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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th May 1864.*

No. 228. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military
Department:—

Issuing certain instructions regarding the future supply of }
Timber for the Ordnance Department. } (Here enter 13th May 1864, No. 1,629.)

No. 229. ORDER THEREON, 20th May 1864, No. 866.
Communicated to the Conservator of Forests and Board of Revenue,
(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue; }
„ the Conservator of Forests, } with Proceedings Military Department, No. 1,629.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter :—

From the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, Fort Saint George, 2nd April 1864, No. 273; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor to forward herewith, in original, a representation (the urgency and importance of which I fully recognise) by the Superintendent Gun Carriage Manufactory, bringing to notice the difficulty and embarrassment under which he labors in consequence of the Commissariat Department having failed to furnish the supply of Timber for the construction of Gun Carriages, annually indented for, especially the Timber Peemah, Peddowk and Saul, the supplies of which have fallen far short of the quantities demanded during the past three years, as will be more particularly observed from the Statement enclosed in the letter of the Superintendent Gun Carriage Manufactory now under submission.

2. With regard to the 1st paragraph of the Superintendent's letter, referring to a communication from me, I beg to state, that the instructions, to which allusion is made, are embodied in Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 53, dated 4th January 1856, which defines the responsibilities of the Superintendent Gun Carriage Manufactory, in respect to the selection of the descriptions of Timber, best suited for the purposes of the Gun Carriage Manufactory.

3. On the Commissary General intimating his inability to supply Peemah, the Superintendent Gun Carriage Manufactory himself ascertained from the Conservator of Forests, British Burmah, that there are 200 logs of that description of wood now available at Rangoon, at 8 Annas per cubic foot, a rate at which, I believe the Commissariat Department has never yet been able to procure this Timber; but although intimation was conveyed to the Commissary General of the urgency of the demand, and that these logs could be taken over, much time has been allowed to elapse in waiting for the result of recently invited Commissariat tenders (in Burmah) on the grounds of purchases being made at a cheaper rate than that tendered to the Superintendent Gun Carriage Manufactory by the Conservator of Forests.

4. The Stock of Peemah in the Gun Carriage Manufactory is almost exhausted, and as the time for the closing of the communication for sailing Vessels between Burmah and the Coromandel coast is close at hand, I beg that the Commissary General may be instructed at once to take over such number of the 200 logs offered by the Conservator of Forests, British Burmah, as may, after inspection, be selected by the Ordnance Officer, Rangoon, for Gun Carriage purposes.

5. With regard to the proposition of the Superintendent Gun Carriage Manufactory, as to the direct purchase of Timber by the Ordnance Department, I believe that this is the arrangement contemplated by Government in Proceedings No. 3382, dated 7th December 1863, and, if I am correct in this view, no additional orders will be required to be issued on the subject.

With Report from the Controller of Military Accounts, 19th April 1864, D.

ORDER, No. 1629, 13th May 1864.

The Inspector General of Ordnance requests that the Commissary General may be instructed to take over such number of the 200 logs of Peemah offered by the Conservator of Forests, British Burmah, as may, after inspection, be selected by the Ordnance Officer, Rangoon, for Gun Carriage purposes.

2. Adverting to the orders passed under date 7th December last, No. 3382, regarding the future supply of Timber for the Ordnance Department, the Governor in Council does not consider it expedient to require the Commissariat Department to take over the required logs of Peemah. The Ordnance Officer at Rangoon, will be instructed by the Inspector General to select such of the logs tendered, as are sound and suitable for Gun Carriage purposes, and to have them shipped for Madras as early as practicable. The Controller of Military Accounts will issue the necessary instructions for the payment of the Bills for the Timber.

3. His Excellency in Council considers it very desirable that Timber required for the Public service should be procured through the Forest Departments both here and in Burmah. The Inspector General of Ordnance was requested in Proceedings, 7th December 1863, to communi-

cate with the Conservator of Forests in this Presidency for the purpose of ascertaining what portion of the Timber required for the Gun Carriage Manufactory is procurable from the Government Depôts or from the Forests in India, and as to the means that should be adopted for effecting delivery of the same. Colonel Simpson will also communicate with the Conservator of Forests, British Burmah, as to the Timber procurable in that Province, and furnish Government with a full report on the result of his enquiries.

(True Extract)

St. Murchison
Secretary to Government.

To the Insp. General of Ordnance, with 4 enclosures.

- „ Controller of Military Accounts.
- „ Military Accountant.
- „ Examiner Pay Department.
- „ Examiner of Ordnance Accounts.

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Communicated to the Gov.
Director of Forests and Board
of Revenue.

John W. George
20-19 May/64

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of the Ordnance Dept.

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