

JANUARY 1883, No. 164.

47, REVENUE.

BOARD OF REVENUE.

Board of Revenue, dated 19th January
No. 527.

ber 1882, No. 1395, Revenue:—

Board of Revenue, dated 5th December
1010:—

WARNER, Esq., Acting Collector of
Board of Revenue, dated 2nd December

On the night of the 29th ultimo, it rained in
the noon of the 29th and 30th November,
which fell between 8 P.M. 29th and 4 A.M.
to rise at the anicut, until at 12-30 in
1.2 above the highest point of the flood
occurred in the flood embankment near
upon the town between the fort and
known as the Skew Bridge, the water
was made in the night to cut away
a break on the 1st instant, the waters
seen some loss of house property along
parts of Kummaraividhi, Kukkalgunta
escaped with marvellous good fortune.
A tremendous gale from the south-west,
the 29th, and the high north-easterly
through the whole daylight of the 30th

Luckily, the second storm was un-
exceptional ease with which such an
water protection given above the town
ing of the Nellore tank. Some villages
water, but in the main the waters are
ed that the delta crops may, in great
an estimate of damage done for some
it is only nine feet this morning, but
ne northern side. It is believed that
bat across. There is still much water
in the top of the temple tower at the
north and south, was entirely cut off
is flood earlier. I sent off, however, a
a demi-official letter to the Revenue
if necessary, as far as Venkatagiri to
bak in the trunk road at Manubolen,
th is at present unknown, as the water
is soon as the Pennér is fordable, I
sistant, Mr. Moberly, to visit all the
emporary Deputy Collector will do the
hope to get round the delta villages

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Municipality was held this morning, at
of the flood. If more help is needed
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Revenue, dated 5th October

for 1881-82.

Revenue, dated 11th Novem-

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Madras, 2nd November 1882,

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G.O., 12th January 1883, No. 47.

JANUARY.

No 345 Wd/31 January/83

Communicated
to the Supg Engineer, Third
Circle for report on the
Subject of paragraph 10

sd/ J. P. M.
Forest Administration Report

for 1881-82.—Orders passed on Board's review
of the —.

To
The Supg Engineer, Third Circle

12TH JANUARY 1883, No. 47, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th October 1882, No. 2437 :—

ABSTRACT.—Reviewing the Forest Administration Report for 1881-82.

READ—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th November 1882, No. 2741 :—

Read—the following letter from Major J. CAMPBELL WALKER, Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department (through the Board of Revenue), dated Madras, 2nd November 1882, No. 1379C :—

Adverting to paragraph 6 of G.O., dated 10th July 1882, No. 722, reviewing the Forest Administration Report for 1880-81, I have the honor to forward a statement distinguishing the areas of demarcated and undemarcated reserves in case Government may think it worth insertion as a supplement to the report recently submitted for 1881-82.

2. When compiling the report it was supposed that, under the circumstances explained in the concluding remarks of Dr. Brandis' note published with G.O., dated 28th April 1882, No. 433, Revenue Department, information of this nature would not be of much interest, and the table in the body of that report therefore contains only the total area of reserved forests.

3. The areas now given are in reality merely a revision of those relating to the 1st April 1881 as no addition has been recorded for 1881-82, because though demarcation has progressed during the year in Salem, Tinnevely and Coimbatore, the tracts demarcated have either not been surveyed or only partially so.

4. In Tinnevely operations were suspended by desire of the Inspector-General to enable him to offer certain suggestions for future guidance.

ENCLOSURE.

A Statement showing the Area of Demarcated and Undemarcated Reserves up to 1st April 1882.

Divisions.	Demar-cated Area, Square Miles.	Undemar-cated Area, Square Miles.	Total Square Miles.	Orders by Government and the Board of Revenue.	Remarks.
Godavari ..	68	..	68	G.O., No. 792, dated 10th July 1880.	
Kistna ..	..	..	..	1107, " 8th Sept. "	
Cuddapah ..	62.87	114.15	177.02	1974, dated 13th June 1877.	
Kurnool ..	..	..	..	" " 672, " 7th May 1878.	
				" " 1832, " 29th Nov. 1881.	
				Rev. Board No. 7015, " 8th Dec. 1870.	

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North Arcot ..	22-47	..	22-47	G.O., No. 971, dated 1st June 1871. " " 820, " 9th April 1879. " " 1798, " 30th Aug. " " " " 4, " 4th April 1874. " " 1346, " 19th Oct. " " " " 1189, " 29th July 1878. " " 1023, " 20th Aug. 1880. Rev. Board No. 6512, " 31st " 1869.	
South Arcot ..	67-05	82-56	149-61	G.O., No. 502, " 21st Mar. 1871. " " 1064, " 15th June " " " " 1612, " 2nd Aug. 1879. " " 2247, " 5th Dec. " " " " 82, " 16th Jan. 1878. " " 110, " 29th " 1880. " " —, " 15th " 1867. " " 190, " 16th Feb. 1880. " " 270, " 2nd Mar. " " " " 1445, " 18th Oct. 1872. " " 1261, " 3rd " 1874.	The number and date of the Order constituting the Teevakudi Block a reserve is not given.
Trichinopoly ..	6-51	..	6-51		
Coimbatore ..	65-22	80	145-22		The Orders consti- tuting the reserves are not given in every instance.
Nilgiris ..	2	26-24	28-24		
Salem ..	17-81	..	17-81		
Pálghat ..	20-70	..	20-70		
Nilambúr ..	24-31	..	24-31		Leased and purchas- ed.
Wynaad ..	..	..	..		
South Canara ..	..	..	..		
Nellore ..	..	..	..		
Madura ..	..	235-43	235-43	G.O., No. 1681, dated 17th Oct. 1878. " " 1284, " 29th Aug. 1881. " " 257, " 11th Feb. " "	
Tinnevely ..	..	286-81	286-81		
Total ..	356-94	825-19	1,182-13		

Resolution—dated 11th November 1882, No. 2741.

Submitted to Government with reference to paragraph 6 of G.O., dated 10th July 1882, No. 722.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) R. SEWELL,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue
Department.

Copy to the Conservator of Forests.
" to the Inspector-General of Forests.

READ—also Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th November 1882,
No. 2952:—

ABSTRACT.—Submitting to Government letter from the Conservator of Forests stating that paragraph 5 of G.O., 10th July 1882, No. 722, requires a clearer statement regarding yield of forests in the report for 1882-83 and not for 1881-82.

ORDER—dated 12th January 1883, No. 47, Revenue.

Forest, No. 4.

The report of the Conservator compares favorably with that of the previous year, and the Board's exhaustive

review leaves but little for the Government to remark on.

2. The receipts and charges of the year under report were Rs. 5,06,456 and Rs. 3,89,892, respectively, leaving a surplus of Rs. 1,16,564 as against a surplus of Rs. 1,34,716 in the year 1880-81, and an average surplus of Rs. 4,638 in the five years ending with 1879-80. This result is satisfactory.

3. The Government observe that while the removal of Rs. 1,83,577 worth of timber by the Department last year was effected at a cost of Rs. 43,100, the removal of timber valued at Rs. 1,35,972 in the year under report cost Rs. 57,014. Similarly while the removal of Sandalwood valued at Rs. 35,719 cost Rs. 9,851 in 1881-82, it cost only Rs. 8,689 in 1880-81 to remove a larger quantity valued at Rs. 38,265. These and other variations of the same character are explained in part by the increase in stock at the end of the year and the fact that the establishment and upkeep expenses do not vary in proportion to the increase or decrease in sales. The amount expended on timber operations during one single year gives no practically useful result. In his next annual report the Conservator should endeavour to give the quantity of timber brought to depôt for two or three years and the amount expended thereon. The figures, as they stand, need re-arrangement or explanation. The investigation proposed by the Conservator in paragraph 80 of his report should be of a searching character.

4. It is probable, as suggested, that the disparity evidenced by the statement of apportionment of fixed establishment charges between the results of the Departmental and the License and Voucher Systems is greater than what really exists. The figures should be well scrutinized and the results noted in the report for 1882-83. The Board's observations on the subject are approved.

5. *Reserved Forests.*—The Conservator submits a statement compiled from detailed information carefully collected for the Inspector-General exhibiting the extent of the reserves hitherto officially recognized as such. The estimated area excluding those tracts for the reservation of which no authoritative sanction can be traced, is given at 1,182 square miles. The areas for each district will, as the work of selection proceeds and as the tracts are formally taken up under the Act, be subject to modification. In this connection Major Walker reports on the operations of Mr. Cherry, the officer entrusted with the duty of selecting reserves in the Salem District during the year under review. The result is that the Committee have agreed in selecting 35 reserves conveniently distributed and containing 306 square miles, which is accepted as satisfactory. The people concerned have been served with notices of the intended reservations and their claims are being recorded. These will hereafter have to be investigated and disposed of in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Forest Act.

G.O., 29th August 1881, No. 867.
10, orders have been passed on the Ganjam reserves.

7. As observed by the Board of Revenue, orders on the reserves mentioned in paragraphs 14 and 15 must await action under the Forest Act. Adverting to paragraph 19, the Conservator should, in communication with the Revenue authorities, take steps for extending the area of Sandalwood reserves in the Coimbatore District.

8. The receipts from Fuel reserves were Rs. 23,504 or Rs. 5,245 in excess of those of last year:—

				ACRES.
Total area reserved	...	...	...	160,259
Equal to fully stocked	...	...	...	60,475
				RS.
Receipts.	{ in the year ...	...	...	23,504
	{ up to year ...	...	...	76,383
Charges.	{ in the year ...	...	...	6,849
	{ up to last year ...	...	...	1,64,947

The Conservator should report on what data the elaborate and detailed statement of Fuel reserves is based, and how far Government are justified in accepting it as accurate.

9. The Conservator will pay particular attention to the remarks made by the Board in paragraph 9 of their Proceedings.

10. Paragraph 87 of the report will be referred to the Public Works Department for report as to the delay which has occurred in utilizing the allotment made for Forest Officer's quarters in Kurnool.

11. The interesting details furnished by Mr. Ferguson in his report show that the Mahogany and India Rubber trees are on the whole doing well. The Conservator will adopt the Board's suggestion in view to the identification of the insect G.O., 10th February 1882, No. 722, para. 16. which has attacked the Mahogany trees. It is not stated in the report whether any further experiments have been made for testing the tanning properties of wattle bark.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with 28 enclosures.
" Public Works Department.
" Conservator of Forests, Southern Division.
" Do. Northern Division.
" Director of Agriculture.

Exd. W. H. French.

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JUDICIAL.

No 344 N d 31 Jan 83.

Communicated to the
Sup. Engr. Second Circle
who will arrange for
the preparation of plans
and estimates for a
new building as early as
practicable.

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G.O., 25th January 1883, No. 205.

JANUARY.

B No 344 N d 31 Jan 83
Jails.

Directing that the estimate for the reconstruction of a portion of the buildings in the compound of the Nellore Jail be held in abeyance, and that early orders be issued in the Public Works Department for the preparation of plans and estimates, in conjunction with the Inspector-General of Jails, for an entirely new building.

The Sup. Engr. Second Circle
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

From Colonel T. E. TENNANT, Inspector-General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Trivandrum, 16th December 1882, No. 337.

I have the honor to forward, for the information of Government, the accompanying letter from Surgeon W. O'Hara, Superintendent of the District Jail, Nellore, No. 232, dated 3rd December 1882. reporting the removal of the prisoners from the jail, in consequence of its being inundated during the recent heavy and destructive flood.

2. In 1874, owing to a breach in the Pennair river embankment, the jail buildings were then inundated, and the prisoners were with some difficulty removed from the jail. In my letter, No. 283, dated 19th October last, I recommended the construction of a new District Jail at Nellore. The present buildings are in a dilapidated state, the jail has been condemned on sanitary grounds and the late floods have again shown the necessity for changing the site. I would, therefore, suggest that the construction of a new District Jail at Nellore be at once sanctioned.

3. The new jail should be a cellular prison, built on the same plan as that sanctioned for Tanjore; the detail plans for the latter jail have already been prepared and sanctioned. With some slight modifications these plans might be adopted for the jail at Nellore.

G.O., dated 10th January 1883, No. 93 W., Public Works.

Read—the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, dated 28th December 1882, No. 1004, N.L.

In acknowledging the receipt of your memorandum, No. 2405-C, of the 23rd instant, I have the honor to state that the revised estimates for the reconstruction of a portion of the District Jail at Nellore were forwarded to you yesterday with my No. 993 of 25th December 1882.

2. The buildings now estimated for are to be constructed on the site of some old buildings which became unsafe and were consequently removed.

3. If these are in an unsafe position as regards floods, then the whole jail is so, as they are situated within the main wall of the District Jail.

4. I will, however, enquire whether any portion of the jail premises was flooded when the breach occurred in the river embankment early this month, and will address you further.

Order—dated 10th January 1883, No. 93 W., Public Works.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Judicial Department, with reference to the orders in that department, No. 2209, dated 21st December 1882.

2. The further report promised by the Superintending Engineer will be awaited. Meanwhile the estimates submitted will be held over.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. C. RAWSON, Captain, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Judicial Department.
„ Superintending Engineer, Second Circle.

ORDER—dated 25th January 1883, No. 205, Judicial.

The estimate for the reconstruction of a portion of the buildings in the compound of the Nellore Jail will be held in abeyance, and early orders issued in the Public Works Department for the preparation of the necessary plans and estimates, in conjunction with the Inspector-General of Jails, for an entirely new building.

(True Extract.)

G. C. Rawson
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
„ Inspector-General of Jails.
„ District Magistrate, Nellore.