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[Despatch Abstract.]

Informing the R.G. that Govt considers
that no reduction should be made
in the Budget grant under Mrs.
of 1897-98 & that the matter is
one which depends on the special
knowledge in regard to actual
administrative requirements
possessed by the Bd. of Rev.

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From

The Off^r Secy. General.
Madras

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The Govt considers that
no reduction should be made
and that the matter is one
which depends on ^{the special} ~~such~~ ^{Revenue}
hope in regard to actual
administrative requirements,
as is proposed by the Board
of Revenue to the purely
financial considerations
are of little value -

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is disposed to reconsider
its present orders regarding
the estimates for 11A Fresh
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DEPARTMENT.

FORT ST. GEORGE,

Accountant-General's Office,

1st February 1897.

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From

H. C. Harrison Esq.
OFFY ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL TO THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE *Chief Secretary to Government,*
Financial Department.

SIR,

With reference to Government order
Financial No 94 dated the 29th January 1897,
I have the honour to state that whilst the
Board's Revised Estimate for the current year
under W.A. Forest Conservancy and works
based presumably upon the first 5 months
actuals of the current year amounted to
Rs 89,100 0, my Revised Estimate based
upon 8 months' actuals of the current year
and a comparison of the actual results
and the corresponding forecasts of
previous years is Rs 7,50,000/- only.

The actuals of the ninth month (December)
are now available, and the total expenditure
looked

looked for the 9 months is Rs 28,000/- only
in excess of that of the same months last year
in which the entire expenditure did not exceed
Rs 67,900. My Revised Estimate thus
allows for a further excess expenditure of
Rs 23,000/- over the last 3 months of last
year. In the circumstances I see no reason
to raise it.

2. The Budget Estimate proposed and
accepted by Government for next year
is Rs 27,800 in excess of my Revised
Estimate of the Current year as against
Rs 137,000 over the Board's Revised Estimate.
Assuming that the latter excess over the Revised
Estimate of the Current year as argued by the
Board in its Proceedings dated 10th 79 dated
25th January 1897 is required next year, and
if the Revised Estimate based upon
later actuals comes to Rs 7,50,000 only,
then it follows that the requirements in
1897-98 will be Rs 7,50,000 + 137,000 or
Rs 8,87,000 against which I have pro-
posed even a higher figure viz Rs 9,00,000/-

3. In the light of the above remarks
I beg respectfully to enquire whether
Government

Government is disposed to reconsider its
present orders.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
J. M. Harrison
Offg Accountant General

From

THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL,

MADRAS,

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H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT.

*Reduction in the
Forest Budget 1897-98*

FOR ORDERS.

The Secretary to Govt., Rev. Dept.
for favour of counterinitials.

The Accountant-General has re-
duced the revised estimate of the
current year under 11 Forest-Conservan-
cy and Works, which was fixed by Govt.
at 8.91 to 7.50 lakhs, on the basis of
past actuals and the small increase in
the expenditure of the first ~~eight and~~
nine months of 1896-97 ^{over that of} ~~as compared with~~
previous years. Starting from this
point, he contends that the budget esti-
mate for 1897-98, which was placed at
10.28, should be reduced to 9.00 lakhs,
and that Govt. should reconsider G.O.
No. 94, dated 29th January 1897, which
was based on the notes by His Excellency
the Governor and the Hon. Mr. Bliss,
C.I.E. in G.O. No. 25, dated 12-1-97

It is submitted that the budget
grant for 1897-98 should not be reduced
for the following reasons:-

(i) Short expenditure in the past
is by no means an index of similar
stagnation in the future, especially in
the case of a progressive dept, like
Forests, nor is it a reason for

*Not submitted that
the revised estimate is
of 10.28 lakhs in 1897-98*

restricting outlay on profitable operations.

(ii) The check placed by India on all avoidable expenditure (G.O.No.795 Finl., dated 19th Novr. 1896) must necessarily have its effect on the actuals of the last 4 months of the current year and the revised estimate cannot be taken as the standard for next year's budget.

(iii) The delay in strengthening the subordinate staff led to large losses in the past, but now that sanction is expected to the proposals in G.O. No. 248 Rev., dated 10th June 1896, much larger outlay should be provided for.

(iv) No provision has been made in the budget for the ^{above} scheme, under Establishments, on the ground that India struck it out on previous occasions; the cost must therefore be met by transfer from Conservancy & Works.

(v) A reduction in the budget may lead to a curtailment of the contract assignment.

(vi) Some reserve must be maintained under the principal heads, for unforeseen demands, especially in view of the small Provincial balance with which the year will open.

(vii) The Accountant-General says nothing about the reduction of receipts, which must inevitably follow the restriction of expenditure, apparently on the ground that the progress in revenue is more constant and gradual and will

not

Sanction has been received in order that it may be given effect to at once - up to a limit of increased expenditure (under "B Establishments") of Rs 2,875 per mensem this year, & Rs 4,312 per mensem in 1897-98.

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Rs 5,750 in 1896-97
Rs 5,744 in 1897-98

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if this is the Accountant-General's reason it is of little or no value. If the demand is brisk, there is an immediate increase in receipts following on extra expenditure on felling operations conducted departmentally.

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If a reduction is considered necessary, it should be made in consultation with the Board of Revenue & the Conservators who alone are in a position to forecast with approximate accuracy how far changes in expenditure will be accompanied by changes in receipts.

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I think no reduction should be made, & that the matter is one which depends on one's knowledge as the Board has, & that more financial considerations are of little value.

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I agree most cordially.

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not be materially affected by larger expenditure in the same year on works or establishment.

If however some reduction is considered desirable, it is submitted that the Accountant-General may be told to take off .28 instead of 1.28 lakh.

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