MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.

Dated

Not to be taken out through hands

No. 3. Read the following letter from J. R. COCKERELL, Esq., Commissioner of the Nilgiris, to D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 17th February 1876, No. 10 :—

MEMORANDUM from your office, dated 30th December 1875, No. 189, calls for a report showing the cost for the last five years of vegetable fibre for tying moss on Cinchona trees, and the expression of an opinion as to durability of wire in substitution of fibre.

2. Fibre for the plantations is procured from the sholas, not purchased. Coolies are sent out to collect fibre as they are employed to collect moss. The cost of collection goes under the head "Labor." Mr. McIvor estimates the cost of fibre for 1,000 trees at Rs. 15. I observe I stated at paragraph 9 of my report in G.O., Revenue Department, 19th September 1874, No. 1,193, that mossing Succirubra of seven years old at Neddivuttum cost Rs. 3-14-6 per 100, and Mr. McIvor's present estimate for fibre accordingly cannot be over the mark.

3. The duration of fibre is uncertain, depending on the quality and the weather. In seasons when the temperature is tolerably uniform, fibre will last longer than when the vicissitudes are sudden and a hot sun follows rain at frequent intervals. On the whole, fibre may be said to last for a year only. Moreover, it requires constant repair, and when from its decay the moss falls from the tree the bark suffers.

4. Mr. McIvor estimates that wire will last twelve years, and will cost Rs. 62-8-0 per [illegible].

5. The sum for the purchase of wire entered in the estimate is Rs. 2,500, and as there are 40,000 trees under moss and a vast number of trees that require mossing in the coming official year, it will be apparent it is not excessive.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1876, No. 304.

Miscellaneous.

UNDER the explanation now furnished, His Grace the Governor in Council considers that the provision of Rs. 2,500 for galvanised iron wire for tying on the moss is necessary, and must stand.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Commissioner of the Nilgiris.
„ the Accountant-General.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of Nova Scotia.

REVENUE.

To

The Commissioner of Revenue,

Halifax.

Dated March, 1st, 1870.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to cause to be issued to me a Certificate of Registry for the Schooner "Ocean Queen" of Yarmouth, of which I am the Master and Owner.

The Vessel was built at Yarmouth in the year 1869, and is of the following measurement and description, viz:

Length 70 feet, Breadth 20 feet, Depth 8 feet, Tonnage 98 tons, Old Measurement.

Deck, Two Masts, Square Stern, Carvel Built, No Galleries, Figure Head, Billet Head, Scroll Head, Quarter Boards, Stern Boards, Gangways, Bulwarks, Waist Boards, Rails, Stanchions, Hawse Holes, Chain Pipes, Scuppers, Cabin, Forecastle, Hold, Ceiling, Limber Boards, Pumps, Rudder, Tiller, Rudder Irons, Rudder Braces, Rudder Pendants, Rudder Chains, Rudder Tackle, Rudder Stops, Rudder Keys, Rudder Bolts, Rudder Nuts, Rudder Washers, Rudder Collars, Rudder Gudgeons, Rudder Pintles, Rudder Hinges, Rudder Straps, Rudder Bands, Rudder Rings, Rudder Eyes, Rudder Hooks, Rudder Latches, Rudder Bolts, Rudder Nuts, Rudder Washers, Rudder Collars, Rudder Gudgeons, Rudder Pintles, Rudder Hinges, Rudder Straps, Rudder Bands, Rudder Rings, Rudder Eyes, Rudder Hooks, Rudder Latches.

Registered from Port of Yarmouth, No. 98.

Note.—Ordinary Registers of Vessels shall be granted by the Commissioner of Revenue, and Collectors of Customs, and Deputy Collectors of Customs, and Deputy Collectors of Customs.

Commissioner's Office,
Ontacamund.

To

Enclosure.

SUBJECT.