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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 19th April 1864.*

No. 457. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department:—

Referring letter from the Government of India requesting to be supplied with certain documents relating to the probable requirements of Timber by the Home and Indian Governments. } (Here enter 13th April 1864.)

No. 458. ORDER THEREON, 19th April 1864, No. 1,116.

1. It will be intimated to the Military Department, with reference to the orders recorded above, that as this Department does not possess accurate information regarding the works which will be carried out during the ensuing official year, it is unable to furnish an estimate of the Timber which will be required during that period.

2. The Superintending Engineers 4th and 5th Divisions, who were recently consulted upon the subject, are averse to the establishment of a Government Agency for obtaining supplies of Timber for the Public Works Department, and prefer obtaining the article in the local market.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
*Secretary to Government.*

To the Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

## MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

*From the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William, 28th March* 1864, *No.* 930; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.*

In forwarding the annexed copy of a letter from the Assistant Secretary to Chief Commissioner British Burmah, No. 251A, dated 26th ultimo, with its accompanying application from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, requesting to be supplied with certain documents relating to the probable requirements of Timber by the Home and Indian Governments, I am desired to request that you will move His Excellency the Governor in Council to cause the information therein called for, to be furnished to this Department, with as little delay as possible.

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*From the Assistant Secretary to Chief Commissioner, British Burmah, in the Public Works Department,* 26*th February* 1864, *No.* 251*A*; *to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department.*

I am desired by the Chief Commissioner, British Burmah, and Agent to the Governor General, to enclose copy of a letter* from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, requesting to be supplied, if possible, with copies of the yearly estimates of probable requirements of Timber by the Home and Indian Governments, and also of any other official estimates, advertisements, &c., as would be of assistance to him in forming his general plans for Timber operations, throughout the year.

* *No.* 20*A, of the* 25*th February* 1864.

2. The Chief Commissioner considers that such papers might prove extremely useful to the Forest Department, and he accordingly solicits the favor of such instructions being issued as may be necessary for the purpose of furnishing the Officiating Conservator of Forests with the information desired.

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*From the Officiating Conservator of Forests,* 25*th February* 1864, *No.* 20*A*; *to the Secretary to Chief Commissioner, British Burmah, in the Public Works Department.*

It would be of some value and of considerable assistance in guiding the Conservator of Forests, in the formation of his general plans for the bringing down of Timber for the year, and other arrangements connected with the public auction sales, if he could be furnished with copies of the yearly estimates of probable requirements of Timber for the Home and Indian Governments.

At present, except incidentally through the medium of Newspapers, or the Calcutta Timber Market Circular, which Messrs. Mackenzie, Lyall and Company have kindly forwarded now for a long time at my request, we have no knowledge at all on the subject.

I observe that the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Navy, are now advertising for Tenders for the current year, but what their requirements are likely to be, I do not know.

I feel that at this present moment, I might be greatly influenced both as regards time and quantity, and description of Timber which I have ordered should be sold on the 7th March, if the Government requirements and operations in Teak Timber were before me, and I have the honor to solicit the favor of the Chief Commissioner's assistance in obtaining for this Office, such copies of official estimates, advertisements and papers on the subject, as would be useful to the Officers of the Forest Department.

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Referred to the Revenue Department, Department Public Works, Inspector General of Ordnance and Commissary General, with a view to the required information being afforded.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
13*th April* 1864.

*Secretary to Government.*

To the Revenue Department.
„ Public Works Department.
„ Inspr. General of Ordnance.
„ Commissary General.
„ Controller of Military Finance, for information.

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

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It will be intimated to the Military Dept with reference to the orders recorded above that as this Dept does not possess accurate information regarding the works which will be carried out during the ensuing Official year, it is unable to furnish an Estimate of the timber which will be required during that period.

The Supplies of 4x 5" 9ins, which were recently enquired upon the subject are averse to the establishment of a Govt Agency for obtaining supplies of timber

Chief Asst 19th April/61 } the Govt. & prefer obtaining the Article

To the Mily Dept d° d° at market

dated 20th April.