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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1051 — Press Mis.

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Dated 9 — 5 — 1867.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9th May 1867.

No. 139. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department :—

Communicating Revenue Proceedings to Inspector General of Ordnance, in view to instructions being issued regarding the transfer of limbers to the Forest department, and the supp'y of elephant harness on payment. } (Here enter 4th May 1867, No. 1,621.)

No. 140. ORDER THEREON, 9th May 1867, No. 1,051.

Forests, No. 5. Communicated to the Conservator of Forests.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Conservator of Forests, with Proceedings Military Department, No. 1,621.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Dept.

Requesting the issue of necessary orders, in the Military Department, for the transfer of certain limbers from the Arsenal of Fort Saint George, to the Annamallay Forest establishment, for the transport of timber for the Gun Carriage Departments of Madras and Bombay. } Here enter 17th April 1867, No. 902.

From Lieutenant H. M. GOSLING, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Anamallay Range, Madras, 29th March 1867, No. 479; to the Officiating Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund.

I have the honor to request you will be so good as to submit, as early as possible, for the sanction of Government, my proposal to employ two of our Forest Elephants for dragging in harness with sling carts, by which I shall be enabled to convey 200 cubic feet of timber at one trip from the Anamallay slip to the Pothanore Railway station, thereby effecting a considerable saving in cart-hire.

2. At present owing to the inability of procuring carriage, by country carts, of logs measuring more than 25 cubic feet, I am unable to meet the urgent and pressing demands of the Madras and Bombay Gun Carriage Manufactories for rosewood and teak logs.

3. I have had an interview with Colonel Simpson, Royal Artillery, Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, and he has obligingly expressed his willingness to place at the disposal of the Forest Department four limbers to which our sling carts may be attached. He has also agreed to have constructed in the Arsenal harness complete, as used in heavy Field Batteries, the cost of which would at the outside not amount to more than Rupees 100 per set. The saddle trees and traces are ready and it but remains to have the remainder of the harness made which he informs me would take about ten days. The limbers are also ready and only require the sanction of Government to be transferred. The padding of the harness, &c., is so complete as to preclude all possibility of galling.

4. The docility of our Elephants assures me that they will prove very tractable in harness, and moreover this mode of transport relieves me of all future possibility of delay arising from want of adequate means of conveyance for our heavy timber, and ensures my being able to meet the demands of both Governments with promptitude and punctuality at *any* season of the year.

5. The Madras Gun Carriage have recently brought to the notice of Government the difficulties they have to contend against in procuring timber, especially rosewood, for the purposes of that Department, and this difficulty I could at once remove, were my proposal sanctioned.

6. The cost of the harness is so small, and the transfer of the limbers will render their price but nominal, and taking into consideration that we already possess the Elephants and sling carts, the latter of which were built at a great expense and have never hitherto been used owing to their being too unwieldy for bullocks, that I feel assured the Government will raise no difficulty in assenting to this proposal, leaving aside the important motives urging its adoption. The cost of both harness and limbers can be met out of the monthly working charges.

From Lieutenant H. M. GOSLING, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Coimbatore, 2nd April 1867, No. 482; to the Officiating Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund.

I have the honor to inform you, with reference to your letter No. 2300, that I do not require the sanction of Government for employing Elephants to drag in harness but require its sanction to enable the officer in charge of the Arsenal at Madras to make up the harness from the patterns in that office, and which as I said before will not cost more than 100 Rupees a set, I should feel obliged by your informing me whether so small a sum as 200 Rupees could not be disbursed by myself to the Arsenal Authorities to make up the harness without the sanction of Government.

2. The sanction of Government however is necessary for the transfer of the four limbers from the Arsenal to the Forest department.

3. Without the aid of Elephants and sling carts, I shall be unable to supply any heavy timber to either Bombay or Madras Gun Carriage Manufactory, and they themselves entirely concur with me in the necessity of this recommendation.

ORDER, No. 1621, 4th May 1867.

Ordered that the foregoing Proceedings in the Revenue Department, be communicated to the Inspector General of Ordnance, in view to the necessary instructions being issued regarding the transfer of limbers to the Forest Department, and the supply of the Elephant harness—the latter being on payment.

(True Extract.)

A Macmillan Colonel,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department, with 2 enclosures. 10 Spare Copies.
" Inspector General of Ordnance.
" Controller of Military Accounts.

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

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