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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

20th June 1878, No. 936.

Read the following paper:—

No. 244. Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce (Forests), dated Simla, the 4th June 1878, Circular No. 31F.

Read—

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Circular No. 8F., dated the 19th January 1878, inquiring whether it is desired that a collection of correctly named specimens of timber from the several provinces of India, made from the pieces which have been sent to the Inspector-General of Forests for the Paris Exhibition, should be deposited in the museums attached to the offices of the Conservators of Forests.

Catalogue of specimens of timber, bamboos, canes, and other forest produce, sent to the Paris Exhibition of 1878, by order of the Government of India.

RESOLUTION.—In the Circular from this Department, No. 8F., dated the 19th January last, inquiry was made from the local Governments and Administrations under the Government of India, as well as from the Governments of Madras and Bombay, whether they desired that collections of correctly named specimens made from the pieces which had been sent to the Inspector-General of Forests for the Paris Exhibition should be deposited in the offices of the Conservators of Forests, and suggesting that Conservators might be permitted to communicate their wishes on the subject direct to the Inspector-General of Forests.

2. The Inspector-General of Forests reports that in reply to that Circular letters were received from the Conservators in the Madras Presidency, the Northern and Southern Divisions of the Bombay Presidency, in Bengal, the Central Provinces and British Burma, and from the Deputy Conservators in Assam and Berar, asking for such collections for their office museums. The Conservators in Oudh and Sind, in stating that their office accommodation was not sufficiently large to hold such a collection, asked that the specimens might be sent and deposited in the museum at Lucknow, and the Frere Hall at Kurrachee, respectively, until such time as sufficient accommodation became available; the Government of the Punjab desired that the collection for that province should be sent to the Lahore museum; the Conservator of Forests in the North-Western Provinces represented that his office did not possess sufficient accommodation, and asked that a collection might be deposited at Dehra Dun at the proposed Forest school. These suggestions were acted upon, and collections were prepared and despatched accordingly.

3. The Conservator of Forests in Mysore proposed to keep the collection packed up until such time as he could find space for it in his office. But as the retention of such specimens packed up in boxes at Bangalore would result in their partial destruction, it was decided not to send any collection to Mysore.

4. The whole of the specimens sent were marked, in the manner described at pages 4 and 5 of the catalogue of the forest collections sent to the Paris Exhibition of 1878, with a letter and serial number; and in most cases the systematic name

was also stamped upon the piece. The Inspector-General of Forests reports that any alteration which may hereafter be made in the systematic name of any specimen will be recorded in a manual of the structure, qualities and distribution of Indian timbers, now under preparation.

5. The collections were despatched from Calcutta early in April, and the numbers sent to the different provinces were as follows:—

Bengal	...	...	...	...	877 pieces.
Punjab	...	...	...	...	860 "
Madras	...	...	...	...	783 "
Assam	...	...	...	...	780 "
Berar	...	...	...	...	675 "
Central Provinces	...	...	...	...	574 "
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6. In distributing the collections, it was arranged that, as far as possible, each province should have specimens of its own contributions, as well as of those from the neighbouring provinces.

7. In addition to these collections, 517 polished specimens, with the systematic names painted on them, were sent to Dehra Dun for the Forest school, and a complete set of all pieces now in use for the preparation of the manual adverted to will also be sent to Dehra Dun when no longer required for that purpose.

8. In the preparation of these collections, as well as of those sent to the Paris Exhibition, the Indian Museum in London, the Museum of Economic Botany at the Royal Gardens, Kew, and to other institutions in Europe and North America, the Inspector-General of Forests received valuable assistance from the authorities of the Government Dockyard at Kidderpore, and the Agents of the British India Steam Navigation Company. As an acknowledgment of this assistance, small collections of 66 and 70 kinds, respectively, of carefully prepared pieces of the chief Indian timbers were sent to the Superintendent of Marine, Eastern Division, and to Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Company. In addition to these, 100 pieces, representing the principal timbers of Bengal, Assam and Burma, were deposited at the Economic Museum of Calcutta, to which institution was also sent a collection of fibres and other forest produce. A small collection of timbers has been deposited at the office of the Inspector-General of Forests in Calcutta.

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10. The acknowledgments of the Government of India are due to the Inspector-General of Forests, and to those associated with him in the collection and distribution of these forest specimens, for the care and completeness with which the work has been carried out.

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To the Financial Department, for information, with a copy of the papers noted on the margin.

To Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Company for information.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. O. HUME,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 245.

ORDER THEREON, 20th June 1878, No. 936.

Forests, No. 11.

COMMUNICATED to the Conservator of Forests.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Conservator of Forests.
" the Board of Revenue.
" the Curator, Government Museum.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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G.O. of (1878) *Simla*.

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Ac, Co, &c.

Dated June 20th.

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G.O. 20th June 1878, No. 930.

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No. 244-245.

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Admiral
Secretary to the Government of India.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras

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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
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Dated Simla, the 4th June 1878.

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