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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd June 1867.

No. 304. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Works Department:—

Communicating letters from the Superintend-
ing Engineers and Railway Departments } (Here enter 7th June 1867, No. 1,710.)
respecting the demand for Sál timber.

No. 305. ORDER THEREON, 22nd June 1867, No. 1,387.

Forests, No. 9.

Communicated to the Conservator of Forests
for consideration.
(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Conservator of Forests, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 1,710.

Exd S. T. Augustin.

Read the following papers:—

No. 149. From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp, Dowlaishweram, 21st May 1867, No. 50.

With reference to G. O. dated 9th April 1867, No. 1,096, I have the honour to forward herewith a Statement showing the quantity of Sal timber required for use in the 1st Division.

Statement showing the quantities of Sal timber required for the use of Public Works in the under-mentioned Ranges of the 1st Division, and the explanations given by the Officers concerned.

Name of Range.	Quantity required in each Range.	Where to be delivered.	Remarks.
<i>Ganjam District.</i>			
No. I or Chicacole Range ...	500	Chicacole... ..	If cost be not more than Rupees 1-2-0 per foot.
No. II or Berhampore Range...	3,000	Berhampore and Chilka Lake.	
No. III or Russelcondah Range	1,400	Russelcondah.	
<i>Vizagapatam District.</i>			
No. II or Vizagapatam Range...	5,000	Waltair	Price should not exceed Rupees 1-4-0 per foot.
<i>Godavery District.</i>			
Workshops	2,000		If the cost at Dowlaishweram does not exceed Rupees 1-4-0 per foot.
Total C. feet ...	11,900		

CAMP AT DOWLAISHWERAM,
21st May 1867.

(Signed) T. BECKLEY, Captain, R. E.,
Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

No. 150. From the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Masulipatam, 18th May 1867, No. 24.

With reference to G. O. No. 1,096, dated 9th April, directing me to report what permanent demand for Sal timber from the Goomsoor forests may be expected from the Public Works Department, in this Division, I have the honour to inform you that owing to the peculiar nature of the principal works in both the Nellore and Kistna Districts, the demand for wood is small, and supplied without much difficulty by the local market, I am not therefore in a position to engage to take a regular supply of Sal wood from Goomsoor.

No. 151. From the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 16th April 1867, No. 154.

With reference to G. O. No. 1,096 of 9th instant, I have the honour to inform you that no Sal timber from the Goomsoor forests is at present required by any of the Ranges in this Division.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
7th June 1867.*

No. 152. From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 16th May 1867, No. 784.

1. In reply to Order No. 1,096, of the 9th April 1867, calling for an answer to paragraph 2 of G. O. No. 772 of the 3rd idem, Revenue Department, wherein inquiry is made whether Säl timber from the Goomsoor forests is likely to be utilized for the Public Works in Madras, I beg to state that I see no prospect at present of our using this wood for extensive building purposes, unless at a great cost, and at a price per foot equal to, if not exceeding, the cost of Teak.

2. Captain Boddome reports that timber of this description cannot be delivered on the coast under from Logs from 35 to 40 feet long, 4½ to 6 feet girth. Rupees 1 to 1-8-0 per foot, and the Superintendent of Marine considers the freight from Gopaulpore to Madras would average 40 Rupees per ton. This would raise the cost per foot in the rough to Rupees 1-12-0 or Rupees 2-4-0, exclusive of landing and shipping charges.

3. I have reason to believe we can buy the wood in the market at Madras at more favourable terms for Government than this. Lately as Executive Engineer, on the Superintending Engineer's orders, I purchased a number of squared logs of 9 inches to 12 inches Säl, varying from 15 to 20 feet in length, at Rupees 50 per ton of 50 cubic feet delivered on the North Beach, and there is still a considerable stock of this wood to be purchased in the market.

No. 153. From the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Cuddalore, 13th April 1867, No. 11.

With reference to the Order of Government of the 9th April, No. 1,096, I have the honour to report that it is not likely that there will be any demand in the 5th Division for Säl timber from the Goomsoor forests.

No. 154. From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Tanjore, 31st May 1867, No. 288.

With reference to G. O. No. 1,096, of the 9th April 1867, I have the honour to inform you that, with one exception, viz., the new Central Jail at Trichinopoly, there are no works of magnitude at present in this division that require a large quantity of timber for use. The timber required for the Central Jail works, the Executive Engineer recommends, should be procured from the Steam Saw Mills Company, Madras, they having already given satisfaction in the execution of an order for a work in the Trichinopoly Range. Under this circumstance Säl timber from the depots at Gopaulpore will not be required for use in this Division.

No. 155. From the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Coonoor, 13th April 1867, No. 15.

I have the honour to report, with reference to G. O. No. 1,096 of 9th April, that it is not likely that there will be any demand for Säl timber in the 7th Division.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
7th June 1867.*

No. 156. From the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Kodikarnol, 21st May 1867, No. 365.

1. With reference to G. O. No. 1,096, of the 9th April 1867, I have the honour to report that no permanent demand for Säl timber from the Goomsoor forests may be expected from this division.

2. The quantity of timber used in these districts is but small, and is chiefly obtained from the neighbouring hills.

No. 157. From the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 8th May 1867, No. 145.

With reference to the Order of Government No. 1,096, of the 9th ultimo, requesting me to ascertain and report what permanent demand for Säl timber may be expected from the Railway Department, I have the honour to enclose letters from the Agents of the Madras and the Great Southern of India Railways, the former stating that he is not likely to want any Säl timber, and the latter that the great cost of landing the Goomsoor timber at Madras debar him from looking to that quarter for a supply.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 7th May 1867, No. 168.

Adverting to the correspondence noted in the margin, and to the statement made at the Stores Committee this morning, I have the honour to state that, from the reports of the Conservator of Forests and the Superintendent of Marine, it would appear that Säl timber obtained from the Goomsoor forests would cost so much more at Madras than we have been in the habit of paying for that description of wood, as to debar us from looking to that quarter for a supply.

Thanking you, however, for the trouble you have taken in the matter, I have, &c.

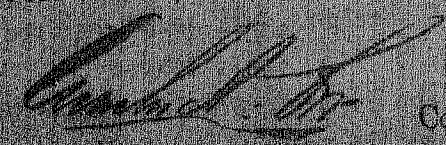
From the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Nagmatam, 17th April 1867, No. 2,313.

I have the honour to state in reply to your letter No. 51, of the 11th instant, that the Chief Engineer informs me we are not likely to want any Säl timber from the Goomsoor forests.

No. 158. ORDER TIRUNEL, 7th June 1867, No. 1,710.

Ordered that the papers above recorded be communicated to the Revenue Department, with reference to the Proceedings in that Department No. 772 of the 3rd April 1867.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers,
Revenue Department,
Consulting Engineer for Railways,
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