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Presidency Port Office,
Madras, 20th August, 1897.

From

Commander H. A. Street, R.I.M.,
Presidency Port Officer,
Madras,

To

The Secretary to Government,
Marine Department,
Chepak.

Sir,

In reply to Marine Department Memorandum dated 18th August 1897, No. 529 E, I have the honour to point out that the statement to which exception is taken therein was based on the following extract of a letter (dated 22nd December 1896, No.4/139) from the Port Officer, Tellicherri, to my address.

" The District Forest Officer states that no
" log can be procured locally suitable for
" a Lower Mast, but smaller seasoned Malabar
" Teak is available in the local market."

2. It is true that in a subsequent letter dated 9th February 1897 the Port Officer reported that the District Forest Officer had found a growing Teak tree of the dimensions required for the lower mast, but he at the same time stated that green wood was hardly suitable for the purpose, and in this view I fully concurred, and consider that I was justified in acting on the information given in the Port Officer's previous letter.

i.e. the Port officer?

3. In the meantime I had been in communication with the Director, Royal Indian Marine, regarding a suitable spar, which, as pointed out in my letter No. 163 G dated

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dated 8th May 1897,(G. O. Marine, No. 471 of 20th May 1897) is of iron, and will last longer than even a seasoned wooden spar, and certainly is to be preferred to a green spar.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

Commdr:, R.I.M.,

Presidency Port Officer.

Marine Department.

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Sham for Flag Staff at Cannanore

The Hon'ble Sir Henry Wheeler K.C.S.I.

For orders with reference to the note from orders in the Revenue Dept.

Writing on the 22 Dec 96. the Port officer Tellicherry states that the District Forest officer said that "no log can be procured locally suitable for a lower mast".

There is no trace of this statement in the correspondence dealt with in the Revenue Dept. (coming from the D.F.O)

The earliest letter of the District Forest officer is dated 29 January 1897 and in this letter he says - "I can deliver a log of teak (green) of the required dimensions".

Both the local and the Presidency Port officer consider green wood unsuitable for a spar. I agree

So do I. But I think we must not with any reply made to the P.W.D. — My point was that the Forest Dept. ought to have enable to supply suitable requirements

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Note: This minute misunderstood by the Port officer. I wrote to the Port officer and he ordered the P.W.D. to supply the required spar.

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