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No. 19. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort Saint George, 20th February 1867, No. 265 :—

1. In conformity with the instructions contained in paragraph 3 of Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 53, dated 4th January 1856, I have the honor to annex copy of a report by the Superintendent Gun Carriage Manufactory, on the subject of the supply of timber for the purposes of the Manufactory, during the year 1865-66.

2. In doing so, I beg to bring to notice the failure in the attempts to obtain Sal from the extensive forests of this timber in the Northern Districts of this Presidency, and I beg to suggest that the Forest Department be directed to afford information relative to the localities where Sal timber is to be procured, that is, the average dimensions, and general character of the logs that can be obtained, the cost both in the forest and in carrying the timber to the coast for shipment, and whether there are sufficient facilities for shipping the logs at the nearest port.

3. With regard to the supply of the several descriptions of timber required for Gun Carriage purposes to be obtained from Burmah, I beg to state that there are grounds for concluding that supplies of good quality will be forthcoming in sufficient quantities, and without the difficulties hitherto experienced.

From the Acting Superintendent Gun Carriage Manufactory, to the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 25th January 1867, No. 64.

1. In accordance with the Order of Government, conveyed in Extract Minutes of Consultation, paragraph 3, dated 4th January 1856, No. 53, I have the honor to forward, for the information of Government, a Statement of timber received during the official year 1865-66, containing the information called for.

2. In December 1865, the Commissary General reported a quantity of Sal timber stored in the Ganjam District, and by Order of Government, No. 462, of 5th February 1866, a Warrant Officer of this department was sent to Gopaulpore and Cuttack last March, who found the timber to be small and unfit for Ordnance purposes.

3. Application was made to the Conservator of Forests for the supply of Rose-wood, but only a few small logs and butts were available, of which about 900 cubic feet were selected by a man from this department sent to Annamallay for the purpose in April last, but the Commissariat Department have not as yet been able to get it carted to the Railway. The Conservator hopes that the required supply for this year will be forthcoming.

4. Tenders were invited in the Fort Saint George and Malabar and Coimbatore Gazettes and through other channels, but no acceptable tender has been offered.

5. Peemah timber of superior quality and Peddowk has been obtained from Messrs. Pascal & Co., of Rangoon.

6. Messrs. Currie & Co., of Rangoon, are under contract to supply the timber required for the current year, and have already shipped a portion of their timber at Rangoon.

7 Messrs. Pascal & Co., who a short time ago failed, have again started in business, and will, I expect, compete with Messrs. Currie & Co., and others, at Rangoon or Moulmein, for future supplies, and there is good reason to hope that supplies of Sal and other valuable timbers will be in future more certainly procurable ; and this is in a great measure owing to the exertions and admirable tact of Captain Childers, the Commissary of Ordnance at Rangoon, in dealing with the doubts and difficulties at the outset raised by the timber merchants at Rangoon.

8. The subjoined list will shew the state of the stock of timber in this Department :—

Description of timber.	Old allotment.	Revised allotment.	Remaining in store 1st January 1867.	Deficiency.
Teak	36,000	24,000	29,529	...
Peddowk	25,000	25,000	14,134	10,866
Sal	24,000	24,000	1,596	22,404
Trincomallee	8,000	8,000	7,798	202
Peemah	12,000	21,000	8,308	12,692
Rose	9,000	12,000	5,494	6,506
Satin	4,000	4,000	5,041	...
Total ...	1,18,000	1,18,000	71,900	52,670

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. W. Y. SIMPSON, Colonel,
Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

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Statement of Timber received for the use of the Gun Carriage Manufactory during the official year 1865-66.

Description of Timber.	Quantity received.	Sources from whence obtained.	Price per cubic foot.	Total cost.	Uses to which the timber is applicable.	Quality of timber.
	C. ft. I. P.		Rs. A. P. per C. foot.	Rs. A. P.		Good. Fit for the purposes to which they are applicable.
Timber Teak, Annamallay...	3,336 1 3¾	Annamallay Forests...	3 5 $10\frac{365}{1000}$	11,229 0 4	Ammunition boxes and for Garrison carriages and platforms or slides.	
Do. do. Pegue ...	5,028 9 10¾	Purchased from Messrs. Williamson & Co., Madras.	1 12 9⅝ Do. ...	9,051 14 1		
Do. do. do. ...	4,273 2 6	Pegue...	2 5 $11\frac{361}{1000}$ Do. ...	10,134 10 5	All parts of Gun Carriages for which Sal does not happen to be available.	
Do. Peddowk	133 1 1	Do.	2 5 $11\frac{361}{1000}$ Do. ...	315 10 4	Miscellaneous work.	
Do. Peengandoo ...	129 6 1	Do.	2 5 $11\frac{361}{1000}$ Do. ...	307 2 4	All parts of Gun Carriages.	
Do. Sal or Ingeen ...	82 4 2	Do.	2 5 $11\frac{361}{1000}$ Do. ...	193 4 10		
Do. Peemah	73 8 2	Do.	2 5 $11\frac{361}{1000}$ Do. ...	174 11 11	Felloes.	
Do. do.	12,513 4 0	Do.	2 0 $8\frac{552}{1000}$ Do. ...	25,581 15 8		
Total Cubic feet ...	25,570 1 2¼			Total ... 56,990 5 11		

(Signed) C. H. HUTCHINSON, Lieut.-Colonel,
Acting Superintendent Gun Carriage Manufactory.

(Signed) G. W. Y. SIMPSON, Colonel,
Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

MADRAS,
25th January 1867.

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Referred, through the Revenue Department, to the Conservator
early remarks.

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Ma
Secretary

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
25th February 1867.

No. 20. ORDER THEREON, 1st March 1867, No. 512.

Forests, No. 1.

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for early report.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLES
Secretary t

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.

Exd. T. Cartledge

No. 512.

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