

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	407	Press ~~Mis.~~
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th February 1868.*

No. 258. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Revenue—Forests), dated Fort William, 24th January 1868, No. 40 F:—

Orders on the Madras Budget Estimate for 1868-69.

Read—

Letter No. 4,311, dated 7th November 1867, from the Accountant General to the Government of Madras.

RESOLUTION.—The figures for 1866-67 (11 months) are—

	ESTIMATES.		ACTUALS.
	Budget.	Regular.	
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Receipts	3,66,667	3,66,670	3,38,608
Charges	2,79,842	2,74,242	2,17,171
Surplus...	86,825	92,428	1,21,437

2. The net revenue of the year is an improvement over that of the last year, which was Rupees 72,600. The actual receipts are below the Regular Estimate, and there is a corresponding reduction in the charges. The falling off in the receipts is principally due to the small demand for timber in Wynaad, and to the non-levy, till late in the season, of the seigniorage on bamboos in the forests under license. The reduction in expenditure was caused by the limited working operations in several ranges, owing to scarcity of labor and the discontinuance of the system of advances.

3. There is a discrepancy of Rupees 8,830 under Receipts, and of Rupees 256 under Charges, between the Conservator's Returns and the Accountant General's Books. The discrepancy under "Receipts" is due to a short credit by the Controller of Public Works Accounts, of amounts due on account of timber purchased from the Forest Department. The amount is small, but perhaps something might be done to secure complete coincidence hereafter.

4. The Annual Abstract Cash Account, it is observed, has not been countersigned by the Accountant General. In this document, Rupees 1,20,933 is shewn as expenditure for conservancy and working, whereas, in the Budget, Rupees 1,14,251 has been entered; but from explanation given in the Column of Remarks of the Abstract Cash Account, it would appear that the former sum is the amount audited, and the latter the sum disbursed during the year.

5. The estimates for 1867-68 are as follows:—

	BUDGET.	REGULAR.
	RS.	RS.
Receipts... ..	4,00,000	4,20,000
Charges	2,73,000	2,73,000
Surplus...	1,27,000	1,47,000

The figures of the Regular Estimate, as proposed by the Government of Madras, are accepted.

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6. The estimate proposed for 1868-69 is—	RS.
Receipts	4,50,000
Charges ... { Working	1,64,300
Establishment	1,45,500
	3,09,800
Surplus...	1,40,200

The receipts and expenditure under "Conservancy and Working," may be accepted without remarks.

Under Establishments, the Madras Government propose—	RS.
For salaries	1,27,404
Travelling allowances	14,046
Contingencies	4,050
Total ...	1,45,500

There is a small difference between these totals and those of the Statement of sanctioned Establishment which accompanies the Budget, and shews the following sums:—

	PER MONTH.			PER ANNUM.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Salaries	10,539	15	6	1,26,479	10	0
Travelling allowances	1,154	0	0	13,848	0	0
Total...	1,40,327	10	0			

A more important discrepancy exists between these figures and those actually sanctioned by the Government of India, amounting to—

	PER MONTH.			PER ANNUM.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Salaries	10,005	7	6	1,20,065	10	0
Travelling allowances	1,027	0	0	12,324	0	0
Total ...	1,32,389	10	0			

7. The Madras Government has applied for (Rupees 1,27,404 + 14,046) = Rupees 1,41,450, which is in excess of sanction by Rupees 9,060-6-0. Of this excess, Rupees 3,936 and Rupees 516 are explained to be on account of establishments sanctioned by the Local Government in October and November last, which, it is stated, will be submitted for the sanction of the Government of India, leaving a sum of Rupees 4,608-6-0 unexplained.

8. It is probable that there have been revisions of the Madras Forest Establishment which have not come to the notice of this department; it is not, however, considered expedient to disallow the unexplained excess, and it is presumed that the statement of sanctioned scale, with indication of the orders sanctioning each item, called for in Public Works Department, No. 350 F, dated 11th November 1867, will, when received, explain these discrepancies. Under these circumstances, the excess over sanction is admitted.

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9. The Budget Estimate for 1868-69 is accordingly admitted as proposed by the Government of Madras—

Receipts... ..	RS.
4,50,000	
Charges... { Working	1,64,300
Establishments... ..	1,45,500
	3,09,800
Surplus ...	1,40,200

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of this Resolution, with the papers read, be forwarded to the Financial Department, for information.

Ordered also, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Government of Madras, for information and guidance.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Colonel, R. A.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 259. ORDER THEREON, 13th February 1868, No. 407.

Forests, No. 5.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Acting Conservator of Forests.

2. Captain Beddome will be requested to submit, at an early date, the Statement called for in the Order of Government, dated 7th December 1867, No. 2,930, and in doing so he will explain the discrepancies noticed in paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Resolution of the Government of India above recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Conservator of Forests.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Order is to be communicated
to the Ag. Conservator of Forests.

Captain Bladdome will
be requested to submit at an early
date the statement called for in the
order of Govt of India Secy 1867, No 2930,
and in doing so he will explain the
discrepancies noticed in paras 6 & 7
of the Resolution of the Govt of India
about records -

- 13 - Ag. Conserv. of Forests -
- 14 - Secy of Civil S.
- 6 - Acct. H. S. -

13th July /68.

Orders on the Madras Budget - Estimate for 1888-89.

Recd to member by No 1164117
" 7 December 1867 " 1674150

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
REVENUE-FORESTS.

To

Revenue 1868
No of Govt. for July.
399

From
The Govt. of India
P. W. Dept.

No. F.
Dated January 24, 1868.

Received
Dated 21st day
Received 7th July
1868

Rs. 400/-

No 407. 18 July
Forwarding for
information and
guidance Resolution
of the Govt. of
India on the Madras
Budget- Estimate
for 1868/69. Rev.
Forests.
with order -

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