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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
5th November 1862.*

No. 87. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 24th October 1862, No. 3,707:—

Authorizing Commissary General to dispose of the rejected Timber received per "Alexander Baring" to the best advantage either by transfer at stipulated rates to the Public Works Department, or by public sale. (Vide Military Proceedings, 24th October 1862, Nos. 578 @ 581.)

No. 88. ORDER THEREON, 5th November 1862, No. 2,649.
Communicated to the Chief Engineer and Deputy Chief Engineers of Circles, with reference to paragraph 2.
(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Commissary General, Madras, 7th August 1862, No. 47 ; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to submit, for the consideration and orders of Government, the following

From the Superintendent Gun Carriage Manufactory, 8th September 1859 No. 723 ; to the Commissary General.

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter No. 2302 of 5th September 1859, requesting me to inform you, whether I still require any and what quantities of Timber, noted in the margin, from Burmah.

2. In reply, I have to state that, to complete the allotment of Timber to be maintained in Store, I require the following quantities, in which I have included the probable consumption of Timber during the current official year.

Teak.....	cubic feet	34,467
Saul.....	"	2,536
Peddowk.....	"	13,048
Pecmah.....	"	None.

3. Besides the above, I require annually after the official year 1859-60.

Teak.....	cubic feet	32,000
Saul.....	"	4,000
Peddowk.....	"	5,000
Pecmah.....	"	4,000

4. I shall have no objection to receive any quantity of Saul and Peddowk more than my requirements, as these Timbers take some years to season in log.

From the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, 4th August 1862, No. 2871 ; to the Commissary General.

With reference to your letter No. 767 of 19th July 1862, I beg to inform you, that Lieutenant Curran, of the Gun Carriage Manufactory, has examined the Timber lying on the Beach, and reports favorably on certain portions thereof, but as the Superintendent Gun Carriage Manufactory has already taken in his full supplies for 1862-63, he will be unable to receive any of it, unless you can make such arrangements as to allow him to take a proportional quantity thereof, (in deposit,) in anticipation of the demands for the next official year, which will, to a great extent, obviate the loss to Government, which will probably occur if the Timber is disposed of by public auction.

2. The letter from Superintendent Gun Carriage Manufactory, No. 3372 of 8th September 1859, is herewith returned.

stating that he would have no objection to receive any quantity of Saul and Peddowk in excess of the then ascertained requirements, "as these Timbers take some years to season in log."

3. This Department accordingly made arrangements for the full supply of these Timbers for three years, (which period has now nearly elapsed).

4. There is now a quantity of very superior Teak lying on the Beach, which, understanding that the Deputy Assistant Commissary Lieutenant Curran, of the Gun Carriage Manufactory, had approved of, I applied to the Inspector General of Magazines to move the Superintendent Gun Carriage Manufactory to take Timber to the extent of his original requisition.

5. In the reply, however, of this Officer, no notice is taken of the former requisition made by the Superintendent Gun Carriage Manufactory, but a suggestion is made that I should enter into "such arrangements as to allow him (the Superintendent Gun Carriage Manufactory) to take a proportional quantity thereof (in deposit) in anticipation of the demands for the next official year," which in other words simply implies that the value thereof is to appear as an out-standing for one whole year against the Commissariat instead of against the Department for which it was procured, and by which it was Commissioned.

correspondence, relative to Timber purchased by this Department for the use of the Gun Carriage Manufactory, which subject has already been brought prominently to the notice of Government.

2. In the year 1859, and prior to the introduction of the Budget system, the Superintendent Gun Carriage Manufactory in his letter, as per margin, stated that, to complete the allotment, the following would be required, viz :—

Teak ...	c. ft.	34,467
Saul...	"	2,536
Peddowk.....	"	13,018.

Besides the above, he intimated that the annual requirements of his Department would be as follows :—

Teak ...	c. ft.	32,000
Saul....	"	4,000
Peddowk ..	"	5,000
Pecmah....	"	4,000.

6. I would therefore earnestly suggest that the Superintendent Gun Carriage Manufactory be instructed to take over all the Teak suitable for his Department, to the extent of his original requisition, the remainder (if any) I would suggest the Chief Engineer be desired to take over.

7. With regard to Saul and Poddowk, above referred to, and which was commissioned by the same Department, there are about forty logs which Colonel Maitland has rejected, as the logs are stated by him to be small and irregular and "what would cut to great waste." I submit that these logs are of the dimensions required by him, and it is scarcely to be expected that the Officers of this Department can judge how they are likely to "Cut up." Had this description of Timber been like Teak, (a marketable commodity) I should have met Colonel Maitland's views as I have done with all the Teak, rejected by him as unfit, but it being unmarketable, I submit for the consideration of Government, whether it is desirable that the Superintendent of the Gun Carriage Manufactory be directed to receive it and convert it into the best use possible, or that it should be sold by auction for a mere trifle, it being already the property of Government.

P. S.—As the wood is still lying on the Beach, early orders of Government are solicited.

(Signed) J. HILL,

Commissary General.

Referred to the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, for early report.

9th August 1862.

From the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, Fort Saint George, 22nd August 1862, No. 71; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government, dated 9th August 1862, referring for Report a communication from the Commissary General, relative to certain supplies of Timber shipped on the *Alexander Baring*, and stated to have been purchased for the Gun Carriage Manufactory.

2. The large requisitions for Timber specified in the 2nd paragraph of Colonel Hill's letter, were made by the Superintendent of the Gun Carriage Manufactory in direct communication with the Commissary General, under authority of the instructions conveyed in letter, No. 51, dated 29th August 1849, from the late Honorable the Court of Directors, communicated to the late Military Board, in Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 3952, dated 30th October 1849.

3. Under the operation of this Order, the entire responsibility for the provision and selection of Timber for the Gun Carriage Manufactory rests with the Superintendent of that Establishment, and this Office has not therefore urged on that Officer the acceptance of Timber which, in his judgment, is wholly unfit for Manufactory purposes.

4. The Superintendent of the Gun Carriage Manufactory in carrying out the Budget Estimate system, now submits to this Office a Statement of his Timber requirements for the official year, and the Timber so required for 1862-63, was estimated at 8,000 cubic feet, which quantity was consequently included in the Ordnance Estimates for that year, and it was because this quantity had already been supplied in full by the Commissary General, that I suggested the transfer of the charge for any additional quantity received in excess to the Budget Estimate of the ensuing year.

5. With the view however of relieving the Commissariat Department to the fullest justifiable extent, I requested the Superintendent of the Gun Carriage Manufactory to make as large and full a selection from the Timber in question, as could be reconciled to the interests of the Manufactory.

Extract letter, No. 619 of 18th August 1862

"I have caused the Timber now lying on the Beach to be carefully inspected and examined, and the following is the quantity of each description selected and stamped as fit for the use of the Gun Carriage Manufactory.

Teak Logs... 70 or cubit feet 4,500

Poddowk... 17 " 600

Saul... 20 " 800

In selecting the above, the most liberal allowance has been made for flaws of different kinds, to meet your instructions."

8. After taking over the Timber now selected, a considerable portion of that received by the *Alexander Baring* will still remain with the Commissariat Department, but this Timber being wholly unfit for Gun Carriage construction, and of extremely high price, must, whether disposed of by public sale, or worked up in a Government Manufactory, alike entail loss on Government, but this loss, I respectfully submit, may justly be charged against that Department, which alone is responsible that Timber of this description, was ever suffered to become Government property.

Letter from Controller Military Finance, 4th April 1862 A, paragraph 4, to Secretary to Government, Military Department—Order of Government, No. 1584 of 1st May 1862.

With Report from the Controller of Military Finance, 6th October 1862, A.

ORDER, No. 3707, 24th October 1862.

It appears to Government that the course suggested by the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, in paragraph 7 of his letter above recorded, is the best that can be adopted under the circumstances. The Governor in Council accordingly authorizes the Superintendent of the Gun Carriage Manufactory to take over the whole of the selected Timber, and to provide the necessary funds by a Supplemental Estimate.

2. The Commissary General will dispose of the rejected Timber to the best advantage, either by transfer at stipulated rates to the Public Works Department or by public sale.

3. Pending further orders, the loss which may result from the transaction, will stand as a charge against the Commissariat Officer or Officers who accepted the Timber from the Contractors.

4. Colonel Hill's attention is called to the requisitions from the Controller of Military Finance for information on the subject of the Moulmein Timber Contracts, to enable him to furnish the Report requested by Government, in their Proceedings No. 2906, dated 17th August 1861. The Governor in Council hopes that there will be no further delay on the part of the Commissary General, in complying with the Controller's applications.

(True Extract.)

M. S. S. S.
Secretary to Government.

To the Commissary General.

" Inspector General of Ordnance.

" Controller of Military Finance.

" Department Public Works.

" Military Accountant.

" Examiner of Commissariat Accounts.

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

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