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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th August 1862.*

No. 45. Read the following letter from Captain R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to J. D. SIM, Esq.; Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Camp Coimbatore, 1st July 1862, No. 78:—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Government Order of the 15th of May 1862, No. 1,068, and the subsequent Order of the 9th of June 1862, No. 1,266, I have the honor to forward the Statement* of Timber supplied by the Anamallai forests to the Bombay Dockyard and other Departments in the last three years.

* Enclosure A.

2. This forest could, if required, supply annually 2,000 Dockyard Teak planks, viz.:—

		ft.	in.	in.
700	First class planks measuring...	30	15	8
700	Second „ „ „	28	14	6
600	Third „ „ „	21	12	5
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In addition to this about 100 logs could be annually supplied averaging 30' x 1' x 1'.

3. I have here given the minimum measurement of the classes, the first class planks sometimes run as much as 35 or 40 feet long.

4. If the whole of this was taken annually by Her Majesty's Dockyard it could be handed over to them at Ponany on the Malabar Coast at 2 Rupees per cubic foot, or £10-16-0 per ton.

5. The present market rate on the Malabar Coast is as follows:—

First class 75 Rupees per 100 koles (i. e. 26 cubic feet.)				
Second	70	„	„	„
Third	55	„	„	„
Fourth	50	„	„	„
Fifth	35	„	„	„

6. The average cost to our Department of each plank by the time it reaches Ponany is 1 Rupee 9 Annas per cubic foot, this includes all expenses of the establishment, &c. If Her Majesty's Dockyard took the timber from us at 2 Rupees per cubic foot, they would be purchasing it at much below the market rate, and our Department would be paid a fair remunerative price, and also have the advantage of a ready market.

7. There are at present 2,200 Teak planks of large scantling in store.

8. The Admiralty will probably say that the rate proposed, viz., £10-16-0 per ton is more than they pay for Moulmein Teak. In Burmah there is water carriage the whole way from the forests, and the Teak can be sold there at 8 or 9£ per ton, the timber however is very inferior to the Malabar Teak and is not procurable of such large scantling. The Bombay Dockyard have always acknowledged the superiority of the Malabar timber and have always used it for frigate building, even though they could have purchased the Burmah timber at a much lower rate. It is for these reasons that I have wished the Madras Government to offer the finest forest on this coast to Her Majesty's Dockyard.

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MEMORANDUM showing the quantity cut and disposed of and the balance remaining on hand in each year, viz., from 1839 to 1862.

Years.	Description of wood on hand showing the quantity and value in each year.									
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Comptroller,
1st July 1862.

(Signed) J. W. BRINE, Captain,
Assistant Conservator of Forests.

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No. 46. ORDER THEREON, 5th August 1862, No. 1,658.

Proc. of Govt., 12th October 1860, No. 1,855.
Do. 15th May 1862, No. 1,068.
Do. 24th June 1862, No. 1,650.
Do. 25th June 1862, No. 1,396.

1. This letter will be submitted together with the papers noted in the margin to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, with reference to paragraph 5 of his Despatch, dated 21st August 1860, No. 60.

2. Meanwhile the Anamallai Forests will be worked by the Conservative Department with as much economy as circumstances will permit.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

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Off. Commr. of Forests.

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