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Read the following papers :—

No. 396. From Colonel N. G. CAMPBELL, R.A., Officiating Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines, to Colonel A. C. SILVER, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Fort Saint George, 16th January 1875, No. 311-G.

I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government, that hitherto it has been the practice to obtain in the Madras market annually a large quantity of timber, teak, Pegu, for the Gun Carriage Factory in this Presidency, but as the rates in the local market are rising, and the wood now supplied here is of inferior quality, I have considered it advisable this year, in the hope of obtaining it of a better quality and at a cheaper rate, to advertise for tenders for the supply of sawn teak at Rangoon.

2. I have ascertained that the Conservator of Forests in British Burmah is prepared to supply teak timber at the following rates for the Gun Carriage Factory at Madras :—

- (1).—1st-class *Market* timber for delivering at the ship's side, Madras,—
Squares Rs. 110 per ton.
Scantling, according to sizes „ 90 to 110 per ton.
(2).—1st-class *Select* timber for delivering at the ship's side, Madras,—
Squares Rs. 130 per ton.
Scantling, according to sizes „ 105 to 125 per ton.

These rates are inclusive of all charges, such as conversion, freight and insurance; and are based on the present market price of teak timber.

3. As the rates seem favorable, and the wood supplied by the Forest Department would be of first-rate quality, it appears to me a matter worthy of consideration, that the Government of India should be addressed with a view to effecting an arrangement for the supply of Burmese teak being obtained from the Government forests in British Burmah.

4. I shall be obliged, therefore, by your moving the local Government to submit the suggestion for the consideration of the Government of India, for, if the timber required for the local Gun Carriage Factory could be so procured and be treated as an article of departmental supply without any charges being added beyond those actually involving cash outlay on the part of the Forest Department, the rates would probably be cheaper than if the wood were procured by contract.

5. Twelve thousand cubic feet of sawn teak will be required for the Gun Carriage Factory during the year 1875-76, and should the Government of India approve the suggestion now made, directions might possibly be issued to the Forest Department, British Burmah, to meet the demands made on it for the Ordnance Department in the Madras Presidency.

No. 397. *With report from the Controller of Mily. Accounts, 18th Jan. 1875, D.*

No. 573.

Referred to the Revenue Department for information as to whether the Madras Forest Department cannot supply the 12,000 cubic feet of sawn teak required by the Ordnance Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
3rd February 1875.

(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department,
26th June 1875.*

No. 398. *Proceedings of the Madras Government, in the Revenue Department, dated 21st April 1875, No. 819.*

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th April 1875, (Forest Miscellaneous), No. 133-3192.

From Captain C. WALKER, Officiating Inspector of Forests, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras; dated Ootacamund, 2nd April 1875, No. 6.

With reference to Board's Proceedings, (Forest Miscellaneous) No. 52-1242, of 17th February 1875, I have the honor to report that this department is prepared to supply the quantity of teak timber required by the Ordnance Department at an average rate of Rupees 100 per ton from the Coimbatore timber yard, provided the scantlings required are not in excess of those at present available.

2. The timber will be well-seasoned Malabar teak, the market value of which, in logs of equal scantling, is at least 20 per cent. higher than that of Burmah teak.

3. I forward a copy of this letter to the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines, with a view to his informing me, at an early date, the dimensions of the timber required, when I shall, in communication with the Collector of Coimbatore, arrange for the supply with the least possible delay, if the terms meet with approval.

Submitted to Government, with reference to G. O., 8th February 1875, No. 238.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

Communicated to the Military Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. G. TURNER,
Acting Under-Secy. to Govt.

No. 1998.

Referred to the Inspector-General of Ordnance, with advertence to his letter, No. 311-G, dated 16th January 1875.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
26th April 1875.

(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 399. From Colonel A. STEWART, R.A., Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines, to Colonel A. C. SILVER, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Fort Saint George, 29th April 1875, No. 26-G.

In returning Proceedings of Government (a) referred to me with your docket (b),

(a) No. 819, dated 21st April 1875, Revenue Department.

(b) No. 1998, dated 26th April 1875.

(c) No. 6, dated 2nd April 1875.

(d) No. 301, dated 21st April 1875.

I have the honor to state that I have already received a copy of letter (c) from Captain C. Walker, Officiating Inspector of Forests.

2. In my letter (d), I requested that officer to inform me whether the rate offered by him, viz., 100 Rupees per

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26th June 1875.*

ton for timber, teak, included the cost of transit for timber deliverable at the Gun Carriage Factory Yard, Madras, as a tender had been received for timber so delivered, at a cheaper rate; and I annexed at the same time, for his information, extract from a letter of the Superintendent, Gun Carriage Factory, showing the sizes and quantities of timber required for the year 1875-76.

3. I have not yet received a reply to the above communication.

No. 400. *Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, dated 16th June 1875, No. 917, communicating Proceedings of the Revenue Board, forwarding copy of a letter addressed by the Inspector of Forests to the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines, regarding the supply of teak timber required by the Ordnance Department, and inquiring, with reference to paragraph 3 of the Forest Inspector's letter, whether the arrangements for ascertaining the particulars of stock are still maintained.*

No. 401. ORDER THEREON, 26th June 1875, No. 3037.

Ordered that the Chief Commissioner, British Burmah, be addressed on the subject.

(True Extract.)

M. M. M. M. M.
Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines, with a spare copy of
Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, No. 917 of 1875.
" Controller of Military Accounts, with a spare copy of Proceedings
of Government, Revenue Department, No. 917 of 1875.
" Revenue Department. *7-8 of 1875*

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G.O., 26th June 1875, No. 3937.

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Nos. 396-402.

Resolving to address the Chief Commissioners
British Burma, on the subject of the supply by
the Forest Department, British Burma, of timber
to the Madras Ordnance Department.

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No. 15728

Communicated to the Board
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