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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th July 1867.*

No. 259. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th July 1867, No. 4,177

Read the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 4th June 1867, No. 139 :—

1. The Officer Commanding 2nd Regiment Light Cavalry, now stationed at Ranipet, requests that one Sheik Nathad, who has contracted to build his men's lines, may be permitted to cut 30,000 bundles, or 1,500 cart loads of bamboos *free of charge*, in the Periyanguppam jungle near Vaniembadi, as building material is very expensive at Arcot, and there is a limit to the price the men are able to pay for their huts.

2. The Tahsildar of the Vellore talook reports that the jungle of Periyanguppam is part of the Chengulikkuppam range in which are comprised the forest tracts named in the margin, that the whole quantity of bamboos could not

Nakanamale.	Marambathe.
Yemabanda.	Vinnamangalum.
Periyanguppam.	Murukamaruthippa.
Kalokapallam.	

be procured from them, but that if the jungle tracts of Amur, Kavanurthettu, Naikeneri, and Kommeswaram were added, which are all in the Vellore talook, and under the conservancy of the Revenue Department, the full quantity might be supplied.

3. The cost of the bamboos now asked for at the present rate of seigniorage, eight annas per cart load, would be Rupees 750. This is a very considerable sum lost to the Jungle Conservancy Fund, with the further risk that the free access to forest tracts difficult of control would probably be largely abused.

4. I, therefore, think that these operations should be controlled by the Forest Department; that the cost of extra establishment entertained for the purpose should be borne by the Contractor, and that he should be required to deposit Rupees 500; that his people observe the boundaries and other preliminary arrangements made by Mr. Yarde, the local Forest Agent, on penalty of forfeiture of the amount for any wilful breach of the same.

5. The Commanding Officer, it will be observed, says generally that there is a limit to the price the men can pay, but does not shew whether there is any, and, if so, what allowance is made in contract for timber requirements.

1. Ordered that the foregoing letter be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government.

2. The Board beg to point out that, should this application be granted, the benefit of the indulgence, so far as they can judge, would fall almost entirely to the Contractor; in fact that it would be equivalent to presenting him with the entire amount of the seigniorage.

3. He cannot have reckoned upon obtaining such an indulgence when he contracted to build the huts, and the Board are unable to recommend that it be granted.

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16th July 1867.

No. 260.

ORDER THEREON, 16th July 1867, No. 1,579.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government cannot suppose that it was any part of the condition of the contract that the Contractor should obtain bamboos from the Government forests free of charge, as the Military authorities at Ranipet were clearly not competent to make any such concession.

2. Under these circumstances they see no reason whatever to comply with the application, which would simply be to make the Contractor a present of 750 Rupees.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,
the Military Department

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Exd. S. T. Augustin

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