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No. 42. Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Camp, Ootacamund, 22nd March 1867, No. 2,272:—

1. I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Government Order No. 512 of the 1st of March last.

2. In my letter No. 2,244, of the 14th of February, I have already informed Government that without elephant-labor it will be impossible for our department to bring Sâl timber of the dimensions required by the Ordnance Department out of the Goomsur forests, and that unless we have a certain demand, an expensive establishment is not desirable at present for these forests. The Superintendent of the Gun Carriage Manufactory does not seem to anticipate any difficulty in procuring Sâl timber this season from Burmah; the Burmah Sâl appears to cost 2-5-11 per cubic foot at Madras, it is not stated what amount will be required for the ensuing year; if the annual requirements are very large and certain, it might be advisable to have a regular working establishment in Goomsur, as we could certainly deliver at the price paid for the Burmah Sâl and shew a very good profit.

3. A large quantity of Rosewood has been felled this season in the Annamallay forests for the Ordnance Department. The Commissariat Department has hitherto undertaken the carting of this timber from the foot of the timber slip; the logs are too large to be conveyed by any of our forest carts or cattle, nor are cattle of sufficient strength available for hire in the district. Some of the larger Rosewood logs handed over last season have not yet been removed by the Commissariat Department.

4. Large supplies of Annamallay Teak, both in plank and log, are available at our depôts at the foot of the Annamallays. If any of this is required, it should be indented for at once, as both the Bombay Marine and the Bombay Gun Carriage Department are indenting very largely. Owing to the tremendous land carriage from the foot of the Annamallays to Madras, the price of Annamallay Teak at the latter place must be very great compared to that from Burmah, but when very superior timber is required it may, in some cases, be found worth the additional expense.

5. The natural market for Annamallay Teak is of course the Western Coast, as it can be floated all the way from Mungarah, which is only thirty miles from the foot of the slip.

No. 43. ORDER THEREON, 3rd April 1867, No. 773.

Forests, No. 3.

1. Communicated to the Military Department, with reference to the Endorsement, dated 25th February 1867, on the letter from the Inspector General of Ordnance, sending up the report of the Superintendent Gun Carriage Manufactory on the timber supply to his works.

2. The Government have desired in another Order of this date, No. 772, that it may be ascertained in the Military and Public Works Departments what permanent demand for Sâl timber may be relied on from the Ordnance, Railway, and

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Public Works Departments, to enable the Government to judge whether it will pay to work the Goomsur Sâl forests on a scale that will allow of the largest sized timber being brought out.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.
,, the Officiating Conservator of Forests.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Comm.d & the Lieut Gov.r Lt. Col. Depy. & the Insp.r in Chief &c. &c. &c. with the letter from the Chief Sec.y to Govt. Madras Mily. Dept. dated 25th Jany. last forwarding a report of the Supt. Gun Carriage Factory on the Sal timber supplied for Works.

The Govt. have decided in accordance with the opinion of the Lt. Col. Depy. Inspr. that it may be ascertained in the Revl. & P.W. Depts. what permanent demand for Sal timber may be anticipated from the Govt. Railway & P.W. depts. & with the Govt. & judge what it will pay to work the forests so as to yield the largest sized timber being brought out.

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To the Military Dept. & Offg Cons.r of Forests.

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