

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th January 1873.*

No. 143. Read the following letter from the Inspector of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 31st December 1872, No. 1,622 :—

In reply to the Government Order No. 1,701, dated 20th instant, I have the honour to forward a letter, as per No. 698-1872-73, dated 28th December 1872. margin, from the Deputy-Conservator of the Anamallay Range.

2. You will perceive that our Anamallay teak costs about Rs. 1-6-6 delivered at the Coast, or, say, 2s. 10d.; to this must be added the value of the teak standing (in our leased tracts we purchase it, paying a seigniorage on each tree); this should be put down at about 8 Annas per cubic foot; the cost, therefore, of our teak delivered at the Coast may be set down at about 3s. 10d. per cubic foot. Our selling price of late years has been Rs. 2-8-0 per foot or 5s., but in former years, when the cost of transit and working charges were considerably lower than they have been of late, the market rate of Malabar teak was seldom less than, and often exceeded, Rs. 3 per cubic foot. The reason of this decrease in value is, I believe, owing to several causes; the demand for ship-building teak is less than it used to be in the days of the Indian Navy; the importation of Moulmein teak is greater and more regular; the greater attention to the working of forests has tended to the increased use of various other timbers.

3. We have never exported teak or any other timber to England, and I have no means of ascertaining what the freight would be. Colonel Morgan estimated it at 8 Annas per cubic foot, (*i.e.*, about £2-10-0 the ton). Unless vessels were chartered in England expressly for the purpose, I anticipate that there would be great difficulty in obtaining tonnage at all.

4. To sum up we can sell first-class Malabar mountain teak on the Coast at 4s. per cubic foot, but scarcely below that rate if we are to realize a fair profit; and it must be borne in mind that this teak is far superior to any Burmah teak, and it is always quoted at a very much higher rate in the Bombay market.

5. Colonel Morgan's experiences have chiefly been with the Mudumallay teak forests in which the communications are far easier and labour, etc., much cheaper. Teak from these forests could not be sent to the Coast, except at a very great expense for carriage.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Deputy-Conservator of Forests, Anamallay, etc., Ranges, to the Inspector of Forests, dated Coimbatore, 28th December 1872, No. 698-1872-73.

I HAVE the honour to submit the following remarks in reference to your endorsement No. 1,595, dated 23rd December, on Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, No. 141, with G. O. No. 1,701, dated 20th.

2. The allowance of 1 Rupee per cubic foot on account of felling, dragging, slipping, carting, and floating charges, to which may be added those of measurement, storing, and piling, and possibly shipping, is not, I think, too large.

3. The cost of superintendence will, of course, be regulated first by the quantity of timber cut, and, secondly, the length of time occupied in transport to the Coast, and in obtaining a sale.

4. The pay of the existing establishment amounts to Rs. 12,215 per annum in round numbers, and I am afraid to recommend a modification of this expenditure.

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5. Let us suppose that 30,000 cubic feet are cut and delivered at our Coast depôts annually, the cost of supervision would be 6½ Annas per foot.

* I think Rs. 1½ per cubic foot would be the safer allowance on the whole. C. G. D.

6. The cost, therefore, of a cubic foot of teak at Ponany may be estimated at not less than Rs. 1-6-6.*

7. I have no means of ascertaining immediately the average freight for timber to England, but Colonel Morgan considered 8 Annas per foot a favourable rate, vide paragraph 4 of his letter to Government under notice.

8. The price obtained from the Bombay Dockyards has generally been Rs. 2-8-0 a foot though from old records I learn that Rs. 3, and even more, have been paid. Five shillings per cubic foot would enable the department to realize the value placed on standing timber† and Rs. 3 or 6s. would in addition yield twenty-five per cent. on actual outlay.

† i.e., The value of 8 Annas a foot fixed by you in your letter to Government. C. G. D.

9. I observe that in 1863 the actual cost of a cubic foot of Mudumallay teak delivered at Ootacamund is fixed at 13 Annas, exclusive of supervision (including that item 1 Rupee is the cost), and that in order to prevent the seigniorage and supervision together exceeding 4 Annas per foot, it was necessary to fell 56,000 cubic feet annually.

10. I do not think, therefore, that it is quite fair to expect that Anamallay teak should be delivered at an English port in 1873 for so small a sum as Rs. 1-8-0.

No. 144. ORDER THEREON, 18th January 1873, No. 71.

Forests, No. 13.

ORDERED that the foregoing letter be brought to the notice of the Secretary of State in continuation of despatch dated 4th October 1872, No. 7.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

*Office of Inspector of Forests.
No. 1622
Ootacamund 31st December 1872
From*

Major R. H. Biddome,

Inspector of Forests

D. F. Carmichael, Esq.

Secretary to Government.

Sir R. D.

In reply to the Government

Orders No. 1701 dated 20th instant,

I have the honor to forward a letter

*as per margin from the Deputy
No. 698 dated 25th December 1872.*

Conservator of the Anamallay range.

2. You will perceive that our

Anamallay Teak costs about 16^d 6^d 6^d

delivered at the coast, or say

2 shillings and 10 pence, to this must
be added the value of the Teak
standing (in our leased tracts we
purchase it paying a seigniorage
on each tree) this should be put
down at about 8 annas per cubic
foot, the cost therefore of our Teak
delivered at the Coast may be set
down at about 5 shillings and 10
pence per cubic foot. Our selling
price of late years has been ^{As at} 2. 8. 10
per foot, or 5 shillings, but in
former years when the cost of
transit and working charges were
considerably lower than they
have

have been of late, the market rate
of Malabar Teak was seldom less
than and often exceeded 8 Rupees
per cubic foot; the reason of this
decrease in value is I believe owing
to several causes, the demand for
ship building Teak is less than it
used to be in the days of the Indian
Navy; the importation of Moulmein
Teak is greater and more regular;
the greater attention to the working
of forests has tended to the increased
use of various other timbers.

3. We have never exported
Teak or any other timber to
England

England and I have no means of
ascertaining what the freight would
be. Colonel Morgan estimated it
at 8 annas per cubic foot (i.e. about
£2.10. the ton), unless vessels were
chartered in England expressly
for the purpose. I anticipate that
there would be great difficulty in
obtaining ~~freight~~ ^{tonnage} at all.

To sum up, we can sell our
first class Malabar Mountain
Teak on the coast at 4 shillings per
cubic foot, but scarcely below that
rate if we are to realize a fair
profit and it must be borne in
mind

mind that this Teak is far superior
to any Birman Teak and it is
always quoted at a very much
higher rate in the Bombay market.

5. Colonel Morgan's expe-
riences have chiefly been with
the Mudumallay Teak Forests in
which the communications are far
easier & labor & ^{the} much cheaper. Teak
from these forests could not be sent
to the Coast except at a very great
expence for carriage.

I have the honor to be,
Your most ^{Sir} Obedt. Servt.
Robt. M. Major
Inspector of Forests.

Treasury Dept.

No 71

Pro: of the Madras Govt.
Under date the 18th Jan: 1873

Read the following
letter from the Inspector of
Forests.

Replying to G. O. No 1701
of the 20th inst. about teak-timber
being made available for the Dock.
- yards in England.

H.E. 31 Dec: 1872. No 1622.

Ordered that the
foregoing letter be brought
to the notice of the Secretary
of State in continuation of
Dispatch dated 4th Oct: 1872
no. 7.

- 13 To the Inspector of Forests 20th Jan
- 21 The Public Works Dept
- 14 The Board of Revenue

G.O. 20th Dec: 1872

Treasury Dept.

Forest Department

From 17:12

The Inspector of

the Secretary to Govt

dated 31:12

Received 32:12

16:12

Enclosure No 1: 1873

16:12

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To

THE INSPECTOR OF FORESTS,

Ac., Ac., Ac.

Dated January 18th.

Recd.

G. O., 18th January 1873, No. 71.

JANUARY.

Nos. 143-144.

Anamallay Peak.—Letter from the Inspector of Forests on the subject of making it available for the Dockyards in England, ordered to be brought to the notice of the Secretary of State.