No. 39. Read the following letter from B. H. ELLIS, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; dated Bombay Castle, 5th January 1859, No. 44.

SIR,

The Conservator of Forests, in reporting on an offer made by Messrs. Wallace and Co. of Bombay to enter into a contract to supply this Government with Moulmein teak timber for a term of years, writes "the extent of our demands in aid of our Government supplies from Soonda and Anamala may amount to about 600 tons, or 3,200 khandies per annum.

"With the aid of this supply, and on the condition that the Madras Government should make their own supplies direct to the Bombay Depôt, there would exist no necessity for entertaining a Bombay Agent with establishments on the coasts of Canara and Malabar.

"This would effect a saving of, at least, Rupees six thousand per annum.

"Until, however, this arrangement can be completed, it does not appear to me that we could safely enter into the contract with Wallace and Co.

"I beg, therefore, respectfully to suggest, that, the pleasure of the Government of Fort Saint George, on the subject, be speedily ascertained."

2. I am accordingly instructed to refer this matter for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor of Fort Saint George in Council, and to solicit the favor of an early reply to enable this Government to give Messrs. Wallace and Co. a definite answer to their proposal.

No. 40. ORDER THEREON, No. 96; dated 25th January 1859.

Referred to the Conservator of Forests for early report.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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