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Read again Proceedings of the Madras Gove ment in the Public Works Department, dated 21st December 875, No. 3,581.

Read also the foll wing papers :—

No. 356. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 11th March 1876, No. 361.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd February 1876, No. 523, Forest No. 21 :—

Read the following papers :—

From Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 25th January 1876, No. 98.

With reference to the G.O., No. 17, of the 5th instant, I have the honor to inform you that the Public Works Department have already been informed* that in the opinion of the Collector and Superintending Engineer the depôt must remain at Coimbatore ; this is also the opinion of Captain Campbell Walker, late Acting Inspector, and of Mr. Douglas, the Forest Officer of the range.

* *Vide* G.O., No. 1,051, dated 13th July 1875.

2. We can never have the depôt at Pothanore, as it is not for the Public Works Department alone but for general sales, and is most inconveniently situated. I do not understand what General Walker means about the greater portion of the logs being "twice moved over four miles of rail unnecessarily." Such is not the case ; if the Public Works Department like they can select most of these logs at Anamallay and Mettapolliem and cart them direct to Pothanore, but we cannot undertake to do so.

3. The siding is much required, and will be a great boon to all purchasers and bring traffic to the railway, and it is to be regretted that the construction has apparently been suspended by General Walker. The work should be at once carried out in order to facilitate the removal from depôt of the large consignments for the current official year.

From the same Officer, dated Madras, 31st January 1876, No. 115.

In forwarding the enclosed letter* from the Collector of Coimbatore, you will perceive that he does not see the necessity of a siding at Coimbatore, and that he advocates our keeping up a large depôt at Aramallay and a small one only at Coimbatore. I have the honor to inform you that Mr. Douglas, Captain C. Walker, and I are all agreed to the necessity of a siding at the Coimbatore Railway Station. The Public Works Department timber will, as the Collector observes, generally be handed over at our Anamallay Depôt, but the general public will not go out there to purchase, and much timber at times must come into Coimbatore, besides all the timber from the Mettapolliem and Bolumputty Forests must come to that depôt.

* No. 22, dated 25th January 1876.

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E[illegible]e No. 1.

From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collect[illegible]oimbatore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenu[illegible]igh the Conservator of Forests,) dated Coimbatore, 25th January 1876, No. 22.

In reply to Proceedings of the Board [illegible]evenue, dated 15th January 1876, No. 370, I have the honor to state that I see no need of the [illegible]g for the Anamallay timber at Coimbatore, and that it can be trucked at Pothanore.

2. Large scantlings can be far better prepared at the "Anamallay" Depôt without the carriage of rough logs to Coimbatore (or elsewhere), and the small scantlings now in the Coimbatore Depôt can easily be removed by cart or manual labor to the loading line which is close to the depôt.

3. Hereafter the Public Works Department indent can be easily supplied from the "Anamallay" Timber Depôt *at Anamallay*, where prepared and seasoned wood is now stored.

4. These conditions did not obtain before when other depôts were proposed.

5. As a matter of economy the wood being prepared at Anamallay is a great saving of expense, and being, after selection, carted direct thence to the railway truck, saves the additional expense of unloading in a depôt and reloading in a truck.

6. Besides which there is no suitable site for a timber depôt at Pothanore, which moreover would entail much expense in acquiring and in maintaining.

7. The small or minor depôt at Coimbatore Station can be maintained for local retail supply.

8. It is handy to the Superintending Engineer, Deputy Conservator, and the local public.

9. Large orders would be supplied direct by selection of a Public Works Department Officer from "Anamallay" Depôt and trucked at Pothanore.

10. There is a good road to Anamallay Town from Coimbatore *viâ* Pollachy.

11. The reason why this depôt was not available before was that the wood was stored mostly in the forest and not prepared for Public Works Department purposes.

12. Now the "Anamallay" Depôt seems to be the simplest and best arrangement, and wood once selected there would be remove[illegible]he purchasers without entailing on the Forest Officer duties of cartage and correspondence with the railway, leaving him to his legitimate duties of working the forests, preparing the timber, and lodging it in an accessible depôt.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. MACKENZIE,
for *Collector*.

Submitted to Government with reference to G.O., dated 5th January 1876, No. 17.

2. As it seems to be the general opinion that a depôt must be maintained at Coimbatore, and as all the Forest Officers regard a "siding" at that station as necessary, the Board support the recommendation.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

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Communicated to the Public Works D[illegible]rtment with reference to G.O. in that Department, 21st December 1875, No. 3,58[illegible]

(True Ex[illegible]ct.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

No. 356-A. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 21st April 1876, No. 522.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 12th April 1876, No. 497.

With reference to the G.O., No. 361, dated 11th March last, I have the honor to submit a letter* from Mr. Douglas, the Deputy Conservator of South Coimbatore, and to request that the question of a siding at the Coimbatore Railway Station may be held in abeyance for the present. When I addressed the Board on the subject, I was led to believe that Mr. Douglas thought this siding much required; he now appears to have changed his opinion. It will be necessary to consider also the Bolamputty and Mettapolliem timber (North Coimbatore Division) as well as any from Mr. Douglas' Division, but I think that the question should lie over until Mr. Douglas and Mr. Morgan can prove that the transactions would justify the expense.

* No. 367, dated 31st March 1876.

Enclosure No. 1.

From C. G. DOUGLAS, Esq., Deputy Conservator of Forests, Anamallay Range, to Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund, dated Coimbatore, 31st March 1876, No. 367.

From Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd February 1876, No. 523 (Forest No. 21), I observe that the necessity of a siding for the Coimbatore Depôt is still under discussion.

2. I understand that the construction of this work would be somewhat expensive, and am of opinion that, unless *all* timber is sold from the Coimbatore Depôt, our transactions will barely justify the outlay.

3. The idea of a depôt siding emanated from me originally, but I was at the time under the impression that the Public Works Department timber would be sold here and not at Anamallay.

4. If the Public Works Department timber is in future selected at Anamallay and proper arrangements are made for its reception and despatch without unnecessary delay at Pothanore, there would appear no occasion for a depôt there at all.

5. Hitherto timber for Madras and Beypore has, as General Walker remarks, been twice moved over four miles of rail because of the defective arrangements for loading at Pothanore. I brought this to notice in 1873, but nothing seems to have been done, as lately, on sending timber direct to Pothanore from Anamallay for the Public Works Department, I was induced by the representations of the Station Master to bring it on here, where there is a crane, &c.

6. I do not think a depôt at Pothanore would answer; it might be a convenience to the Public Works Department, but an expense to this department, which the unprofitable rates obtained hitherto from the Public Works Department do not warrant. I do not think it would do

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so well as the depôt at Coimbatore for the ... of sales on the retail system which is about to be tried for the smaller scantlings. The d... is conveniently situated for supervision; it has the advantage of being close to the statio... cannot escape the notice of merchants resorting to the Coimbatore market. At Pothanor... ôt site near the station, if procurable, would be expensive and labor under the disadvant... not lying in the neighborhood of the local timber yards.

7. I ought to mention that the draft ... Wedderburn's letter, No. 22, of 25th January 1876, published with the Board's Proceedings under notice, was sent to me for remark, and I agreed with him that a siding was not required if the Public Works Department were to take delivery at Anamallay, and that a depôt at P...anore was not at all desirable in the interests of this department. I was not aware of the ...espondence to which the Collector's letter bore reference, so merely stated my views as requested.

8. I now regret I did not think of explaining my change of opinion to you as the Collector omits to notice it.

9. I would suggest a trial of one year to see whether the sales here are likely to warrant outlay on a siding.

COMMUNICATED to the Public Works Department in continuation of G.O., 11th March 1876, No. 361.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 356-B. From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 16th May 1876, No. 38.

IN reply to memorandum, No. 575 of 28th March 1876, I have the honor to enclose copy of Mr. Douglas' letter on the subject. Mr. Morgan, who has a small depôt near my cutcherry, has sent n... eply, and probably cannot give an exact answer.

One copy of letter, No. 5, of 5th April 1876.

2. Before incurring the expense o... a siding, I would recommend a year's trial of the present depôts without one. M... Morgan's has only been opened a few months; indeed, a siding in the Anamal... Depôt would not much benefit him, as it would be as easy to load at once at the ... ds shed. Of course, no Mettapolliem wood would by any possibility have to be loade... t Coimbatore as is suggested in the Conservator's letter, and the Sholakara and Bol... putty production is not likely to be great.

From C. G. DOUGLAS, Esq., Deputy ...nservator of Forests, South Coimbatore, to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collec... of Coimbatore, dated Coimbatore, 5th April 1876, No. 5.

IN reply to your endorsement, No. 47, ... 1st March 1876, I have the honor to state that, if the Public Works Department timber is to b... ken over at the Annamallay Depôt and loaded at the Pothanore Station as suggested in parag... h 9 of your letter, No. 22, of the 25th January, printed in Revenue Board's Proceedings, N... 523/21, dated 22nd February, it is impossible to state, with any degree of accuracy, the nu... r or weight of logs likely to be loaded at the

Coimbatore Station; the timber purchased at the C... batore depôt may or may not be sent out of the district; in either case it will be bought by ... vate persons, as Government departments usually select at the Forests or Annamallay.

No. 357. ORDER THEREON, 21st J... 1876, No. 1,850.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 31-A.

As neither the Forest Officers nor the Collector appear to think that a siding at C...mbatore would be justified by the probable amount of business to be transacted th...e, the subject will remain in abeyance.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,
Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Coimbatore.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. J. W. Fischer,
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10 To the Conservator of Forests on 16 July
10 The Board of Revenue

Timber Depôt at Coimbatore.—The subject of providing a siding at the Coimbatore Railway Station for — to remain in abeyance.

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