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5th May 1875.*

No. 97. Read the following letter from Captain W. G. CUMMING, R.E., Assistant Secretary, British Burma, Public Works Department, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Rangoon, 2nd July 1874, No. 2,164-62 F:—

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter, No. 1,149, of the 1st May, and telegram of the 29th of the same month, inquiring what arrangements the Forest Department of this province can make for supplying Public Works Officers in Madras with seasoned timber in the log or in scantling.

2. In reply, I am directed by the Chief Commissioner to forward copy of letter, No. 618-75, of the 24th ultimo, from the Conservator of Forests, and to state that, if teak timber is now required, the quantity, number, and size of logs, squares and scantlings, should be specified in a proper indent on the Forest Department of this province.

From Captain W. J. SEATON, Conservator of Forests, British Burma, to the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, British Burma, Public Works Department, dated Rangoon, 24th June 1874, No. 618-75.

WITH reference to your No. 1,733-62 F, of 2nd instant, forwarding copy of letter, No. 1,149, of 1st May 1874, from the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, and annexures, I have the honor to submit the following report on the question of supplying the Public Works Department in Madras annually with about 30,000 cubic feet of seasoned teak timber.

2. Timber to the required extent can be supplied by this department out of the stock on hand at the Timber Depot, Rangoon; the timber converted under departmental supervision and despatched to Madras either by sailing vessel or the regular Mail Steamer of the British India Steam Navigation Company.

In the case of sailing vessels some difficulty will be experienced in chartering ships (with raft posts) of such a medium tonnage as 600 tons.

In the fine or dry season freight to Madras for sailing vessel averages from Rupees 20 to Rupees 22 per ton of 50 cubic feet for scantling, and Rupees 25 to Rupees 26 for squares or dubbed logs.

The charges for freight per British India Navigation Company steamers are almost similar, viz., Rupees 22-8-0 per ton for scantling, and Rupees 25 for squares; and, as these steamers can be depended upon for carrying 100 to 150 tons monthly to Madras, if not more, it would certainly be more convenient to ship by them.

3. With regard to the price at which timber can be delivered at Madras, this for very obvious reasons must depend upon—

1st.—The quality of the timber.

2nd.—The current market price.

It must be remembered that first-class market timber, or same as shipped to Europe, is not cut die square, and it is not wholly free from heart shake and minor defects.

First-class select timber is, as may be inferred, free, or nearly free from all defects.

In quoting the prices for delivery at Madras it will be as well therefore to note them separately, thus—

(1.) First-class market timber for delivery at the ship's side, Madras—

Squares	...	...	...	...	...	Rupees 100 per ton.
Scantlings	...	...	...	...	...	" 90 "
According to sizes	...	...	...	...	...	" 110 "

(2.) First-class select timber for delivery at ship's side, Madras—

Squares	...	...	...	...	...	Rupees 130 per ton.
Scantlings	...	...	...	...	...	" 105 "
According to sizes	...	...	...	...	...	" 125 "

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These rates are inclusive of all charges, such as conversion, freight, and insurance, and are based on the present market price of teak timber.

4. In conclusion I may mention that it will be advisable to give this department at least six months' notice beforehand of requisitions of the extent under reference.

No. 98.

ORDER THEREON, 5th May 1875, No. 1,265.

ACCOUNT, No. 3.

RECORDED with reference to Revenue
Department Order, No. 972, of 3rd
August 1874, in which it is made obli-
gatory with the Public Works Officers to deal with the Local Forest Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

No 618/75
From

The Conservator of Forests
British Burma

To

The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner
British Burma
P.W. Dept

Satoh Rangoon the 24 June 1875

Sir

With reference to your No. 1433/62 of
2 instant forwarding copy of letter No 1149
of 1st May 1874 from the Government of
Madras P.W. Department, and annex-
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following report on the question of supply-
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In the case of sailing vessels some difficulty will be experienced in chartering ships (with raft posts) of such a Medium tonnage as 600 tons

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1st The quality of the timber

2nd The current market price

It must be remembered that 1st class market timber, or same as shipped to Europe, is not cut the square, and it

is not wholly free from heart shake and minor defects.

1st class select timber is, as may be inferred, free or nearly free from all defects.

In quoting the prices for delivery at Madras it will be as well therefore to note them separately thus

(1) 1st class market timber for delivery at the ship's side Madras

Squares ----- Rs 10/- per ton

Scantlings ----- " 9/- "

according to sizes " 11/- per ton

(2) 1st class select timber for delivery at ship's side Madras

Squares ----- Rs 13/- per ton

Scantling ----- " 10/- to

according to sizes " 12/- per ton

These rates are inclusive of all charges such as conversion, freight, and insurance, and are based on the present market price of Shal timber

4. In conclusion I may mention that it will be advisable to give this Department at least six months notice before hand of requisitions of the extent under reference

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P.W. 4376/74

I have recd
of H. J. Seaton Capt.
Conservator of Forests
B. 13.

True copy
J. Dawson
Supdt. P.W. Secretariat

J. M. S.

No 95 of 9th March '74
 No 1149 of 1st May '74
 No 1148 of 1st May '74
 No 352 of 4th July '71
 No 141 of 7th Sept '74

Recorded, with reference to Revenue Department Order No 972 of 3rd August 1874 in which it is made obligatory with the Public Works Officers to deal with the Road Fund Department.
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 Dated 17-1-76

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 British Burma No 4376.
 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

From.
 The Assistant Secretary.
 P. W. D. British Burma
 No.
 To
 Secy. Govt. of Madras
 P.W. D.

Dated Rangoon, 2nd July 1874
 Received 16th "

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No. 2164/627.

Reporting on the arrangements that can be made for supplying the P.W.D. at Madras with Sea & Timber
 With Order

No 97-98
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