

Revenue (1897) Department.

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G.O., No. 1642

DATED 26th March 97

[Despatch Abstract.]

Communicating with remarks to the P.W.D.
Board's Prop^r regarding the supply of fuel by
the Forest Dept to the Madras Railway Comp^y

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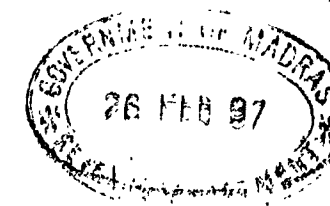
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From

The Board of Revenue, Land Revenue,
Madras

Order

Forest No. 1824 M.L.

Dated 25th February 1897

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SUBJECT.

Submitting for the information of
Government ^{27th March} letter from the Conserv-
ator of Forests C.C. reporting on the
subject of the supply of fuel to the
Madras Railway Company by the For-
est Department.

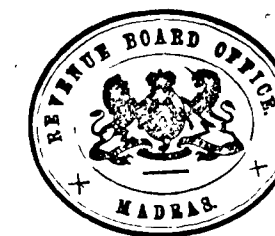
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue)

Forest NO. 1821 Misc, dated 25th February 1897.

Read again Board's Proceedings Forest NO. 1525 Misc, dated 31st November 1897.

Read also letter from the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, dated 26th January 1897, NO. 1099.

Resolution.

The Conservator's letter will be submitted for the information of Government with reference to G.O. NO. 4556, dated 13th November 1896.

2 In July 1895 the Madras Railway complained of the short supply of fuel by the Forest Department in Salem and in Proceedings NO. 1581 dated 23-9-95 the Board pointed out that the District Forest Officer must not enter into contracts - unless he could see his way to fulfil them; the District Forest Officer was at the same time informed that the Board would always be prepared to sanction temporary establishments for purposes of the kind.

3 In October 1896 the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway again addressed the Government complaining no longer of short supply, but pointing out that there was no guarantee of either punctual delivery or fixity of rates, and asking - that some guarantee should be given.

4 On this the Government remarked that there should be no difficulty in providing the Railway Company with ^{an} adequate supply of fuel at moderate rates, and directed the Board of Revenue to make arrangements.

(1) to restrict local Officers from raising the rates to an unduly high figure.

(2) to entertain a sufficiently numerous temporary establishment to place the District Forest Officer in a position to - carry out any undertaking which might be made in regard to - the supply of specific quantities of fuel within specific - periods of time.

5 The statement in ^{the} G.O. that there should be no difficulty in supplying the Madras Railway with an adequate supply of fuel at moderate rates has been understood by the Railway Company as meaning that Government has undertaken to supply all firewood required for Railway purposes at rates which - will probably be less than the private contract rates now - ruling. The Company has accordingly given notice to firewood contractors that their contracts will be closed on the 30th September 1897.

6 The Conservator, however, reports that the Government forests, which can be profitably worked for the supply of fuel to the Railway, are too limited in extent to permit of the Forest Department ^{continuing} ~~continuing~~ its present contract~~ions~~ and also undertaking to supply at existing rates the whole of the fuel now delivered by private contractors, much of which is obtained by them from private forests. It seems therefore necessary, as suggested in para 8 of the Conservator's letter, that the Madras Railway Company should be at once informed that no - such undertaking was intended, and that the Company should be asked to state what quantity of fuel they required to be supplied and the length of time for which it is probable they will be prepared to take it. A thorough investigation of the capabilities of the forests in the neighbourhood of the Railway in the Salem and other Districts can then be made and a definite agreement come to.

7 With regard to rates, the Board considers that the Conservator has shown in para 5 of his letter that there is no tendency on the part of the Department to demand excessive rates. As a guarantee against excessive demands by contractors on account of supplies obtained by them from Government forests, Mr. Popert suggests that the standing growth in coupes

should be sold by auction, and a condition entered in the --
lease that all fuel supplied to the Railway should be deliver-
ed at a specified ~~rate~~ rate, viz, the rate paid to the Forest -
Department. The bidders, being aware of the condition, would -
adapt their offers accordingly. This suggestion commends it-
self to the Board.

8 In para 7 of his letter, the Conservator deprecates
the entertainment of temporary establishments and points out
the objections to such a course. The Board, however, understands
the direction of Government to be merely that when a con-
tract has been undertaken by the Forest Department, temporary
establishments must be entertained to such ~~an~~ extent as may be
necessary to ensure the due fulfilment of the contract. In
this respect there has been no ground for complaint since -
1895 and, as already noticed infra 3 supra, no complaint has
in fact been made.

(True Extract)


Secretary

To

The Secretary to Government R.D. with Conservator's letter in origi-
nal to be returned.

Copy to Conservator of Forests Central Circle.

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Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

MADRAS.

To

Subject.

Mr. Hon: Mr. Gose C. H.

To Joint
The Secy to Govt.
P.W.D. (R. Branch)
for favour of counterinitials

JG
23/3/97

2.17/3/97

18.12.97

Dear Sir 7783 of 97.

Order No. 1642 of 26 March 97

Communicated to
the Public Works Dept in
continuation of G.O. Res. No.
4556 misc. of 13th Nov. 1896.

2. If as the Board
states in para 5 of its Progs.,
the MRL is under the im-
pression that the Govt has
undertaken to supply the
whole of the firewood required
for railway purposes at rates
lower than the private contract
rates it is highly desirable
that ~~as suggested in the~~
para the Company ^{should} dis-
tinct of that ~~provision~~ at
an early date as possible. All
contemplated when issuing
that the Govt ~~intended~~ the
order quoted in para 1 above
was that the Forest Dept
should make every endeavour
to meet the Company's demands
for fuel at reasonable rates and
~~but~~ it was never intended that
either the Govt or the Forest Dept
should ~~be~~ ^{unduly} ~~burdened~~ to meet
such

such demands at a loss or
to an extent likely to exhaust the
~~resources~~ ^{more than what the}
capacities of the forest areas available for the supply of fuel,
~~Forest Dept might be able to~~

supply. A copy of these Prop
will be communicated in the
Public works Dept to the M.R.C.

with the request that infor-
mation as to the quantity
of fuel required ^{for the railway} ~~by it~~ and the
probable time during which it
is desired that the supply should be continued, may
~~will be prepared to take it may~~
be furnished to the Board of
Rev: at an early date.

3. Mr Popert's
suggestion, ^{which refce is made} ~~referred to~~ in para
2 of the B.P. ^{appears calculated to} ~~seems to be un-~~
objectionable and may be

acted on and With reference
to para 2, the Board will be
informed that its interpretation
of the orders of Govt in regard
to the entertainment of camp
establishments is correct.

11/17/97. To
13. 9. 97

To
The R.W.D. A.O. (with enc) }
Board of Rev: L.R. (Q & O) }
with encs }
16/3/97

The facts are

making
large departmental arrangements
for the supply of large quantities
of fuel, ~~may~~ ^{shall} be carried out.

11/17/97

12/11/97
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fully set forth in the B.P. The
Board was not consulted before
to. 4558 of Nov '96 was issued

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