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No. 312. Read the following letter from LORD GEORGE HAMILTON, Under-Secretary of State for India, (Revenue—Forest Department,) to D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated India Office, London, 25th February 1876:—

I AM directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to forward, for the information of the Government of Madras, the enclosed copy of a letter from the Admiralty on the supply of Teak-timber for use in H.M.'s Dockyards.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From R. HALL, Esq., to LORD GEORGE HAMILTON, Under-Secretary of State for India, India Office, S.W., dated Admiralty, S.W., 4th January 1876, N.S., 5,274/73.

I AM commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acknowledge the receipt of your communications, with enclosures, dated the 16th November last and 10th ultimo, relative to a supply of curved Teak-timber to Her Majesty's Dockyards, and to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for India, that their Lordships are very pleased to learn that the 100 loads, ordered 14th April last, can be supplied in about equal quantities of 50 loads from the Madras and Burma Districts, respectively.

2. My Lords desire me also to inform you that in view of a supply of 50 loads of curved Teak-timber having been offered from the Madras Presidency and 50 loads from Burma already accepted by their Lordships, no further quantities of this description of timber will at present be required from the India forests.

The opportunity for the employment of curved Teak-timber in the Royal Dockyards is so limited that their Lordships do not consider it expedient to order a further quantity at present; but in the event of the two parcels now in course of preparation at Madras and Burma proving suitable in character for the requirements of the Navy, orders for a further quantity could be given later on.

4. It is not mentioned in the paper marked "Proceedings of Government, 10th September 1875, No. 1,349" (enclosure to letter of 16th November 1875), that the curved Teak in the Madras Presidency will meet the specification of 14th April last, although, it is presumed, it will do so, it being very desirable that the forest officers should accept that specification for their guidance in preparing this timber for exportation.

5. With regard to the requisition for canvas-patterns or drawings of the curves required, none can possibly be given, for they are not usually known in ship-building until actually required; it should, however, be understood that, as a rule, there are only two pieces of one pattern employed in the construction of a ship, and that the curves vary considerably, and are in number infinite.

6. The forest officers will thus be enabled to understand that every crooked piece will be suitable, provided the crook is not of a twisting character, but in one direction only; the breadth measured in the crooked direction should be the breadth of the tree, the taper being preserved; the siding or thickness, however, should be parallel and perfectly straight. The "wane" of two inches which is to be left on each angle is the natural rounded edge of the log with simply the bark taken off.

7. In view of the agreement that the price to be paid for this curved Teak-timber shall be the same as that of Teak in the London market at the time of delivery, *plus* 20 per cent. for its compass form, their Lordships would prefer to leave the arrangement for the shipment of this timber to the local officers in India, suggesting, however, that the curved Teak-timber at Madras should be sent with the straighter timber and plank ordered 10th May 1873, N.S. 1,983/3,439, and the curved Teak-timber at Burma in some freight-ship leaving Moulmein, the whole being

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consigned to the Secretary of the Admiralty, London, for delivery to the Superintending Store-keeper at H.M.'s Naval-yard, Deptford.

8. With reference to Mr. Ribbertrop's inquiry (enclosure to letter of 10th ultimo, Nos. 1,718/141, 27th September 1875) as to the address of the officer with whom he is to open direct communication in all matters of detail on this subject, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty wrote on the 18th ultimo (N.S. 4,591/9,689) to the Secretary of State for India, in reply to a former inquiry, that Mr. Thomas Laslett, the Timber Inspector to the Admiralty, was the officer authorised to give every attention to matters of detail that may be required.

No. 313. ORDER THEREON, 31st March 1876, No. 451.

Forests, No. 26.

COMMUNICATED to the Conservator of
Forests and the Board of Revenue. Parti-
cular attention is requested to paragraphs

4, 6, and 7 of the letter from the Admiralty. It will be seen that their Lordships leave the arrangement for the shipment of the timber, both curved and straight, to the local officers in India. The Conservator will report whenever he proposes to make a shipment. The specification given in the Admiralty's letter recorded in G.O., 24th May 1875, No. 800, should be conformed to.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Conservator of Forests.
„ the Board of Revenue.

Govt. of [1876] Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 31st.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 31st March 1876, No. 451.

MARCH.

Nos. 312-313.

Teak-timber for use in Her Majesty's Dock-
yards—Communicating to the Conservator of
Forests and the Board of Revenue with instruc-
tions despatch from the Secretary of State for-
warding copy of a letter from the Admiralty on
the supply of —, and requesting the Conservator
to report whenever he proposes to make a ship-
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N.S. $\frac{5274}{73}$

Admiralty, S.W.

4th January 1876

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I am &c

(s.d) Robert Hall.

Edw

India Office, London.

25 February 1876

Revenue Forest Dept.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State
for India in Council to forward, for the information
of the Government of Madras, the enclosed copy
of a letter from the Admiralty on the supply of boat
timber for use in H.M.'s Dockyard.

I am,
Sir,

Yours obedient servant,
George Hamilton

The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras.

Revenue Dept.

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Letter from Admiralty 5 Jan 1876

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From

Lord George Hamilton

Under Secy of State
for India

Dated 25th Feb/76

Recd 20: March

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Hon Sir R Robinson

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Forw. for information
Copy of a letter from the Admiralty
on the supply of tank timber for use
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to.

31st March 1876

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