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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th March 1864.*

No. 311. Read the following letter from Captain R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Deputy Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Camp Ootacamund, 21st March 1864, No. 858.
SIR,

1. In answer to the Government Order No. 465 of the 17th March 1864, I have the honor to inform you that the Anamallay Forests are regularly worked by an Officer of the Forest Department and the timber is felled, shipped, carted, and floated to Ponany on the Malabar Coast by the department.

2. The teak trees are large and are trimmed up into planks for dock-yard purposes of very various dimensions, care being taken to avoid the heart-shake in the centre of the tree; the timber therefore is generally very free from heart-shake and fetches a much larger sum in the market than the Burmah teak which is squared up with the heart-shake in the centre. Burmah teak is also ringed and felled dry, whereas Anamallay teak is always felled green.

3. The dimensions of the planks are as follow:—

Length 12 to 35 feet.

Depth 4 inches to 12 inches.

Breadth 9 inches to 15 inches.

4. The present market rate on the coast is from Rupees 1-8-0 to Rupees 3 and even more per cubic foot according to class (*i. e.*, size); this is about an average of Rupees 2 per cubic foot all round (outside measurement). If therefore the whole season's felling were taken it could be delivered at Ponany on the coast at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ Rs, the load or ton (*i. e.*, 50 cubic feet).

5. 40,000 to 60,000 cubic feet can be supplied annually.

6. There is at present upwards of 1,00,000 cubic feet available.

7. The timber can be handed over at Ponany in February, March, or April.

8. I cannot inform you what the charges would be for delivering the timber on boardship from the depôt (which is situated on the banks of the back-water close to the sea); this has always been undertaken by the Bombay dock-yard, or the merchants who have been purchasers; the cost however must be trifling.

9. In conclusion I may add that if the English Government do not avail themselves of the Teak from this their finest Teak forest, it will in all probability be bought up for the French and Russian dock-yards. Besides, whatever the expense may be, if purchased by our Government, it is really only a transfer of money from one department to another.

No. 312.

ORDER THEREON, 26th March 1864, No. 517.

Forwarded to the Secretary of State with reference to his Despatch, 9th February 1864, No. 5.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.

Exd. J. Wright.

Have the honor to be
Sir :

Very respectfully,
Yours

J. A. Sedgwick, Captain

of the 1st Regiment of Mass.

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Copy now letter to Mary
26 Decmbr/82. P. 26.

1864 19th = FOREST DEPARTMENT.
 No. of feet for clearing 62.
 FROM

The Conservator of Forests,

To

*Mrs. F. Wadsworth
Rt. S. Wallingford*

Dated 21st }
Received 23^d } closed 1864.

No. 858.

Enclosure.

No.

SUBJECT.

acknowledging the needs
of the students of the 19th March,
and of forming a programme
on the dramatic teaching of

2311 4312.

M. J. M.

With orders

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: Copy of State with reference to this

Despatch 9th February 1864. R.S.

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26 January 1854

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