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Budget Estimates.

Reporting that Rs. 1,000 must be deducted from the Forest estimates and added to the Public Works estimates for the current year on account of Forest works to be executed by the Public Works department.

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19TH JULY 1884, Nos. 1634, 1635, FINANCIAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

G.O., dated 11th July 1884, No. 2946, Revenue.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st July 1884,
No. ²²⁴⁶ Forest 165.

Read—the following Resolution of the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce (Accounts and Finance—Estimates and Accounts), dated Simla, 17th May 1884, No. 1040:—

The Governor-General in Council observes that at present buildings and communications required by the Forest department are provided for in the budget estimate of the Forest department. When Forest public works are executed by the Forest officers themselves, their cost is defrayed from the Forest budget grant; and when Forest public works are carried out by the agency of the Public Works department, the money is, in some cases at least, paid by the Forest department to the Public Works department, and is treated as a contribution in the accounts of the Public Works department.

2. The general rule, however, is that all expenditure incurred by the Public Works department shall appear in the public accounts under the head of Public Works, and not under the head of the department which benefits by the works. His Excellency in Council accordingly directs that, if the Forest department is anywhere made an exception to this general rule in respect of its public works charges, such exception shall cease, as it is opposed to the whole principle of the construction of the public accounts. All buildings and works to be executed by the Forest staff without the assistance of the Public Works department will, however, continue to be provided for in the estimates of the Forest department.

3. The Local Governments and Administrations should report the amounts which, under the orders now given, must be deducted from the Forest estimates and added to the Public Works estimates of 1884-85.

Ordered, that the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Home and Public Works departments, to the Comptroller-General, the Comptroller, Indian Treasuries, to the several Local Governments and Administrations, and the Accountants-General of Madras and Bombay.

(Signed) J. F. FINLAY,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Endorsement, No. 1183.

Referred to the Revenue department, with request that the information called for in the third paragraph may be supplied to the Financial department.

OOTACAMUND,
3rd June 1884.

(Signed) E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

Endorsement, No. 2323 (Mis).

Referred to the Board of Revenue for early report.

OOTACAMUND,
4th June 1884.

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secy. to Govt., Rev. Dept.

Reference on the above, dated 11th June 1884.

Referred to the Conservators of Forests for early report.

(Signed) G. MACKENZIE,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Conservator of Forests, Northern circle, with
Government Order, in original, to be returned.
" Conservator of Forests, Southern circle, with
copy of Government Order.

Read—the following letter from Major I. CAMPBELL WALKER, Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 19th June 1884, No. 688 :—

In reply to reference on Government Register No. 2433 of 1884, dated 11th instant, I have the honor to report that the only item to be deducted from the Forest estimates in this circle in accordance with the Resolution of the Government of India (Accounts and Finance—Estimates and Accounts), dated 17th May, No. 1040, is Rs. 1,000 provided for the construction of a Forest office in the Collector's catchment at Trichinopoly—*vide* pages 4 and 32 of Board's Proceedings, No. 68, of 11th January 1884.

I believe the amount has been entered in the estimates of the Public Works department, Provincial Buildings, and trust that there will be no delay in carrying out the work, which is urgently necessary.

2. The Board's Resolution, No. ¹⁸⁵⁷ of 3rd instant, will be affected by the orders just received, as the funds for the Coimbatore office will have to be provided by the Public Works department, which will not, I trust, delay the commencement of the work.

3. Forest buildings and communications, being mostly in remote localities, are best, as a rule, left to the Forest department to construct, but it is otherwise with offices at head-quarters, especially when they are additions to existing buildings.

4. The only difficulty which presents itself to me under the present ruling is that, however necessary the work may be to us, there may be more pressing demands on the Public Works department, and we shall never know when funds can be made available.

Read—the following letter from J. S. GAMBLE, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 24th June 1884, No. 533 :—

With reference to Board's Government Register No. 2433 of 11th June 1884, communicating Government of India Financial Resolution, No. 1040, of 17th May 1884, I have the honor to say that no deductions have this year to be made from the estimates of the Forest department in the Northern circle and added to those of the Public Works department.

Resolution—dated 1st July 1884, No. ²²⁴⁶ Forest 165.

The Conservators' letters read above show that a sum of Rs. 1,000 is to be deducted from the Forest budget for 1884-85 under VII (b), Buildings, on account

of the Southern circle, and that no alteration is necessary on account of the Northern circle.

2. No provision was made in the Forest budget for the construction of the District Forest offices at Coimbatore, for which an estimate was submitted to Government in Board's Proceedings, dated 3rd June 1884, No. 1857. Funds will have to be provided for it in the Public Works department.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) G. MACKENZIE,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue department,
with original letter and enclosure, returned.
" Conservator of Forests, Northern circle.
" " " Southern circle.
" Accountant-General, Madras.
" Deputy Conservator in charge, Central Office of Accounts.

Order—dated 11th July 1884, No. 2946, Revenue.

Communicated to the Financial department with reference to that department endorsement, No. 1183, dated 3rd June 1884.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. S. LAFFAN,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Financial department.
" Public Works department.
" Board of Revenue.

ORDER—dated 19th July 1884, No. 1634, Financial.

Ordered that the following letter be sent :—

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

LETTER—to the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, dated Ootacamund, 19th July 1884, No. 1635, Financial.

With reference to paragraph 3 of your letter, No. 1040, dated 17th May 1884, I am directed to report that Rs. 1,000 must be deducted from the Forest estimates and added to the Public Works estimates for the current year on account of Forest works to be executed by the Public Works department.

E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

Copy to the Revenue department.
" " Public Works department.

Exd. J. Wright.