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No. 124. Read the following letter from the Assistant Secretary to the Government of Bengal, (Marine,) to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, 19th June 1867, No. 2,746 :—

I am directed to forward, for consideration and issue of such orders as His Excellency the Governor of Madras may deem proper, the accompanying copy of a letter, No. 2,867, dated 6th instant, and of its enclosure, from the Officiating Master Attendant, bringing to notice the inferior quality of the manufactured Yarn supplied from Mangalore for the use of this Presidency.

From the Officiating Master Attendant, to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, dated Fort William, 6th June 1867, No. 2,867.

1. I have the honour to state, for the information of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, that several complaints having lately been made about the hawsers supplied to Government, I appointed a Committee to enquire into the matter.

2. A copy of their Proceedings is submitted herewith, and, with reference thereto, I would beg to suggest that the inferior quality of the manufactured Yarn, supplied from Mangalore, be brought to the notice of the authorities there.

3. Messrs. Ahmuty & Co. have been written to on the subject of the last paragraph of the report.

From Messrs. T. M. PHILBRICK, Officiating Deputy Master Attendant, C. W. WARDEN, Branch Pilot, and J. J. PETERSON, Harbour Master ; to the Officiating Master Attendant, dated Fort William, 3rd June 1867.

1. We have the honour to report that, in obedience to your orders, we have assembled in Committee for the purpose of enquiring into the quality of the Coir hawsers supplied to Government, in communication with the Superintendent Dock Yard and the Government Contractor, for the manufacture of Coir hawsers, and report as follows.

2. We find there is nothing to complain of in that part of the manufacture of the rope which is performed here by Messrs. Ahmuty & Co., but the Yarn which is imported by Government is of very inferior quality.

3. We proceeded to the Shalimar Rope walk, for the purpose of inspecting and comparing the Government Yarn with that belonging to Ahmuty & Co., and the inferiority of the Government Yarn was very apparent, it being spun very slack, and being exceedingly coarse and uneven.

4. Mr. Thompson, who has superintended the Rope walk since 1858, informs us that for the last three years the Yarn supplied to Government has been of this very inferior quality ; but he also states that owing to the large substitution of the Manilla fibre for coir, a general deterioration in Coir Yarn has taken place, though not to the same extent, as is the case in that now supplied to Government.

5. The Yarn imported from Mangalore is very inferior to that produced in the Maldive Islands, both as regards the quality of the fibre itself, and the manner in which it is laid up ; and we are of opinion that if arrangements were made for a supply being received from the latter place, which we believe was formerly the case, and proper care was used in the selection of it, the best Coir hawsers and rope procurable would be supplied to Government.

6. We consider the manner in which the Coir Yarn is stored by Messrs. Ahmuty & Co., is open to objection, being too near the ground, and we would recommend that it should be kept two feet off the ground at least, to admit a free currency of air to pass underneath.

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No. 125.

Miscellaneous.

ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1867, No. 1,515.

Referred to the Acting Collector of South Canar through the Revenue Board, for report.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Ord S. T. Augustin.

No. 1515.
Referred to the Actg Coll. of S. Canara thro' the Bd. for report.
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8th July 67

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