Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 23rd October 1867.

No. 452. Read the following letter from the Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 10th October 1867, No. 300 :—

1. I beg to transmit, for the information of Government, correspondence with the Commissioner of Mysore, relating to proposed measures for the protection of sandal-wood revenue.

2. This article of commerce being a superfluous luxury, has always seemed to me a legitimate source of revenue, and efforts are being made by the Deputy Conservators in Salem and Coimbatore to extend the growth of this tree in the hard, gravelly, and often unculturable ground which it prefers.

From the Officiating Secretary, to the Commissioner for the Government of the Territories of His Highness the Maharajah of Mysore, to the Conservator of Forests, Madras, dated Bangalore, 5th October 1867, Nos. 3,676-415.

1. I am directed by the Officiating Commissioner of Mysore to forward, for your information, copy of a letter, Nos 2,283/123 of the 25th ultimo, and its enclosure,* from the Superintendent of the Ashtagram Division, bringing to notice that consignments of sandal-wood passing through Mysore from Her Majesty's territories are frequently detained at that place for a considerable period, thereby affording facilities for its clandestine disposal in the local market, to the detriment of the revenue of this Province, where sandal-wood is retained as a Government monopoly, and, under these circumstances, I am directed to suggest for your consideration the advisability of introducing an additional condition into the terms of the passports which cover such consignments, requiring that the sandal-wood should be secured in packets of convenient size, and sealed with the seals of the Madras Forest Department, and that in the event of such packets being detained beyond a day in any part of this Province, it should be stored under the seal of the Mysore Forest Department or other local authorities.

* To Superintendent Ashtagram Division, from the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Nos. 275-37, dated 28th August 1867.

2. These measures seem requisite to protect the sandal-wood revenue of the Mysore State in an effectual manner, but should any practical objections appear to you as likely to occur in carrying them out, the Officiating Commissioner will be glad to be favored with any suggestions which you may wish to offer on the subject.

From the Superintendent of the Ashtagram Division, to the Secretary to the Commissioner for the Government of the Territories of His Highness the Maharajah of Mysore Bangalore, dated Mysore, 23rd September 1867, Nos. 2,282-123.

1. I have the honor to forward herewith, for submission to the Commissioner, the accompanying copy of letter No. 275/37, of the 28th ultimo, from the First Assistant Conservator of Forests, on the subject of sandal-wood brought into Mysore from Her Majesty's territories, and to suggest that as sandal is a Government monopoly in the Province, and that as much sandal passes through Mysore, where it often remains for a considerable time from Her Majesty's territories, it would appear reasonable to insist upon its being imported in parcels of convenient size, secured and sealed, otherwise, as represented by Mr. Dobbs, there will be risk of its finding its way into the market to the detriment of our revenues.

2. I would further recommend that the transit through this country from foreign territory be made under free passes, granted by the local authorities from whom it is exported.

From the First Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ashtagram Division, to the Superintendent of the Ashtagram Division, dated 28th August 1867, Nos. 275-37.

1. I have the honor to bring to your notice that a quantity of sandal-wood has been brought and is being brought from the Madras territory into Mysore, on passports granted by Major Morgan, the Deputy Conservator, to convey it to the coast, and that the merchants instead of despatching it to the coast at once, detain it in Mysore until it suits their convenience to remove it. About two months ago there being upwards of 200 candies of foreign sandal-wood stored in Mysore.

2. On learning that there was so much sandal in the town, I wrote to the Amildar, and directed him to take such measures as were necessary to prevent the merchants selling any. I also told him to put a seal on the places in which their sandal was stored, and, on his doing so, the merchants came forward and complained against the same, saying that they kept various things besides sandal in these places, also that they sent off small quantities at a time, such as four to five bandy loads, and that if the seals were not removed, they would suffer much inconvenience and loss, so I ordered the Amildar to remove the seals.

3. I beg respectfully to ask your opinion and orders regarding such measures as should be taken to prevent the selling of sandal-wood, for if these merchants have such large supplies, and the same is removed in small quantities, the opportunities they have for selling are many. I beg to state that I consider they should be made to despatch their sandal at once on arrival, otherwise if it is stored here, that it should be sealed up until they wish to remove it.

From the Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to the Commissioner for the Government of the Territories of His Highness the Maharajah of Mysore, Bangalore, dated Madras, 9th October 1867, No. 259.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your No. 3,676, Public Works Department 415,* 1867-68, bringing to notice certain circumstances, and offering various suggestions for the effectual protection of Sandal-wood revenue.

* Dated 5th October 1867.

2. Having been for some years the adviser of the Mysore Government in forest matters, I feel a deep interest in all that relates to this article of commerce, and will instruct the Forest Officers in Salem and Coimbatore to make known the Mysore Regulations to the purchasers at our depôts in any manner you may suggest.

3. It is obviously of benefit to both Governments that clandestine felling and illicit trade in sandal-wood should be stopped, and in the Radharees given to purchasers, the quantity sold, and the time allowed will always be stated.

4. The arrangements for bonding should however, I think, be carried out by Mysore Officers at the frontier, as sandal-wood is not retained as a monopoly in British territory. In passing through Mysore, it would be subject to the regulations of the Province.

5. I may add, that it would be for the benefit of both Governments to regulate the felling of ripe sandal in Mysore as well as in British territory. An estimate of the quantity annually saleable having been framed, the Conservators might communicate with each other as to the number of mature trees to be felled annually, and come to an understanding as to the number of candies each would supply. This would be in proportion to the quantity grown respectively in the two Provinces,* which is probably about four to one, or thereabouts. Much sandal has been felled within the last few years in excess of the natural yield. Great danger has consequently been incurred of overstocking the market, while for some years to come there will be a corresponding diminution of supply till the sandal tracts have recovered.

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The small quantity of wood produced in North Canara and Travancore need not be taken into account.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd October 1867, No. 2,493.

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1. The Government approve Dr. Cleghorn's reply to the Mysore authorities.

2. It is evident that the *bonding* arrangement to guard against clandestine sale in Mysore of sandal-wood brought from erritory, must be carried out by the Mysore authorities for the protection ɔnopoly in that territory, but the fullest publicity should be given to their he places where Government sales of sandal-wood are held in the British so that purchasers may know what they are to expect should they take into Mysore.

(True Extract.)

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ɔervator of Forests.

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