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16th April 1877.*

No. 354. Read the following letter from Lieut.-Colonel R. B. KENNEDY, District Engineer, Malabar, to Colonel E. A. FOORD, R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Lackadie, 5th April 1877, No. 2:—

UNDER provisions of G.O., No. 1,433, dated 10th June 1872, a width of one chain measured on either side from the centre of all public roads is directed to be reserved for the purpose of obtaining material, and storage of same, intended for the use of such roads, and I shall be obliged by the opinion of Government being given whether, under that order, a Public Works Officer is entitled to fell and use any timber growing within the same limits, avenue trees of course excepted.

2. At present the Forest Department claims proprietorship in all such timber, and prohibits its use by the Public Works Officers; in all cases, I believe proprietorship in land entails proprietorship also of all fixture, and all that may be growing upon it. In the case of Teak timber, I would propose to make an exception, but when only junglewood is concerned, this claim on the part of the Forest Department I consider might as well be waived, if not as a general rule, at all events in the Wynad District, where there is no sale for such timber, and from which I believe it would not pay the Forest Officer to transport it. To show what little value such timber has I may mention that, in those parts of Wynaad where there is no Government land, I can always purchase large trees of the best sorts of junglewood for 2 or 3 Rupees per tree, of large size, giving perhaps between 20 and 50 cubic feet of timber when sawn up into scantlings. I would make not the slightest objection to pay the Forest Department such rates, or even higher, but frequently logs are emergently required for purposes of temporary bridges, or other works of which there are unfortunately still far too many in the taluq, and the emergency will not brook the delay of communications with the Forest Officer, and for him to instruct his subordinate who will if not down with fever probably be able to visit the spot and measure the trees a week or so later; meanwhile, great public inconvenience may have been caused for the want of the material. Unfortunately the state of the Local Funds does not permit us to keep any stock of material on hand; and the Forest Officer is continually unable to supply from his depôts for want of carriage. To go further into this subject would be digressing from the point of my letter, which is simply to ask that Government will be pleased to direct that, under authority of G.O., No. 1,433, dated 10th June 1872, the Public Works Officers shall be at liberty to fell and use any timber (other than teak) which is found growing within a margin of one chain from the centre of a public road, without interference from the Forest Department.

No. 927.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

10th April 1877.

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16th April 1877.*

No. 355.

• ORDER THEREON, 16th April 1877 No. 1,441.

Forest No. 4.

REFERRED to the Board of Revenue
and the Conservator of Forests for
remarks.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Offg. Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Conservator of Forests.
„ the Public Works Department.

General

No. 2

Malabar District Engineer's Office
Camp Luckadie 5th April 1877.

From
The District Engineer
Malabar.

To
The Chief Engineer
D. P. W. Madras

Sir,
Under provisions of G.O. No. 1433 dated 10th June 1872, a width of one chain measured on either side from the centre of all public roads is directed to be reserved for the purpose of obtaining material, and storage of same, intended for the use of such roads, and I shall be obliged by the opinion of Government being given whether, under that order, a Public Works Officer is entitled to fell, and use any timber growing within the same limits. Avenue trees of course excepted.

At present the Forest Department claims proprietorship in all such timber, and prohibits its use by the Public Works Officers - in all cases, I believe proprietorship in land entails proprietorship also of all fixtures

Govt. of 11877 Madras.

REVENUE.

To
THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated April, 1877.
Recd. Encl.

G.O., 16th April 1877, No. 1,441.

APRM.
Nos. 354-355.

Timber within margin of Public Roads -
Referring to the Board of Revenue and the Conservator of Forests for remarks letter from District Engineer of Malabar on the question of Public Works Officers felling and using.

fixture, and all that may be growing upon it. In the case of Teak timber, I would propose to make an exception, but when only jungle wood is concerned, this claim on the part of the Forest Department I consider might as well be waived, if not as a general rule, at all events in the Wynaad District, where there is no sale for such timber, and from which I believe it would not pay the Forest Officer to transport it. To show what little value such timber has I may mention that, in those parts of Wynaad where there is no Government-land, I can always purchase large trees of the best sorts of jungle wood for two or three Rupees per tree, of large size, giving perhaps between 20 and 30 Cubic feet of timber when sawn up into scantlings. I would make not the slightest objection to pay the Forest Department such rates, or even higher, but frequently logs are emergently required for purposes of temporary Bridges, or other works of which there are unfortunately still far too many in the Taluq, and the emergency will not brook the delay

of communications with the Forest Officer and for him to instruct his subordinates who will if not down with fewer probably be able to visit the spot and measure the trees a week or so later; meanwhile, great public inconvenience may have been caused for the want of the material. Unfortunately the State of the Local Funds does not permit us to keep any stock of material on hand, and the Forest Officer is continually unable to supply from his Depot for want of carriage. To go further into this subject would be digressing from the point of my letter, which is simply to ask that Government will be pleased to direct that, under authority of G.O. No. 1433 of 10th June 1872, the Public Works Officers shall be at liberty to fell and use any timber (other than Teak) which is found growing within a margin of one chain from the centre of a Public Road, without interference from the Forest Department.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. Servant
Wm. W. Kennedy Esq. Col.
District Engineer, Malabar

G.O. 16th Sept 1870 No. 2229
" 3rd Oct 1871 " 2507
" 10th June 1872 " 1433

General
P.W.D.
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From

The District Engineer
Malabar.

No. 2

Dated 5th April 1877.

Recd.

No. 927

Transferred to the
Revenue Department.

2d Divd Colonel R. G.

Secy. to Govt P.W.D.

10th April 1877.

Timber

Requests to be informed whether
by the provisions of G.O. No. 1433
of 10th June 1872 Public Works Officers
are entitled to fell and use
timber growing within the
limits of one chain measured
from centre of the either side
of a public road -

General

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From
The Sec^y to Gov^t
P. L. D.

Dated 10 }
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Letter from Dis^y Engr. Malabar
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