Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,

12th September 1872.

No. 84. Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 10th August 1872, No. 1,410:—

I HAVE the honour to bring to the notice of Government that the Bombay Conservator of Forests having discovered that North Canara can supply the Bombay Dockyard with Teak-timber, and that very probably the Dockyard authorities there will prefer to be supplied by them instead of indenting upon us, the time has arrived for us to seek another market for our fine Anamallai Teak-timber.

2. It would be advisable for Government to communicate direct with the Dockyard authorities in England, and ascertain from them the amount required, the scantling, and the price they are willing to pay.

3. Oak which was formerly used for ship-building commanded from 3*s.* to 3*s.* 6*d.* the cubic foot, but the price has now fallen to 2*s.* as it is not used as a backing for iron vessels.

4. We could probably deliver the timber in England for 3*s.* a cubic foot, if we took advantage of freights being low, say 25 Rs. per ton of fifty cubic feet. The market quotation for Teak is now 150 Rs. a ton, or 3 Rs. a cubic foot. This price would allow of a handsome profit.

5. The Anamallais could probably produce from thirty to forty thousand cubic feet of timber annually such as would be required by the Dockyard.

No. 85. ORDER THEREON, 12th September 1872, No. 1,316.

Forests, No. 9 A.

ORDERED to be forwarded to the Secretary of State in view to communication with the Dockyard authorities at home on the subject.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector of Forests.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Office of Inspr of Timber
Portsmouth 27th Decr 1811

Sir,

In reply to your Lettr
of the 15th instant,
I beg to state for the infor-
mation of the Secretary,
that it was the intention of
Colonel Morgan for Govt to
communicate direct with
the Dockyard authorities
in England in the subject
of the Anamallay timber.
At the desire of Colnl
Morgan I thank that you
will

will, with the sanction of
the Secretary, kindly have
the following alteration
made in para 2 of the
Offe Inspector of forests letter
No and date as per margin.
For "Dockyard authorities"
Plese add. "Dockyard Authorities
in England."

I beg leave to remain,
Sir,
Your Most Obedt Servt
A Walthew Maig Inwin
1st Clerk
Offce of Insp.r of Forests.

No 1410 of
10th Augt 72

Revenue 1872-73. Dept
No. 2671
Forest Department.

From The Offg Conr of Forests.

To, The Secretary to Govt
R.D.

Dated 10th August 1872
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Reports upon the state of
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& suggests Govt to communicat
direct with the Bombay Dockyar
authorities in England —

Conr Victoria Hong Kong
3 Sept 1872
No. 1316.
Lt. H. Brandt R.E.
Actg Supdt
With Enclosure
Referred to Bengal Govt
for information
Secretary to Govt
Fd Dept
12 Sept 72.

Copy to the Inspector Genl. of Forests
12th Sept 72.