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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th March 1865.*

No. 433. Read the following letter from Major H. DRUMMOND, R. E., Under Secretary to the Government of North-Western Provinces, Public Works Department, Forest Branch, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Allahabad, 30th January 1865, No. 32:—

SIR,

In compliance with the request contained in your letter No. 2,251, dated 14th ultimo, I am directed to forward copies of the documents as per margin*, relative to the application of surplus Forest Revenues of Kumaon to local works.

- No. 4,020, dated 11th December 1860, from Accountant North-West Provinces, to Secretary Government of India, Financial Department. Paragraphs 1 to 4 of letter, No. 227 A, dated 20th February 1861, from this Government, in the Financial Department, to Secretary Government of India, Financial Department.
- No. 64, dated 12th April 1861, and enclosures from the Commissioner of Kumaon, No. 613, dated 10th May 1861, from this Government in the Financial Department, to the Secretary to Government of India, Financial Department.
- Paragraphs 4 and 5 of letter No. 150, dated 26th April 1861, to Government of India, Financial Department, No. 8,209, dated 4th June 1861, from Secretary Government of India, Financial Department.

No. 434.

ORDER THEREON, 24th March 1865, No. 660.

Forests, No. 9.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

(Copies)
N^o. 4020 of 1860/61

From

J. L. Lushington Esquire
Accountant N.W. Provinces

To,

W. H. Lushington Esquire
Financial Secretary to the Govt of India
Fort William.

Dated Allahabad 11th December 1860

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for consideration and orders, copy of a circular, which has been issued by the Commissioner of the Jubbul pore Division, on the subject of Timber Funds in the Sangor and Nurbudda Territory, which are proposed to be placed at his disposal for appropriation, and for him to maintain an account current thereof.

2nd As the proposal is subject to the approval of the Governor General in Council, the opportunity is afforded me of protesting against an arrangement, the effect of which is to exclude from the public accounts the expenditure of the Funds in question, and

and to appropriate the same without audit.

3^d I would also desire to bring under consideration a similar case, as indicated in the annexed copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Government of the North Western Provinces, to the address of Major Ramsay, forwarded to me under Docket of the Secretary No. 2178 dated the 27th of August last. It will be seen that an expenditure of 1501 Rupees per mensem has been sanctioned by the Government of the North Western Provinces, and made chargeable to the Kham Revenue of the Bhabur tract of country in Kumaon. This amount has been allowed as an addition to the salary of the Deputy Collector of Kumaon, for a heavy additional duties which he has to perform in the Bhabur. However sufficient the grounds may be upon which the increase has been made to Mr. Leisholm's salary, the mode in which it has been effected, seems to me to be entirely opposed to the Resolution of the Governor General in Council under date the 15th of November 1860 No. 11336 proviso 2^d of para: 3. I therefore feel it to be my duty to bring it to notice and to enquire - whether the expenditure may be excluded from the public accounts, and incurred without audit as ordered by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor of the North Western Provinces. -

Accountants Office
N. W. Provinces
Allahabad
The 11th Decr. 1860

I have the honor to be,
Signed J. L. Lushington
Accountant N. W. Provinces

No. 185
For William
Financial Department
The 5th January 1861

The Honble the President in Council considers that the views expressed by the Accountant N. W. Provinces in the above letter, are quite correct. But before passing final orders on the subject, His Honor in Council desires that the papers of the case be sent to the Government of the North Western Provinces, for any explanations which it may have to offer on the points therein referred to, and that it may be pointed out to that Government that it is not necessary to remove these items of Revenue and charge, from the cognizance of the Civil Auditor, in order to give the Commissioner or any one else any discretionary power over them - all that is necessary. His Honor in Council thinks, is to determine what degree of discretionary power shall

shall be vested in the Commissioners, and to inform the Civil Auditor that within such and such limits a discretionary power is vested in the Commissioners.—

Ordered, that a copy of the above Resolution together with a copy of the papers of the case be sent to the Government of the North Western Provinces for the purpose indicated.—

By order of the Honble the President in Council

/ Signed/ C. St. Lushington
Secretary to the Govt. of India

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Extract para: 1 to 4 of a letter from the Secretary to the Government N.W.P. in the Financial Department to the Secretary to Govt. of India Financial Department No. 227 A dated 20th February 1861.—

1. I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of a Resolution of the Honble the President in Council No. 185 dated 5th January 1861 with its annexure being the copy of a letter No. 4020 dated 11th December last from the Accountant N.W.P. to your address, and to submit the following statement

2. The first two paras: of the Accountant's letter have been transferred to the Department Public Works, in the Railway Branch whence the necessary explanations will be forwarded to you in due course.—

3. In regard to the case mentioned in the 3rd para: of the Accountant's letter and to that officer's Reference to the Resolution of the Governor General in Council dated 15th November 1860, I am desired by the Lieutenant Governor to remark that, as the increase of Rs. 150 per mensem to the pay of Mr. Chisholm, the Deputy Collector of

of Kumaon, was sanctioned on the 27th August 1860, there can have been no intentional infraction on the part of this Government, of the Resolution of the 15th November 1860. And I am further to note that, as both the Accountant and the Civil Auditor were furnished with copies of the order sanctioning the addition to Mr. Bishop's pay, there could have been no intention, and there was none, to exclude the expenditure in question from the cognizance of the Officers of Account and Audit, as implied in the suppressions used by Mr. J. L. Lushington.

4. In issuing the order to which the Accountant has taken exception the Lieutenant Governor was guided by precedent. His predecessor the Honble Mr. Colvin, similarly, sanctioned an increase to the salary of Mr. Beckett, chargeable in the same manner to the Kham Revenue of the Bhabur. Which Revenue, as well as that of the Kumaon and Gurhwal Forests has always been held available, under the sanction of the Honble the Court of Directors, for the improvement of those tracts, and as a consequence, to the remuneration, either in whole or in part, of the agency employed in making such improvement.

The Lieutenant Governor is unable at the present moment to refer to the orders of

the Honble the late Court of Directors, in which the sanction in question was conveyed, but the Commissioner of Kumaon will receive copies of this correspondence and will be requested to forward copies of the despatch in question (which more particularly relates to the Forest Revenue) as well as of orders which are believed to have been issued by the Honble the late Mr. Thomason, authorizing the appropriation of the surplus revenue of the Bhabur to the purposes which the Lieutenant Governor has above indicated. These the Lieutenant Governor will have the pleasure to submit hereafter, and he will reserve, until then, any remarks which he may have to offer as to the expediency of the system which has heretofore been observed regarding expenditure in the management of the Kumaon and Gurhwal Forests and of the Bhabur.

From No 64

Major H. Ramsay C.B.
Commissioner of the Pumaon D.
Nynee Tal.

To
George Couper Esq C.B.
Secy. to the Govt of the N.W.P.
Nynee Tal.

Sir—

I have the honor to acknowledge
your docket No 228 A. D. 20th February
with accompanying correspondence.

2^d — When the Phabur was placed
under my management by the Orders of
Government D. 10th February 1857. There was
only one road. no traffic and little
cultivation since that time new forests
have been opened up. Miles of what was
considered useless timber have been
made available to the Public. Canals
have been made which saved the Province
of Pumaon in one famine and Nynee
Tal during the mutiny and a large portion
of the upper part of Rohilkund has been
supplied with grain from the Phabur
tracts

tracts this cold weather. To complete the
Phabar improvements generally and
irrigation in particular the profits derived
from land under Kham Scheel and
Sayer Revenue in excess of the Government
demand are required and I trust that
the late Order of Government which
received the sanction and approval of
the Honble the late Court of Directors
may not be set aside. The valuable
part of the Forests the "San i" which
was almost the only source of Natbans
Revenue when I received Charge of the
Phabar has been now separated and
put under a proper system of Conservancy
and this Forest Revenue will I presume
no longer be available for Canals &c
but it is impossible to open up these
forest tracts and the approaches through
them to the Hills without funds. The
Establishment of Iron works at Kalla-
doongee and Dechowree is entirely attributable
to the good results produced under the
Late Lieutenant Governor's Order of 1861
and the irrigation works which have
already been so useful must be extended
considerably to make the Chukatee
Phabar

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Phabar healthy. The improvements
made and works executed since 1861
have been closely watched and examined
by the Late Lieutenant Governor the
Honble C. Colvin and the present Lieut.
Governor, they have also been favorably
reported on by Captain Jones of the
Engineers and Captain Maxwell and
I trust that when after 10 years of
no ordinary difficulties in such a
climate as the Phabar. I have succeeded
so well I may not be prevented complet-
ing the improvement required to turn
every part of the Phabar the once dead
and uninhabited tract to good account.
Copies of Government Orders and of the
Honble the late Court of Directors
are herewith enclosed.

Yours faithfully,
I have &c
C. P. Ramsay -
The 12 April 1868
Commissioner

Enclosures.

Extract para: 10 from Memorandum recorded
by the Honble the Lieutenant Governor No. Provinces.
Extract from letter of Secy: to Sudder Board
of Revenue, and Government reply with Extract from
Honble Courts Despatch No 32 of 22 November 1864.

Extract of para: 10 from Memorandum
recorded by the Honble the Lieutenant Governor
N. W. P. regarding the levy of Forest dues along
the Foot of the Nuunau Hills dated the 10th
February 1861.

Para: 10. "The levy of these forest dues has
been authorized by the Government more for the
operation of its just rights than with a view to
Financial returns. It is bound so to administer
the system as most to profit the public. As
regards the timber, evidently the receipts of the
Government will be increased and the good of the
Country will be promoted by the formation of
Roads through the forests, and by their laying
open those tracts where good timbers are to
be found.

There is every reason to believe that the
direct management of these Forest dues now
assumed by the Government will lead to a Consi-
derable increase in the Revenue derived therefrom,
and will thus afford a fund for still further
developing the resources of the Country.

Extract

Extract of para: 3 from letter of Wm Muir Esq
Secretary to Govt. A. N. P. to J. H. Batten Esq
Commissioner of Numaon A. N. P. of 1853 D/
Camp the 13th January.

Para: 3. The Orders of Government dated
February 10th 1851. have appropriated all the
Surplus, Khau Collections of Sayer Revenue along
the foot of the Numaon and Gurbawal hills to
the improvement of the means of Communication
through those tracts, and in the great approaches
to them from the hills.

Extract from letter of G. I. Christian
Esq Secretary to the Sudder Board of Revenue
A. N. P. to Wm Muir Esq Secretary to Govt
A. N. P. Agra A. N. P. of 5th Novr
1852 Paras: 5 & 6.

5. — Captain Ramsay's proposal (paragraph
4 of letter D/ 31st July) that in modification
of former Orders on the subject, he should
be allowed to manage the entire tract (whether
as regards land Revenue or Rathbans &c.)
as one large Zemindaree estate, Crediting
Govt with the recorded Jinnas in both
departments and employing the net surplus
in both, at his discretion upon roads or Canals
or in such other way as he may judge best,
for promoting the prosperity of the tract while
in his hands.

6. — The Board see no objection to this
proposal provided the accounts of the two
departments are kept distinct and they beg
to recommend it for the sanction of Govern-
ment. In the meanwhile Captain Ramsay
should be directed to credit Government with

8953 Rupees on account of Land Revenue for
1851/52 out of the balance of Nathbans Funds
now in his hands.

Extract from letter of H^{on}ble Mr. Esq^r
Secretary to the Government A. W. P. in reply
to letter No. 511. D^d 5th November of G. I.
Christian Esq^r Secretary to the Sudder Board
of Revenue A. W. P. Agra No. 4634 of 1862
D^d Lieutenant Governor's Camp the 30th Nov^r.

Paras: 5 and 6. } 2 His Honor has been pleased
to sanction Captain Ramsay's proposal
to manage the whole Phabur, both Land
Revenue, and Nathbans &c^o as one large
Zemindaree estate, on the understanding that
the accounts of the two departments shall
be kept distinct. Captain Ramsay should
also be directed to credit Government
with 8953 Rupees on account of Land
Revenue for 1851/52 out of the balance of
Nathbans Funds now in his hands.

Extract paras: 26 and 27 from Hon^{ble}
Court's Despatch No. 32 D^d 22nd November 1851,
Para:

Para: 27 only extracted below.
Namam.

Para: 27. We approve the uniting the
whole district into one large Zemindaree estate,
a measure which, it was believed, would
facilitate the Collectors of the Revenue,
(and while keeping the departmental accounts
distinct, enable the employees of one depart-
ment to assist those of another.

N^o 613.

To The Secretary to the Government
of India Financial Deptt.
Fort William.

Dated Allahabad the 10th May 1864

Sir/—

With reference to para: 4 of this
Office letter N^o 227a Dated The 20th February
last regarding the appropriation of the Kham
Revenue of the Phabar, and Kumaon and Garhwal
Forests for the improvement of those tracts. I
am directed by The Honble The Lieutenant
Governor to forward the accompanying copy of
a L^{tr} N^o 164 D/12th April from The Commissioner
of Kumaon with enclosures as verifying the
Statements therein made.

2nd— I am also to add, that the system
authorized by the late Mr. Thomason, and
approved by the late the Honble Court of
Directors has worked admirably, and Major
Ramsay does in no way exaggerate the great
improvement he has effected.

3^d— The Lieutenant Governor I am
further to add would
deprecate any change in the above system.

I have &c
J. Moens.
Off^{ce}: Assistant Secy: to Govt
N. W. Provinces.

Extract - Para 4 and 5 of a letter from the ^{in the P. O. of the branch} Auditor Secretary to Government N.W.P. to the Secretary to the Government of India in the Financial Department N. 150 dated 26th April 1861.

4. The system of account proposed by the Lieutenant Governor was set forth in para 14th of my letter N. 379 dated 2nd November last of which a copy was communicated to your Department. But His Honor has of course no objection to offer to the condition laid down by the Government of India that the expenditure from the Forest Fund shall be subject to audit and in this case it will be better that all the Receipts and Disbursements of the Forest Department should appear in the Jubbulpore Treasury Accounts. In reply to a letter N. 5265 dated 14th ultimo from the Accountant (of which copy accompanies) the Lieutenant Governor proposes to instruct him accordingly.

5. But Forest Management is open to so many Contingencies and Accidents and to so many unexpected calls for expenditure of a Miscellaneous kind that

that the Superintendent would be hampered were no discretion allowed to him or to the Commissioner of sanctioning disbursements necessitated by these causes. The Lieutenant Governor therefore proposes to give to the Commissioner of Public Works Authority to sanction in anticipation of Audit all expenditure Certified by the Superintendent of Forests to be required for emergent purposes not exceeding Rs 1000 on each occasion subject to the Condition that a Bill comprising all such disbursements shall be subjected to the Civil Auditors audit at the close of each month. This falls within the spirit of the Resolution in the Financial Department No 185 of 5th January last:-

N. 8209

From
C. H. Lushington Esq.
Secretary to the Govt of India
Financial Department

To
The Secretary to the Govt.
of the North Western Provinces
Fort William Council Chamber
the 4th June 1861

Financial
Department

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of the letters noted in the Margin and to intimate in reply that the Governor General in Council approves the suggestions made by the Honorable the Lieutenant Governor of the North Western Provinces in paragraphs 4 and 5 of Captain Rogers' letter of the 20th April, and considers that the papers forwarded with Mr. Moens' letter of the 10th ultimo, completely bear the Lieutenant Governor out in the views expressed in your letter No 2274 dated the 20th February last:-

From London Secretary (Public Works Department) to Government North Western Provinces No 150 dated 20th April 1861.-
From Offs Asstt Secretary to Govt No 613 dated 10th ultimo, and its enclosure.-

Charo 77.
By C. H. Lushington
Secy to Gov^r of India

Ordered, that a Copy of the above
letter, and of the letters of the 26th April
and 10th May, therein referred to be sent
to the Deputy and Asst General and
Accountant, North Western Provinces
for information and guidance in con-
-tinuation of the letter from this Depart-
ment, No. 3357, dated 16th March last.

Ordered, also, that a Copy of the
papers be sent to the Civil Paymaster,
North Western Provinces and the Asst
General, for information and guidance.

(True Copies)
C. H. Eastmont
Superintendent.

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N^o 32

To
The Secretary Govt of
Fort St George.

Dated Allahabad 30th January 1865

Forests.

Sir/— In Compliance with the
Request contained in your letter N^o 2251 of
14th Mch., I am directed to forward Copies of
the documents, as per margin, relative to the

N^o 4020 of 11th December 1860 from
Accountant Govt. to Secy. Govt. of
India Financial Department.
Paras: 1 to 11 of letter N^o 227 of 20th
Decy. 1861 from this Govt. in the Finl.
Dept. to Secy. Govt. of India
Financial Department.
N^o 610 of 12th April 1861 and Enclosures
from the Commissioner of Numaon
N^o 613 of 10th May 1861 from this Govt.
in the Finl. Department to the Secy.
Govt. of India Finl. Department.
Paras: 4 & 5 of letter N^o 150 of 26th
April 1861 to Govt. of India Finl. Dept.
N^o 8209 of 14th June 1861 from Secy.
Govt. of India Finl. Department.

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M. M. M. Major, R. S.
Under Secretary
to Govt. of N. P. O. M.
Forest Branch.

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From the Under
Secy. to the Govt.
N. P. S.

Dated 30th Jan.
Received 11th Feb. 1865.
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Anonymous letter
to the Govt.
R. W. F.

Quoted 30% January.
Received 14% 31st July.
1865

W. J. F.

Dec 1865.

Forwarding
copies of certain
correspondence
to the application
of the Board of
Health of New
York to the
Board of Health.

RECORDED.

26. March 1865.