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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

25th June 1878, No. 963.

Read the following paper :—

No. 296. From Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 15th May 1878, No. 297.

ADVERTING to the G.O., No. 672, of the 7th instant, I have the honor to inform you that I was again on inspection in the Cuddapah Forest during last January, and a further report on this forest division is now before Government.

2. By paragraph 7 of this later inspection report it will be seen that the stone fencing of the present reserves has been completed; it was carried out during last year as a famine work.

3. In paragraph 15 I have stated that Mr. Yarde can select the necessary reserves in the hill portions of the taluqs lately handed over to this department, or what we style the western range of the Palcondah Hills, if a Revenue Officer be deputed to accompany him; Mr. Horsley, the Collector, will, I think, take an interest in this question and give all the assistance in his power; a full report* on this new forest range is also now before Government.

* *Vide* Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1,067, of the 17th April last.

4. In paragraph 13 I have brought to notice the importance of a correct survey of our present reserves, as we have no idea of the real area; they have all broad fire traces round them, so this work can at once be undertaken either by an officer or subordinate of the Survey Department; or if such cannot be spared, by any Surveyor whom Mr. Yarde could employ; until this be done I shall not be in a position to submit complete proposals for the whole of this district, as everything depends on the area of the present reserves. With reference to the total amount of the forest, and though I believe further close reserves are still necessary on the eastern side of the Palcondah Range (not western as printed in paragraph 16), I cannot say how far they are authorized until we have the correct area of the present reserves.

5. When the Imperial reserves are definitely settled village reserves should be demarcated; but if this is to be carried out systematically, Mr. Yarde will, I am afraid (as pointed out in paragraph 21 of my last report), scarcely be able to undertake it single-handed without detriment to his regular duties; another officer must be associated with him, or it must be undertaken by the proposed demarcation and survey branch of this department, if such be sanctioned.

6. Alluding to the concluding portion of paragraph 2 of the letter from the Government of India recorded in the above Government Order, I may mention that the area of the forests in the remainder of the Cuddapah District, and the information required by the Board as to the system of working generally in the Cuddapah Division, and full particulars as to the receipts under all heads, whether by departmental working or license and voucher, are fully given in paragraphs 22, 24, 25, and 26 of my last Cuddapah Report and in two tabular statements, Enclosures Nos. 2 and 3, submitted therewith.

7. Referring to paragraph 3 of the same letter, I also wish to mention that the area of the present reserves is a mere guess; in most divisions, when these tracts have been surveyed, the correct area has almost always fallen far short of the supposed acreage; but I believe here it will be the reverse, but I should be sorry to give a decided opinion, as many portions are very hilly, and I am most anxious to obtain a correct estimate. Alluding to the Rs. 2-4-0 per ton on Railway fuel, I wish to point out that this is clear profit (or rather the seigniorage sanctioned by Government). Contractors undertake all the felling, sawing up, transport, stacking, &c., for which, in addition to their profit, they are paid by the Railway Company, so that the fuel costs the latter something between Rs. 4-8-0 and Rs. 6 per ton.

No. 297.

ORDER THEREON, 25th June 1878, No. 963.

Forests, No. 14.

RECORDED with reference to G.O.,
31st May 1878, No. 825.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Conservator of Forests.

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Office of Commr. of Forests.
Coatacamund, 15th May 1878

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