible, and resolve
to request the Superintendent Revenue
Survey to state when he will be
able to depute a party for the pur-
pose. Meanwhile the Collector
might undertake the demarcation
at once and thus pave the way for
the survey.

/True Copy & Extract/

CSH
CR

W. H. Cotton
Acting Secretary
To the Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

2 November / 1876 20-21

November 1876 20-21

219971

Proceedings of the

Board of Revenue

Vol. 24. No. 11

Page 4

Part 6. —

How all School Teachers —

in Kuala Lumpur —

to find a more perfect solution

of ground in — for the purpose of

the plantation of the

lighter trees, to which

which can be put a part

of the same (see also)

210 November 1876 20-21

219971

Proceedings of the

Board of Revenue

Vol. 24. No. 11

Page 4

Part 6. —

How all School Teachers —

in Kuala Lumpur —

to find a more perfect solution

of ground in — for the purpose of

the plantation of the

lighter trees, to which

which can be put a part

of the same (see also)