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28th May 1878, No. 2636.

Ordnance—Stores.

Read the following papers :—

No. 442. *From Colonel R. CADELL*, C.B., *R.A., Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines, to Colonel J. MICHAEL*, C.S.I., *Secretary to Government, Military Department, Ootacamund; dated Fort St. George, 2nd May* 1878, *No.* 38-*G.*

I have the honor to state, for the information of Government, that the Superintendent of the Gun Carriage Factory has addressed me on the subject of obtaining a supply of Annamallai teak from felled timber which is now available, and has forwarded to me the following extract from a letter from the Conservator of Forests to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, South Coimbatore Division :—

"I have the honor to inform you that you should address the Gun Carriage Department on the question of their taking further supplies of your Annamalai teak, as I think when they learn that there will be no further felling in the Annamalaies probably for some few years, they will be anxious to secure a further supply before it is sold elsewhere."

2. On this subject, the Superintendent remarks as follows :—

"The emergent demands made on me for mining cases, shafts galleries, &c., for the Sappers' and Engineers' equipment, have compelled me to cut up at once some of the Annamalai teak I received only last year, yet I have found the wood sound, seasoned and practically faultless. I have not had to reject a single beam of those taken from the stock, for not once has even an insect hole been found in any one. The wood is out and out superior in every respect to the Pegu teak also purchased last year, and the higher price paid for it (Rupees 3-3-8 per cubic foot against 1-15-9) is more than re-paid in the saving of waste of timber and labor incurred whenever a log of Pegu teak is rejected on account of inner flaws which do not appear on the surface.

"It is a great point in cases of emergent demands like the present one to be able to pick out logs which are profitable throughout and in which every cut of the saw tells. Of course, I cannot foresee the possible demands of this and of next year, but taking as a basis the expenditure of the past few years (average expenditure of teak 15,000 cubic feet), I think that, as there is to be no more felling of Annamalai teak for some time to come, it would be wise to secure say 75,000 cubic feet from Coimbatore—not necessarily to be delivered at once, but to be retained lest it should pass into other hands."

3. Only 55,000 Rupees* having been allowed for the total purchase of timber for the use of the Gun Carriage Factory for the current year, it is of course totally impossible that more than a fractional quantity of the 75,000 cubic feet alluded to by the Superintendent could be purchased during the current year in the ordinary course, but under present circumstances it may be deemed advisable by Government to direct the Forest Department to reserve their felled timber suitable for gun carriage purposes in case of its being required for the use of the Ordnance Department. There appears to be now an almost certainty of very large demands being made very soon upon the stock in the Gun Carriage Factory, which has only been calculated on a moderate peace establishment. The economy in labor and time in using Annamalai teak in place of Burmah teak, which is Rupees 1-3-11 per cubic foot cheaper, appears to be, as reported by the Superintendent, very great, and it is very advantageous to possess timber which can be thoroughly relied on.

* Order of Government, No. 7142, dated 28th December 1877.

No. 443. *With report from the Controller of Mily. Accounts, 11th May 1878, C.*

No. 444. ORDER THEREON, 28th May 1878, No. 2636.

His Grace the Governor in Council authorizes the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines to purchase Annamallai teak to the extent of the budget assignment for the current year, adding to it the quantity required for gun platforms for coast defences.

2. The Revenue Department will be requested to instruct the Conservator of Forests to reserve a year's supply of teak for gun carriage purposes besides the quantity now ordered to be purchased.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,

Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines.
" Revenue Department. *Note 5 of Copies.*
" Controller of Military Accounts.

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To

The INSPECTOR-GENERAL of
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Dated May, 28th.

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G.O., 28th May 1878, No. 2636.

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Authorising the Inspector-General of Ordnance to purchase Anamallai teak to the extent of the budget assignment for the current year, and requesting the Revenue Department to instruct the Conservator of Forests to reserve a year's supply of teak for Gun Carriage purposes.

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Referred to the Conservator of Forests for information & such remarks as he may offer as to para 2.

16 January 1878