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Government of Madras.

Revenue—**DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 11—6—1867.

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No. 174. Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Under Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Camp, Ootacamund, 28th March 1867, No. 2,287 :—

1. In reply to your Official Memorandum No. 35, of the 14th instant, I have the honour to inform you that the slabs and cross-sections of each of more valuable timbers from our different forests (which were cut to be forwarded to the Reporter on Indian Products) were all handed over to the Paris Exhibition Committee, and forwarded by them to Paris; they are, I believe, eventually to be forwarded to Dr. Forbes Watson, agreeably to a Circular* of Dr. Cleghorn (which is herewith enclosed); I would, however, suggest that Major Michael be addressed by Government on the subject. The duplicate slabs are at present in my Office, and will be handed over to the Madras Museum.

* No. 7, dated 6th April 1866.

2. The six Nar Yepa saplings and 50 lbs. of the fibre are forwarded herewith, for transmission to Dr. Forbes Watson.

CIRCULAR No. 7.

With reference to the despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, dated 9th March 1865, and Dr. Forbes Watson's "Memorandum on the specimens of wood required from India," which was circulated in May last to the Forest Officers of this Presidency, I have to intimate that it is proposed to prepare a collection of woods *in duplicate* without delay, one series of which may (with sanction of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India) be sent to the Paris Exhibition before being lodged in the India Museum. The corresponding specimens to remain at the Central Office or Government Museum for future reference.

The commercial woods, or those likely to prove available for the undermentioned purposes, are to be forwarded :—

Ship-building.
Cabinet-making.
Coach-building.
Wood-carving.
Turnery.
Wood-engraving.
Ordnance purposes.

Woods which are not esteemed for these purposes are not required.

Samples of two kinds are specified in the above Despatch.

1st.—Slabs.—These should be three feet in length, four inches in thickness, and the full breadth through the centre of the tree, so as to shew the proportion of "heart-wood."

2nd.—Horizontal Sections.—The trees selected to furnish the specimens should be of the average size, and the four-inch samples through the centre should include the bark.

Secure labelling is of the first consequence.

The botanical name to be given when possible: if not known, dried twigs should be sent for the purpose of identifying it, as well as the vernacular name. Any curious or remarkable specimen shewing the structure of wood may be forwarded.

Bulky articles for the Paris Exhibition are to be shipped in July, but should reach Madras in June.

Any expenses incurred in packing, transport, &c., not exceeding twenty-five Rupees (at one time) will be remitted by transfer receipt, on presentation of the bill.

H. CLEGHORN,
Conservator of Forests.

Madras,
6th April 1866.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th April 1867.

No. 175. ORDER THEREON, 11th April 1867, No. 837.

Forests, No. 7.

1. Resolved that a copy of the Despatch from the Secretary of State, dated 9th March 1865, No. 12, be forwarded to Major Michael, and that he be requested to transfer the slabs and cross-sections of valuable timbers, alluded to in Captain Beddome's letter above recorded, to Dr. Forbes Watson, as soon as the Paris Exhibition is over, and to report his having done so to the Secretary of State and to this Government.

2. The six Nar Yepa saplings and 50 lbs. of the fibre received from Captain Beddome will be forwarded to Dr. Forbes Watson, addressed to the care of the Secretary of State, and a copy of this resolution will be furnished to that gentleman for his information.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
,, Major J. Michael.
,, the Board of Revenue.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

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