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Special Funds.

Read the following papers:—

No. 110. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th December 1874,
No. 3572.

Read the following letter from G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to
J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 4th November 1874, No. 2,560:—

IN their order of the 29th August 1872, No. 1,149, Financial Department, the Government observed, while disposing of the claims of the Local Fund servants to pension, that except on the clearest case shown they were averse to extending the application of the orders of 1868 to the Jungle Conservancy or other Special Fund.

2. The orders of Government of 1868, it will be observed, lay down two conditions, the fulfilment of which would bring any of the Special Funds under their operation, viz., *1stly*, that the source of income shall be permanent; and *2ndly*, that they shall be under the control of Government; and I take this opportunity of urging the fact that the Jungle Conservancy Fund in this district fulfils both the above conditions.

3. The bulk of the Jungle Conservancy revenue is derived, as the Board are aware, from the rents of the Sriharikota jungles, the average receipts from which amount to Rupees 22,000 a year. The annexed statement exhibits the receipts and expenditure under Jungle Conservancy Fund from 1864, when the Sriharikota jungles were transferred to this district. The jungles are divided into eight tracts, the wood in which is cut by annual rotation. The wood reproduces itself in eight years, and the figures in the statement prove that in every year a large revenue has been obtained. The jungle revenue may fairly be considered a permanent one.

4. As for the 2nd condition, it needs no showing. The fund is entirely under the control of Government.

5. The expenditure from the fund was originally confined to avenues, and to a few casuarina plantations and topes, but operations of the department have, since 1868, so considerably increased, that a considerable supervising establishment has become necessary. It consists at present of one Overseer on Rupees 100, one Inspector on Rupees 30, and two Assistant Inspectors on Rupees 15 each. A large staff of maistries, wood-watchers, woodmen and gardeners is also employed over the whole district.

6. The present Overseer, Somasundra Mudaly, first belonged to the Revenue Survey Party, where he acquired a knowledge of drawing and estimating. He was then a clerk in the English Correspondence Department, in which his services were approved. His total service extends over a period of 15 years, of which more than 10 years was as clerk in the Revenue Department, and about five years in the Jungle Conservancy Department. He prays that he may not run the risk of losing title to pension by being employed in this Special Department.

7. After Somasundra's application reached me, I received the G. O., of 27th April 1874, No. 708. In the terms of that order, I beg to recommend that

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the Jungle Overseer may be allowed an increase of pay from the date of his entertainment in the Jungle Department, such increase being taken as a contribution to enable him to acquire a title to pension. His pay in the Jungle Conservancy Department was Rupees 60 from August 1868 to May 1872, and is now Rupees 80, to which was added horse allowance at Rupees 20 from June 1872.

8. The payments to be made towards his pension from the date of his transfer to this department up to the end of October 1874, are computed at Rupees 1,016, which will have to be sanctioned from the balance of Jungle Conservancy Fund in addition to an increased allowance of Rupees 16 per mensem to enable him to pay the contribution in future.

9. Besides the Overseer, there is an Inspector on Rupees 20 pay and Rupees 10 horse allowance for the coast casuarina plantations, and two Assistant Inspectors on Rupees 15 each, for the Northern and Southern Ranges of the Veligonda Hills. I request general permission to include these three officers in the list of pensionable service, granting them an additional monthly allowance equivalent to one-fifth of their pay.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Years.	ANNUAL REVENUE.		Total.	Expenditure.	Remarks.
	From Sriharikota.	From other sources.			
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	
1864-65 ...	21,210	2,018	23,228	800	
1865-66 ...	17,910	3,340	21,250	4,624	
1866-67 ...	22,660	4,450	27,110	2,300	
1867-68 ...	17,850	3,180	21,030	5,283	
1868-69 ...	20,786	2,959	23,745	26,440	Includes the cost of cutting operations, viz., Rupees 13,700. Do. Rupees 12,000.
1869-70 ...	37,940	4,050	41,990	30,770	
1870-71 ...	17,460	3,024	20,484	18,615	
1871-72 ...	23,426	4,106	27,532	16,027	
1872-73 ...	24,736	8,864	33,500	28,241	
Total...	2,03,978	35,991	2,39,969	1,33,100	
Average ..	22,664	3,999	26,663	14,800	
1873-74...	15,100	12,375	27,475	28,242	

NELLORE,
5th November 1874.

(Signed) G. VANSAGNEW,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The question is whether the service of the Overseer, Inspector, and two Assistant Inspectors employed in administering the Jungle Conservancy Fund in Nellore shall be declared service qualifying for pension.

3. In their order of the 29th August 1872, No. 1,149, Government expressed a doubt whether the Jungle Conservancy Fund of the Presidency came within the Pension order recorded with G. O., dated 19th May 1868, No. 252, and said they were averse to extending the application of that order except on the clearest case shown.

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4. The Board are decidedly of opinion that the Conservancy Fund of the Nellore District, at all events, falls within the scope of that order. It seems to them to be as "permanent" as the Local Fund, and the source of income is undoubtedly under the full control of Government. If the Board are right, the service of the employes who have been mentioned qualifies for pension under Section 28 of the Civil Pension Code, and the pensions when they become due must be paid under Section 29.

5. The Collector recommends that a contribution may be paid for the Overseer from the date of his joining the Jungle Conservancy Department in 1868, under Section 35, so as to secure him a pension from Government, but that section is only applicable to officers transferred from qualifying service to other service on or after the 14th October 1871.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

Referred to the Accountant-General for his opinion.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
28th December 1874.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 111. From R. W. LODWICK, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 6th January 1875, No. 528.

Audit Department.

In returning the Board's Proceedings, No. 3572, of 10th ultimo, I have the honor to state that the pensionary allowances of the men referred to therein can be calculated under Section 29 of the Civil Pension Code, provided Government is pleased to treat service under the Jungle Conservancy Fund of Nellore District as qualifying according to Section 28.

No. 112. ORDER THEREON, 9th February 1875, No. 276.

Service in the Jungle Conservancy Establishment of the Nellore District will be treated as qualifying for pension under the provisions of Section 28 of the Civil Pension Code.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Accountant-General.
" Pension Department.

Ed. T. O'Connor.

Pension 4/11/75
Obt. of 1875 *Guarant.*

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To THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
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Dated February, 9th.

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G.O., 9th February 1875, No. 276.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 110-112.

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Conservancy Establishment of the Nellore District
ordered to be treated as qualifying for pension
under Section 28 of the Pension Code.

Order dated 25 Feb 1875
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