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RESOLUTION.

The Estimates of charges of the Forest Department in India during 1864-65, given in the several General Budget Estimates received from the several Local Governments and Administrations, and in the Extract from the Public Works Department, mentioned above, are as follows :—

	General Budget Estimates.	Public Works Department.
	RS.	RS.
Bengal...	1800	0
North-Western Provinces...	3,42,774	4,59,000
Oude...	0	77,000
Punjab...	3,30,928	3,02,000
Bombay and Sind...	6,07,869	6,08,000
Central Provinces...	2,05,672	2,06,000
Madras...	2,90,000	2,90,000
Berars...	650	0
Eastern Settlements...	1500	3000
British Burmah...	3,79,004	3,64,000
Government of India...	76,370	46,500
Total Rupees.....	22,36,567	23,55,500

2. In the estimate of the Public Works Department, the Forest expenditure in Bengal, Berars, Coorg and Nimar (the two latter shown under Government of India), is not provided for. Supplying these omissions, the estimated expenditure in 1864-65 amounts to Rupees 23,62,800, which the Governor General in Council is pleased to sanction as the Budget grant of the ensuing year, under BI. 1. Land Revenue, including Forest and Abkarree—Forest Revenue, viz. :—

	RS.
Bengal.....	1800
Berars.....	650
Coorg.....	3670
Nimar.....	1200
	7320
	23,55,500
	23,62,820

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Bengal...	1800
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Government of India...	51,400
Total Rupees.....	23,62,800

3. The amount entered against Government of India in the first column of the Comparative Table given above includes, besides the charges for the Forests in Coorg and Nimar, Rupees 46,500 for general supervision of the Forest Department, and Rupees 25,000 for the salary and establishment, &c. of Drs. Brandis and Cleghorn while engaged on their present duty. The latter amount being clearly a repetition of the first item, has been disallowed.

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5. The duty on Foreign timber in British Burmah, respecting which the Public Works Department inquires, is an item of Customs duty, while Income Tax levied in the Forest Department is to be treated as distinct from Forest Revenue, and credited as Income Tax.

6. In the General Financial accounts, the charges for experimental Cotton cultivation are exhibited under FX. Civil Contingencies, but when they are incurred in the Forest Department they should be classed with all other charges of that Department.

7. The suggestion of Dr. Brandis in his Note on British Burmah Forests, that with the Cash account for April in each year the Forest officers should forward, for verification and check, to the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General concerned, an Annual account of Forest receipts and expenditure during the year ending that month, is approved.

8. After the closing of the Imperial Budget Estimate, a communication was received from the Public Works Department, estimating the Forest expenditure in Bengal during the next year at Rupees 5100; but as the items are on account of establishments which have not been sanctioned by the Government, the Governor General in Council cannot increase the grant for Bengal, especially as it is probable that any additional expenditure which may be incurred on the new establishments being sanctioned, will be within the amount of savings on other estimates under the major head BI. 1. Land Revenue, including Forest and Abkarree.

Ordered that a copy of the above Resolution be sent to the Public Works Department, the several Governments and Administrations, the Auditor General of India, the Accountant General to the Government of India, the several Deputy Auditors and Accountants General, and the Civil Paymasters, for information and guidance.

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(A true Extract.)

(Signed) T. PEACHEY,
Principal Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 19.

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Communicated to the Revenue Department,
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Chief Secretary.

Ptd. J. Tulloch.

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Berars	650
Coorg	3,670
Nimar	1,200
	7,320
	23,55,500
	23,62,820

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Oude	77,000
Punjab	3,02,000
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