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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th June 1875.*

No. 115. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th May 1875, No. 1,452, Forest No. 97:—

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Vide letter printed with G.O., No. 1,395, of 12th October 1874: Revenue Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 291-7,403, of 23rd October 1874.

on the result of the auction of timber from Anamallai sent to Bombay, I would beg to reiterate my suggestion that the Government demand should be first supplied. Hitherto our teak market has been confined to Bombay, and the wood prepared for it in a wasteful manner.

2. It does not appear to me that shipping timber to Bombay and selling it for less than it would have fetched here is the way "to direct and lead the public" or "show them how to do it" (paragraph 17); they are, in general, better judges of their own interest.

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6. It would be desirable that the comparative merits of a water-power and a steam saw-mill should be determined. I know of only two places suitable for water-power, but a portable steam saw-mill would be carried, as a steam threshing-mill is, to the scene of operations, lessening the carriage of the rough article in bulk.

7. While our main object should be to supply Government with building timber for the Public Works Department, I regret that most of the stock was found unfit for their purpose, but the best was selected from the depot which I established in Coimbatore.

8. The hitherto result of auction-sale of the rejected timber has not been encouraging just because the wood was sent to the depot instead of being selected; inferior wood, not worth the carriage of four annas per cubic foot, was sold at eight annas. It would have been better sold at the Anamallai depot. As the wood brought in was specially ordered for the Public Works Department, I had calculated on the Deputy Conservator sending in the best by selection, and did not specially instruct him on this subject; now, however, strict orders have been issued not to send in any but choice wood.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

N^o. 116. Madras Government 16th June 1875. No. 914.

Forests, No. 5.

Communicated to the Public Works
Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
the Board of Revenue.
an Officiating Inspector of Forests.

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Dated Jan, 1875.

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J. O. N. B.
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J. W. Fischer
Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.

Copy to the Officiating Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

„ to the Collector of South Canara.

„ to the Collector of Malabar.

„ to the Inspector of Forests.

Ed. J. W. Fischer.

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*For the Collector of Coimbatore
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Board of Revenue,

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PROCEEDINGS. 28th MAY 1875. No. 1418.

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