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TELEPHONE MESSAGE.

From

The Chief Secretary

CHIEF SECRETARIAT,

To

*The Accountant General*Dated *18th January* 1899.

With reference to the remarks opposite page 8 and on page 66 of the final estimates against II Stamps and 11 Forest in you please furnish detailed information showing how you arrive at the conclusions there set out.

Note

The A.G. is bound to furnish the information with reference to G.O. No. 245 Finl., 27th March 1899.

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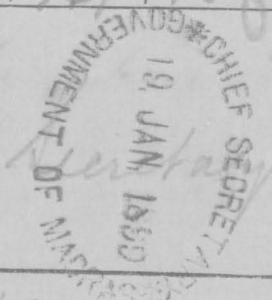
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I stamp the receipts of the first eight
months of the current year plus those
of the last 4 months of 1897-98 amount to
8484. Adding a half of the improvement
of 64 in the first eight months I get
8484 plus 32 = 8516 + adding 9 more
for further progressive improvement
the revised was put down at 8525. Receipts
have fallen by 44 due probably
to the intervention of the Christmas holidays
at an earlier date than usual. Pending
the receipt of January I propose 8450 for the
period and subject to settlement of the account
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Page 66. II. Forest - The Revised Estimate under II. Forest
A. Conservancy & works has since been reduced to 774 by
the reduction of 25 under survey of India Charges
Communicated in G.O. No. 57 Fint dated 9th January '99.
The highest expenditure booked under this head is 782 in
1896-97 whereas the estimate accepted for next year is 920
which is 146 in excess of the Revised Estimate for the current
year & 138 in excess of the highest recorded expenditure. The
Revised Estimate of the current year is itself less than the
Sanctioned estimate by 86. The estimate is thus too high
& 850 seems quite sufficient.

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Note

In reply to the telephonic message requesting the Accountant General to furnish detailed information showing how he arrived at the conclusions set out in his remarks opposite page 8 and on page 66 of the Finl Estimates against 11 Stamps and 11 Forest, that Officer states that the receipts of the first eight months of the current year under the former ^{head} plus those of the last four months of 1897-98 amount to 84.84; that adding .32 which represents ^{half} the improvement in the receipts of the first eight months ~~over~~ of the current year over the receipts for the same period in the previous year, plus .09 for further progressive improvement the total comes to 85.25, which he has set down as the

Stamps

84.84
.32
.09
85.25

estimate for the current year. He reports however that the December receipts have fallen by .74 due probably to the intervention of the Xmas holidays at an earlier date than usual and that pending the results of January he would propose 84.50 for the revised estimate. Subject to the settlement of the revised estimate he expects the same figure for the budget of next year.

As regards the remarks on page 66 against 11 Forest the Accountant General reports that he has ^{since} reduced the revised estimate to 7.74 under A. Conservancy & Works with reference to G.O. 21.57 Fm. 2, 9th January 1899. He points out that the highest expenditure booked under this head is 7.82 in 1896-97 against 9.20 the estimate accepted for next year and that the latter figure is 1.46 in excess of the revised estimate.

This is the A's phraseology
It is not for him to fix the
Budget
Cm's

Forest

85.25
- .74
84.51

for the current year and 1.38 in excess of the highest recorded expenditure, the revised estimate itself being .82 less than the budget for the current year. He thus argues that the estimate for next year is too high and that 8.50 would be sufficient.

It is submitted that the remarks of the Revenue Dept may be inserted on the subject, as it is important to stop this meddling of the A.G. with the B.E. He may be right about Stamps in view of the later information he has, but his remark as to portion of the Forest budget being "as usual pitched too high" is out of place & should be met at once if the budget is not to be cut by India.

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To Secy. Stamps

The A. G.'s revised estimate under Stamps - 84.50 lakhs against 84 lakhs fixed by Govt - may be accepted.

KD
21-1-99

Forest

The A. G. proposes to cut the Budget estimate of Charge for the ensuing year 1899-1900 from Rs 9,20,000 to Rs 8,50,000 on the ground that the Forest Budget is usually pitched too high and that from the latest figures the estimate of Rs 9,20,000 will probably exceed the current year expenditure under this head (Rs 7,74,710) by Rs 1.46 lakhs approximately.

The following table exhibits the position.

	Budget estimate for 1898-1899	Revised estimate for 1898-1899 as before the Govt	Revised estimate as now reported by the A. G.	Budget estimate for 1899-1900	Budget estimate as before the Govt
Agency works	8,60,000	8,60,000	7,74,710	9,20,000	8,50,000
able	8,40,000	8,17,000	8,23,600	8,30,000	8,30,000
Total charges	17,00,000	16,77,000	15,98,000	17,50,000	16,80,000
Receipts	23,52,000	22,70,000	22,50,000	24,30,000	

G.O. 1009 Fin. dt 5.11.98
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A. G. 29.1.99

Please see A. G.'s remarks on page 66 of the Civil Budget estimates, 1899-1900 and telephone message of 19.1.99 (H. S.)

* stt 11 Forest on page 66 of the Civil Budget estimates, 1898-1899
+ S. 57 Financial (B)
9.1.99

stt 11 on page 2 of
S. 790
17.12.98

Please see Statement #11A (Detailed account summary) on page 66 of the Civil Budget estimates, 1898-1899.
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Conservancy & Works

It will be seen that the latest revised estimate under "A conservancy & works" is nearly Rs 92,500 less than that reported by the Bd 3 months ago & nearly Rs 85,500 less than that accepted by the Govt. Under B Establishment, the latest figures show an increase of Rs 6,500 over the estimate reported by the Bd & accepted by the Govt. The net result is that the latest revised estimate of charges is Rs 86,000 less than that framed 3 months ago & is Rs 1,02,000 less than the budget estimate.

The ^{variations} ~~excesses~~ occur chiefly under the following head:

	1898-9	Revised compared with Budget 1898-9
I Thinks the removal of Govt agency	+14,	
II do, purchases & consumers	-3,	
III Rent of leased lands	+1,	
IV Livs & dead stock	+2,3	
V Communications & Buildings	-29,	
VI Demarcation, Extension, Improvement of Forest	-77,25	
VII Miscellaneous	+6,500	
Approx	-85,500	

Rs
 B Esbts ———— -16,500
 Approx total 1,02,000

It will be seen therefore
 that the decrease occurs
 under

VII. Communications
Buildings.

& VIII. Demarcation Intension
Improvement of Forests.

Of the large decrease of
 Rs 77,000, ^{add} ~~add~~ under
 heads

The latter head, Rs 33,000
 is due to overestimating
 by the Surveyor General
 of India. The balance
 occurs under (a) Demarcation

& (c) Sowing & Planting

It will be seen that
 none of these items
 affect immediately the
 receipts; but the latest
 revised estimate of receipts

falls short of the Budget
 Estimate by exactly the
 same amount as, ^{under} the
 head of Charges viz Rs 1,02 lakh

It now has

to be considered whether

at the Budget estimate of
 Charges is "A conservative

* Budget estimate 1898-99 = 111,660
 Revised do ———— = 78,780
 (Rs 57,960 / 9.1.59) = 32,880

⊙ please see IX Forest on page 13
 of the Civil
 Budget estimate
 1898-99

Rs 23,52,000
 Rs 22,50,000
 Rs 1,02,000

9.20
 7.74
 1.46

Detailed account No 11A on page 66 of
 the Civil Budget estimate 1898-99.
 & G.O. File 5829-1-81

para 9 of S.O. 790 (17.12.98) (page 41)

for the coming year
 & works as fixed by the
 Govt viz Rs 9.20 lakh
 is excessive in the light
 of latest revised figures
 for the current year
 charges. The Budget estimate
 in question exceeds the
 latest revised estimate
 for the current year by
 Rs 1,45,500 approx.

The variations are
 in round figures as
 under
 Budget estimate 1898-99 compared with
 Revised estimate 1898-1899.

I Timber, etc removed by S. Agency	+38,500
II Timber, etc removed by purchase of consumer	+6,000
V Rent of leased forests	-1,500
VI Live & dead stock	+2,500
VII Communications & Buildings	+49,000
VIII Demarcation intension & improvement of forests	+53,500
IX Miscellaneous	-7,500
	+1,45,500

The three important items are
 therefore I, VII & VIII.

The increase under I Timber
 etc removed by S. Agency
 is due to the proposed
 supply of sleepers. This
 cannot be cut without
 reducing the estimate

Receipts	23,52,000	22,70,000	22,50,000	1,00,000	1,00,000	16,800
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of Receipts at the same time. The increase under VII & VIII is generally general under almost all the sub heads. No doubt a good deal of what is provided under these heads will be appropriated to & if progress is made in supplying sleepers, but still the increase is very considerable on the expenditure for this year as estimated by the latest revised figures.

The Bd originally estimated for 9.69 lakhs under "A Conservancy & works" for next year. Got cut this down to 9.20 lakhs but at the time had reason to believe that the estimate of 8.60 lakhs for the current year would be worked up to. It now appears that the actuals

Yes, it will be necessary to reduce the receipts by about three times as much as the expenditure.
D
24-1-98

The Forest Dept are always looking for more money for buildings & concerns. When they get it they never work up to the estimates.

It is because the establishment has been inadequate, notwithstanding repeated applications for sanction for extra staff. See on page 41 of p. 0. 790 17.12.98 admitted to be necessary. Now that the reorganization has been sanctioned, matters should go better, but it is not possible to get a sufficient number of trained staff. Men at the present & it may take time to reap the full benefit of the improvement expected.

The sanction of the Govt of India on repeated years after years will have long deferred more to the staff.

The immediate receipts should not be affected if the reduction be made under VII Communication & buildings & VIII Demarcation etc. - but the ultimate receipts will, it will be seen shortighted to cut down too much under these items. The A.S.'s revised estimate 7.74 is only .76 less than the proposed budget. - The coming year will probably involve new financial charges on account of the supply of sleepers, possible acquisitions of forest (469 of 9.12.97 not included in) land 4 310 of 26.7.98 to budget.

under for this year are not likely to be more than 7.75 lakhs. In past years the actuals have been as under

1892-93	7.88
1893-94	7.88
1894-95	6.58
1895-96	6.79
1896-97	7.82
1897-98	7.58

In these circumstances it is submitted that the reduction of .70 lakhs suggested by the Act Bd may be accepted if under the Board can show particular cause why it had not. Should the Board be asked?

The Receipts are not likely to be affected as, it will be seen, there are large increases under head VII Communication & Buildings & VIII Demarcation & improvement of forests which could be reduced without affecting immediate income.

Receipts	23,52,000	22,70,000	22,50,000	24,30,000	24,30,000
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We better hear what the Board has got to say before sending this to H. M.

Can the Board justify their reduced expenditure on the ground that they were short of establishment & could have spent it if estab. asked for had been sanctioned, or on any similar ground.

The matter is very important & the notes may go as they are to Forest Member of the Bd.

G. L. 23/1/99

Bd of Rev. Forest Dept. 100

774,710
14,000
367,000
58,500
27,790
820,000

The Forest Member's note

In framing the Forest budget we have to provide for in full for any large number of individual works to be carried out by a somewhat efficient agency in scattered and remote localities - in these circumstances it is practically certain that there will be considerable short expenditure in the appropriate. I am therefore prepared to accept the Acc. General's proposed reduction in the total grant for expenditure - The distribution of the reduction must be worked out in accordance with the amounts now revised from time to time.

which may be taken at Rs. 60,000 & Rs. 80,000; the Survey of India propose to spend 14,000 more, than their latest revised estimate & then so. Thus be no margin in making for the general improvement to be expected from the reorganization in Establishments, & no scope for the liberal ~~extra~~ expenditure on Roads & buildings, which are essential for the transport of forest produce & the accommodation of forest subordinates & show in the long run yield a substantial return. I submit that for these reasons it would be a shortsighted policy to cut down so much the A.G. suggests. As a compromise, Rs. 8,900,000 = which would allow 14,000 for additional expenditure on the Survey of India, 36,000 for purchase of land, 38,500 for supply of sleepers & Rs. 27,790 for general improvement.

LD

24-1-99

I have no objection, & would allow the reduction Rs. 25-1-89-

Think not signed. A.G. 29.1.99



Rev. Secy

Secy

Mr. Shorroch accepts the Acc. Genl's proposed reduction of '80 of a lakh in the Forest Budget for next year. Should the papers circulate to the H.M. or go back to the F.M.?

W.R. 25/1/88

Send to H.M.

25/1/88

Full Dept. 100

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C 25.1.99
R 26.1.99

C28.1.99
R 30.1.99

Am.
the former

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Note

With reference to the Accountant General's remarks and suggestions as set forth on pages 1 to 3 of the notes below in connection with the estimates for 1899-1900 under IV Stamps and II Forest the Revenue Dept. accepts the estimate of 84.50 lakhs proposed by the Accountant General under IV Stamps and, with the concurrence of the Board, the reduction from 9.20 to 8.50 of the estimate under II Forest. A-Consewancy & Works. From the remarks on page 9 of the Notes the Revenue Dept. appears to hold that the receipts are not likely to be affected as reductions can be made under VII Communications & Buildings & VIII Demarcation Extension & Improvement & Forests, while it is contained in the Board's office that there

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the immediate receipts ~~the~~
 should not be effected if
 the reduction be made under
 the heads indicated, the
 intimate receipts will ^{be} ~~be~~. As
 however the Board expects
 savings in the expenditure on
 make the reduction proposed
 has been accepted.

Some explanation appears
 to be due to the Govt of
 India for changing the
 estimates as soon after they
 have been forwarded and
 it is submitted for orders
 whether the alterations proposed
 should be accepted and
 the Govt of India addressed.

27/1/99

Submitted that the Govt of India
 may be informed ^{by telegram} that in
 the light of later actuals
 the estimates may be fixed
 as suggested above. The
 effect will be to raise the
 saving Provincial balance of
 899,1900 by ^{now} ~~now~~
 Board's

11.15 am

At 28.1.99.
 Very well. We should not fail to point this out to
 the Govt of India in the letter which is to go about the
 maintenance of paper charges etc. We should dwell
 emphatically on the manifest despatch
 implied which to which we have to resort in
 our efforts to make both ends meet.
 A.H.
 29.1.99

$$\frac{3}{4}(84.50 - 84.00) = .38$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2}(9.20 - 8.50) = .35$$

or .73 lakhs

Cum. This missing of the
 balance is desired and
 strengthens an argument -
 India may be used to.

27.1.99

Drop
 23/1/99

Financial DEPARTMENT

Read again L.O. nos. ^{B.}123-4, ^AFinancial, 8 Jan'y 99 (P)

C. No. 10 From the 10th, No. 10, dated 1890

OS / Order P.S. No 163731-1-88
The following tele-
gram will be despatched.

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dispatched
31-1-99

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The Secy. to the Govt. of
India, Finance & Com. Dept.
Calcutta.

A L.H. "My letter 124 Financial.
~~March~~ 19th ultimo forwarded
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 light of later actuals, this
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 in 1899-1900
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 raised from 84 ^{lacs} to 84
^{fifty thousand} lacs and [the] estimated
 charges under II Forest

