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MARINE DEPARTMENT.

16th May 1878, No. 272.

Flagstaffs.

Read the following papers :—

No. 43. *From J. H. TAYLOR, Esq., Lieutenant, R.N.R., Master Attendant, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 17th December* 1877, *No.* 8943.

Administrative Department.

I have honor to inform you that the Conservator of Tellicherry having reported th he lower mast of the flagstaff is in a bad state, I called upon the District Engineer, Malabar, to instruct the Range Officer to examine it, and I am now informed that it has been eaten by white-ants in several places, that it is rotten in some others, and that 4 feet below its truck is so much so that it cannot be repaired by facing pieces, the whole mast being shaky. The District Engineer submits the accompanying estimate for replacing the mast, amounting to Rupees (880) eight hundred and eighty, and I have to solicit the sanction of Government to the execution of the work, the charge being met from the unavailed of balance of Port Funds.

No. 44. No. 688.

The estimate of Rupees 5 per cubic foot for teak seems exceedingly high, particularly on the Western Coast, where teak is close at hand. Inquiry should be made by the Master Attendant whether the charge cannot be reduced.

2. The agency by which the work is to be undertaken has not been stated.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
22*nd December* 1877.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary.

No. 45. *From J. H. TAYLOR, Esq., Lieutenant, R.N.R., Master Attendant, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 8th May* 1878, *No.* 3542.

Administrative Department.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, No. 688, of the 22nd December last, observing that the price of teak given in the estimate from the District Engineer, Malabar, seemed exceedingly high, and directing that inquiry should be made whether the charge could not be reduced, I have the honor to report that I addressed that officer communicating to him the opinion of Government. At the same time I mentioned that there were two masts offered for sale by Mr. Brunton at Cochin, and desired him to have them inspected with a view of ascertaining if any of them would suit the Tellicherry flagstaff.

2. Colonel Kennedy, in reply, informs me that the rate per cubic foot of Rupees (5) five includes carriage from the jungles, where the logs have to be cut, to Manantoddy and from Manantoddy to Tellicherry, the distance between the two latter places being fifty miles, and the length of the log necessitating the employment of two carts, besides the cost of trimming, fitting truck, &c., at top, getting the mast perpendicular, and refitting of the ropes, &c. If these details be taken into consideration, he does not think that the above rate is excessive.

3. As regards the mast available at Cochin, he has selected one for the Tellicherry flagstaff, and has submitted the accompanying revised estimate amounting to Rupees (830) eight hundred and thirty. It will be observed that the difference between this amount and that of the original estimate (herewith sent) is only Rupees (50) fifty, but as the District Engineer assures me that the revised estimate is as moderate as can be, I would recommend the same for the early sanction of Government. The work is to be executed by the Public Works Department.

No. 46. ORDER THEREON, 16th May 1878, No. 272.

His Grace the Governor in Council considers the charge of Rupees 500 for a teakwood mast 49 feet long to be very high, and directs that tenders be invited, by advertisement, for the supply of a suitable spar, trimmed and ready for erection, and the result reported to Government.

2. The Forest Department will report whether a spar of the d[illegible]d dimensions, which will be communicated by the Master Attendant, Madras, ca[illegible]ovided, and at what cost.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Master Attendant, Madras.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Conservator of Forests.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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The MASTER ATTENDANT,

Singapore

Sir, &c.

Dated May, 1876.

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Enquire.—The charge (Rupees 500) for a steamboat coat for the Tollinsery Engineer seems almost very high, and unless divested of all extra, the Forest Department reports it impossible to say if the desired dimensions can be procured at all at what cost.

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4 Encl. Copy of Govt. Order &c. &c. &c.