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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st May 1862.

Read the following letters :—

No. 1. From Captain H. R. MORGAN, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Camp Wainád, 20th February 1862, No. 821.

SIR,

1. In reply to the Proceedings of Government No. 170 of 1st February 1862, I have the honor to offer the following explanations.

2. *Conservator's pay for the Bangalore Gardens.*—On Dr. Cleghorn proceeding to England in September 1860, the Bangalore Gardens were made over to Dr. Kirkpatrick of the Mysore Commission, and from that date up to this I have drawn no portion of the Rupees 200, though the Supreme Government refused their sanction to 1,200 Rupees a month for the pay of the Conservator, on the grounds that he drew Rupees 200 for the charge of the Bangalore Gardens.

3. *Mudumallai Forest.*—When I had charge of the Mudumallai Forest, I was entitled to Office rent as a third Class Executive Engineer. On Captain Gibb's taking charge, he could not draw Office rent, as he was not a third Class Executive Engineer, hence it was necessary to enter the amount in the Budget. The charge for travelling for the Assistant will not exceed Rupees 1,200 in the year. The Assistant must traverse the Sandal-wood jungles in addition to the Teak Forests, and has a much larger area of country than the officer in charge of the Anamallais.

4. *Cuddapah.*—My scheme for working the Cuddapah Forests was simply to select a tract of forest abounding in the (Red Sanders) Pterocarpus santalinus, make a depôt of timber and sell it by auction, in order to test the seignorage levied in Cuddapah on the bandy load of Red Sanders about which there has been some correspondence. I never contemplated any extensive working of the Cuddapah Forests, nor indeed would it pay. At present the trees are sold as they stand.

5. *Neilgherries.*—In my letter No. 587, dated 15th August 1861, I recommended to Government that the officer in charge of the Neilgherry Sholas should receive a consolidated salary of Rupees 600 provided that he had charge of the Nillumboor Teak plantations, and I still recommend this plan to Government. The officer might also draw travelling allowance of 5 Rupees per day when actually marching off the hills.

6. *South Canara.*—I am not at present in a position to report fully on the working of the South Canara Forests, but I hope shortly to furnish Government with a detailed report on them.

7. *Madura.*—I applied for Rupees 2,000 for an experimental working of the Cumbum Valley in Madura. I trust soon to be in a position to furnish a detailed report on the system pursued.

8. *Sigur.*—The same explanation made on the subject of an Office for Mudumallai applies to Sigur.

9. *Kurnool.*—My letter of 8th January 1862, No. 764, explains that after Captain Beddome has explored the Forests, the Establishment will be necessary.

10. Agreeably to the orders of Government an abstract of expenditure will be forwarded monthly.

11. An Estimate of the probable return for 1862-63 is herewith appended.

From Major H. R. MORGAN, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 31st March 1862, No. 870.

SIR,

1. With reference to paragraph 5 of Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 302, dated 27th March 1857, Revenue Department, I have the honor to submit an estimate of cash required for working the several Forests under my charge during 1862-63.

		Rs.	
Anamal'ai			52 500
South Canara			12,000
Mudumallai.	Assistant's pay	Rs. 4,800	
	Do. Military pay	,, 7,691	
	Establishment	,, 3,048	59,300
	Travelling allowance	,, 1,920	
	Working charges	41,841	
Sigur			6,409
Neilgherries			1,000
Salem			5,000
Madura			5,000
Cuddapah			2,000
Wainád			5,000
Nillumboor			6,000
Australian plantations			500
Kurnool			2,000
Total			1,56,709

2. The marginal abstract shows the aggregate sum required, and I beg that Government will be pleased to sanction the amount. By this the whole of the Forests under conservancy will be systematically worked by advances and the sale proceeds remitted to the Collectors for the purpose of being carried to account as directed in the 11th paragraph of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue No. 3,727, dated 15th July 1861.

I. *Annamallai.*

The estimate for working this Forest for 1862-63 amounts to Rupees 52,500, being 400 Rupees less than the past year. It provides for the various operations, such as cutting, sawing, carting, floating and slipping of timber in the Forests, repairs of roads, keep and feed of six Forest elephants, as well as three others about to be purchased for the Department.

II. *North Canara.*

The Assistant Conservator submitted an Estimate for Rupees 68,800, but as Government in the 7th paragraph of their Proceedings No. 170, dated 1st February last, state that this District will probably be transferred to Bombay, I have excluded the estimate from this.

III. *South Canara.*

The merchants will make no contracts to bring timber out of the jungles except at a rate that would leave no profit to Government, and hence it is proposed to work this Forest during the next season by this Department instead of carrying on the stump fee system. The jungles in this District are not so rich in timber as those in North Canara, but still there is sufficient wood in them to pay an Establishment and give Government a fair return for the money laid out. The sum required is Rupees 12,000, being 9,000 Rupees more than the last year; the Estimate provides for conducting the pruning and planting operations, making of roads, cutting of Poon trees, girdling of timber for 1863-64, and for purchase of implements and other sundries. As this is the first time that this Forest is to be worked by Government, I am unable to give in detail the amount required for each item.

IV. *Mudumallai.*

The sum estimated for 1862-63 amounts to Rupees 59,300, and this includes the staff salary, Military pay and travelling allowances of the Assistant in charge; the pay and travelling allowances of the Establishment and working charges, &c., as per margin. When the Forests were worked on account of the Wellington Barracks, the Superintendent's salary and that of the Establishment was paid from the Barrack Estimates, and no authority was granted, on its transfer in November 1860, to the Civil Auditor to pass the pay of the Establishment, &c., on Abstracts, so it was paid out of the sanctioned amount. The Board of Revenue in their Proceedings No. 3,727, dated 15th July 1861, paragraph 11, have laid down as a rule that the amount required for the Establishment should be drawn from the Collector. The Collector of Coimbatore has declined to countersign the annual accounts of

	Rs.
Assistant's pay	4,800
Do. Military pay	7,691
Establishment	3,048
Travelling allowance	1,920
	17,459
Working charges	41,841
Total Rupees	59,300

this Forest for the past official year, as the salaries of the Superintendent and Establishment were paid out of the sanctioned amount. I have since entered this Establishment in the Tabular Statement submitted to Government with my letter No. 593, dated 20th August 1861, and recorded in their Proceedings No. 2,014, dated 21st October 1861. As it is important that *one uniform* system should be enforced about the payment of the fixed Establishments in the several Forests under conservancy, I beg to request that Government will be pleased to order the salary of the Assistant and his Establishment be paid on Abstracts passed by the Civil Auditor on the Collector of Coimbatore. The working charges alone amount to Rupees 41,841; this provides for active operations during the year, and as Government are already aware that the Forest lease runs out next year, it is necessary to cut and cart as much timber out of the Forests as possible.

V. *Sigur.*

Rupees 6,409 are required for working the Sandal-wood jungles of Hassanur and Talamallai hills during the next season. It also provides for erection of sheds, repairs of store rooms and for purchase of implements. The revenue will more than cover the outlay.

VI. *Neilgherries.*

Rupees 1,000 are required for extending the Shola operations.

VII. *Salem.*

Rupees 5,000 was estimated for 1861-62 for establishing small depôts of wood at Tripatore, Salem, and Hurrúr; for a systematic working of the Sandal-wood jungles, and for the formation of a small plantation of *Red Cedar* at Denkincottah. A very small portion of this Estimate has been expended during the year as the Assistant died before carrying these into effect, and as the sanction of this year is not available for the next, I request that Rupees 5,000 may be sanctioned for 1862-63.

VIII. *Madura.*

Rupees 5,000 are required for extending the Forest operations, and to establish depôts so as to meet the demands of the Great Southern of India Railway, and for holding periodical sales. The system of working introduced, experimentally, appears satisfactory.

IX. *Cuddapah.*

Rupees 2,000 are required for working some of the Forests in this District experimentally, as adverted to in paragraph 4 of my letter No. 821, dated 20th February 1862. There are many favorable spots for planting in the Balpilly jungles and it is in contemplation to try the experiment.

X. *Wainád.*

Rupees 5,000 are required for working these Forests with during 1862-63.

XI. *Nillumboor.*

An annual grant of Rupees 6,000 has been sanctioned in Proceedings of Government No. 1,920, dated 4th October 1861, for the extension and preservation of this valuable plantation. A trained European Forester has been put in charge of this, and an extra grant of Rupees 2,000 may be required for carrying on the thinning operations under the superintendence of the Overseer as I am afraid that Rupees 6,000 will only be sufficient for keeping the planting operations up to the mark. The value of the thinnings will nearly, if not more than cover the outlay.

XII. *Australian plantation.*

Rupees 500 are required for extending this plantation.

XIII. *Kurnool.*

Rupees 2,000 are required to be kept in reserve for the conservancy of the Kurnool jungles, but no portion of this amount will be drawn without the previous sanction of Government as directed in paragraph 18 of their Proceedings No. 170, dated 1st February 1862.

In conclusion, I beg to state that these Estimates have been carefully examined and the sums severally provided for in the Budget Estimate of this Department.

Tabular Statement exhibiting the probable value of Timber in Depôt on the 30th April 1863.

Name of Forests.	Total charges including salaries of fixed Establishment and contingent expenses for 1862-63.	Total cubic feet of wood cut in 1862-63.	Value at Depôt.	Total value of wood in Depôt up to 30th April 1863.	Remarks.
Anamallai	64,168	48,000	96,000	2,09,094	
Mudumallai...	59,300	60,000	67,500	2,04,492	
Sigur	7,009	250 candies of Sandalwood.	20,000	56,509	
South Canara	14,490	Licenses and 100 Poon spars.	30,000	30,000	
Salem	16,399	250 candies of Sandal-wood and Licenses.	20,000	20,000	
Cuddapah	7,184	Red Sanders and Licenses.	8,000	8,000	
Madura...	7,760	Auctions and Licenses.	12,000	12,000	
Nillumboor and Neilgherries	19,469	Sale of thinnings and firewood.	20,000	20,000	
Kurnool	2,000	.....	.....	.....	
Wainád	9,980	15,000	15,000	15,000	
Australian Plantation	1,640	.....	.....	.....	
Conservator's Establishment	37,055	.....	.....	.....	
Total Rupees...	2,46,454	.....	2,88,500	5,75,095	

(Signed) H. R. MORGAN, Major,
Officiating Conservator of Forests.

MADRAS,
OFFICE OF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS,
31st March 1862.

No. 3. ORDER THEREON, 1st May 1862, No. 933.

1. These papers relate to the working of the Forests of this Presidency during 1862-63, and the advances required for the purpose.

South Canara.

2. The Acting Conservator applies for an advance of Rupees 12,000 though the Estimate for 1861-62 did not exceed 3,000 Rupees. This increase is owing to its being necessary to work the Forests on account of Government as no merchants will enter into contracts to bring timber out of the jungles except at a rate that would leave no profit to Government. The Government therefore sanction the advance.

Mudumallai.

3. The total advance applied for, viz., Rupees 59,300, includes the sum of Rupees 17,459 for the salary, allowances and establishment of the Assistant Conservator, as these are paid from the advances and not on bills audited by the Civil Paymaster. This irregularity will be corrected when the sanction of the Government of India is received for the general Forest establishment, an application for which has been lately submitted. The explanation given in paragraph 3 of Major Morgan's letter, dated 20th February 1862, is not sufficient to induce Government to allow Office rent to the Assistant Conservator. The Estimate for the travelling allowance is passed, but the Board of Revenue will, in auditing the accounts of the year, see that the actual charge is moderate and that the allowance has not been drawn when unnecessary.

Sigur.

4. The Government see no reason to alter paragraph 16 of the Order of Government, dated 1st February 1862, No. 170, refusing to allow the Office rent of Rupees 120. The advance of Rupees 6,409 for working the Forests is passed.

Neilgherries.

5. The advance of Rupees 1,000 for extending the Shola operations is authorized. Orders will be passed hereafter on the Acting Conservator's letter, dated 15th August 1861, No. 557, in which he proposed a consolidated salary of Rupees 600 to the Officer in charge of the Sholas. The Nillumboor plantations will, in the meanwhile, be placed under his charge, as directed in the Order of Government dated 13th March 1862, No. 559.

Madura.

6. The Government in paragraph 14 of their Order, dated 1st February 1862, required an explanation as to the necessity of an advance of Rupees 5,000 for working those Forests. Major Morgan states that he proposes to establish depôts to meet the demands of the great Southern of India Railway, and for holding periodical sales. Under these circumstances the advance is passed.

Cuddapah.

7. Under the explanation afforded in paragraph 4 of Major Morgan's letter of 20th February 1862, No. 821, the advance of Rupees 2,000 for working these Forests is passed.

Nillumboor.

8. The advance of Rupees 6,000 for these plantations will include the cost of the Establishment. The Government cannot allow any additional sum at present. Such further funds as may be required must be provided by savings in other items of the Budget.

Kurnool.

9. The advance of Rupees 2,000, required for working the Kurnool Forests, will not be authorized before they have been examined and their requirements ascertained as already ordered in the Proceedings of Government, dated 1st February 1862, No. 170. Major Morgan's letter about these Forests, dated 8th January 1862, No. 764, has been already disposed of in the Order of Government, dated 5th February last, No. 210.

	Rs.
Annamalai Forest... ...	52,500
South Canara..	12,000
Mudamallai..	59,300
Sigur	6,409
Neilgherries..	1,000
Salem.	5,000
Madura.	5,000
Cuddapah..	2,000
Wainád.	5,000
Nillumboor.	6,000
Australian plantations..	500
Total...	1,54,709

10. With these remarks authority is granted for the payment of advances not exceeding Rupees (1,54,709) one lac fifty-four thousand seven hundred and nine, for working the Forests of the Presidency during 1862-63. This sanction to be contingent on the Budget being sanctioned by the Supreme Government, and to have effect only during the currency of that year, and the Accountant General will issue the necessary instructions.

11. From the Memorandum attached to Major Morgan's letter it appears that the value of the wood expected to be cut in 1862-63, is estimated at Rupees 2,88,500; while the estimated charges of the Department amount to Rupees 2,46,454. Thus the direct profit on the outlay of the year will be only Rupees 42,000.

12. The Government are aware that the charges include the expense of preserving valuable Forests, which expense produces no immediate return. Still the direct profit of the year seems to them very low indeed. Major Morgan will consider and report whether more economical management cannot be introduced generally and especially in localities, Cuddapah for instance, where the charge of conservancy almost absorbs the entire revenue expected from the Forests.

13. The Governor in Council resolves also to call on the Collectors of Cuddapah, Madura and South Canara, and Mr. Brett, the late Collector of Salem, to report on the working of the Conservancy Department in those Districts, and to state whether in their opinion the preservation, &c., of the Forests could be efficiently undertaken by the Revenue Department at less cost to the State.

14. The Board of Revenue will also be requested to obtain and submit a Statement of the revenue realized by Collectors from the Forests, and the charges incurred during each of the last three years prior to the organization of the Department and in each subsequent year.

(Signed) J. D. SIM.
Secretary to Government.

Estimated Receipts in 1862-63 in several Forests under the Conservancy Department.

Land Revenue Form.

Forest Department	Actual Receipts in 1860-61.	Probable Receipts 1862-63		
South Canara	2,53,149	2,34,000	34,000	
South Canara	9,951	10,000	"	
Annamallai	44,078	59,500	40,500	
Salem	15,345	20,000	"	
Mudumallai	2,500	24,000	10,000	
Sigur	11,654	12,000	8,000	
Madura	2,568	2,000	4,000	
Cuddapah	4,131	5,000	"	
Neilgherries	4,615	5,000	"	
Wainad	4,424	4,000	1000	
Nilgiris	"	"	"	
Total	3,52,449	2,71,500	65,500	34,000

W. Morgan Capt.
Conservator of Forests
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From: Pro: of Govt Dept Nº 811
The Offg: Consr of Forests
To, The Secy. to Govt
Rev: Department
Fort St George
Dated 20th January 1862
Read:

Nº 821.

Encls. None

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L. D. Rº 933 - 1st May

Offering explanation on the remarks contained in Pros: of Govt. Nº 170 of 1st Feby: 1862 sanctioning the Budget for 1862/63.

Pro: 1st Feb 62 No. 16

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 1st May 1862
Read the following
letter from the Offg.
Conservator of Forests.

Offering explanation on the remarks contained in Pro of Govt (Herewith 20 Feby 1862 No 821)
No 170 of 1st Feby 1862 sanctioning the Budget for 1862/63.

Submitting an Estimate of Cash required for working the several Forests under his charge during 1862/63 (Herewith 31st March 1862 No 870)

I am not satisfied with the working of this department, and am by no means certain that it might not be managed in most instances at all events better through the Collectors & the object I am in to make work for the officers but why the Govt is to take upon itself to back [illegible] the market with timber I cannot understand - I should like to know where the different officers

[illegible] sanctioned & the amount of work they do

These papers relate to the working of the Forests of this Presidency during 1862/63 and the advances required for the purpose.

The Acting Conservator applies for

South Canara
maintenance on the Forest Agency
the task of clearing a few Acres
cannot absorb this time & the
Canara - & the plantation near
Bypoor was a miserable state last year - I do not object to the
scheme as I have sketched out but I think the whole question of Forests
conservancy requires to be carefully examined

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The Govt. cannot
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funds as may be required
must be provided for
Savings in other items
of the Budget.

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Rupees 2000 required
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for working the Travancore Forests will not be authorized before they have been examined and their requirements ascertained as already ordered in the Progs: of Govt. dated 1st Feby 1862 No 170. Major Morgan's letter about these Forests dated 8th January 1862 No 7 has been already disposed of in the order of Govt. of 5th Feby. last No. 210.

With these remarks authority is granted for the payment of advances not exceeding (Rs. 154,709) One lac fifty four thousand seven hundred and nine for working the Forests of

Travancore Forests	52,500
South Canara	12,000
Mudamallai	59,300
Segur	6,409
Neilgherries	1,000
Salem	5,000
Madura	5,000
Cudapah	2,000
Wynaad	5,000
Nilliamboor	6,000
Australian Plantations	500
Total Rs	154,709

of the Presidency during 1862/63- This sanction to have effect only during the currency of that year and the Accountant General will issue the necessary instructions- In sanctioning this large advance the Govt rely on the careful and punctual examination by the Board of Revn of the accounts of the actual expenditure of the year-

Le contingent on the Budget being sanctioned by the Supreme Govt &c

11. From the memorandum attached to Major Morgan's letter it appears that the value of the wood extracted in the cutt in 1862/3 is estimated at Rs 288,500- while the Estimated charges of the Dept amounts to Rs. 246.454- Thus the profit on the outlay of the year will be only Rs 42.000-

The Govt are aware that the charges include the expense of preserving valuable forests which expenditure produces no immediate return- Still the direct profit of the year leaves a handsome balance- Major Campbell will consider & report whether more economical management can be introduced generally & especially in localities- Cutting adopted for instance- where the charge of conservancy almost absorbs the entire

To the Conservator of Forests
Board of Revenue
Accountant General
Civil Paymaster

Working of the Forests during 1862/63.

Revenue expected from the Forests.

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The first section also to call on the Collr of Cuddapah Madura & S. Canara and the late Collr of Salem & Coimbatore on the working of the Conservancy Dept in those districts and to state whether in their opinion the preservation of the Forests could be efficiently undertaken by the Revd Dept at less cost to the State.

The Bd of Revenue will also be requested to obtain & furnish a statement of the revenue realized by Govt from the Forests during the last 3 years, from the Collrs of the Districts, & the Conservator of the Revd Dept and to call for a similar statement in each succeeding year.

H. Conolly to the Commrs of Revenue Board
Board's Proc. 11th Sept 1862
Collrs of Cuddapah, Madura & S. Canara
Collr of Salem
Conservator of Forests
Collr of Coimbatore

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Pros. of the Govt. for May

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Proys. of the Madras Govt.
Dt. 1st May 1862.

From the Comrs. of Forests
19th April/62 Cir. 1257.

From Do. — Do. 5 May/62 Cir.
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From Do. — 15 May 62
Cir. 1512

Passing orders on
Papers relating to the
working of the Forests of this
Presidency during 1862-63.
and the advances required for
the purpose.

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From B. of Rev. 8 April/63 Cir. 844
(Applicable Paras 13 & 14 of G.O.