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## Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1747 Press ~~Mis.~~

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Dated 22 — 12 — 1859.

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Read again letters from the Conservator of Forests dated 6th July, 3rd August and 23rd September 1859 and recorded in Proceedings of Government, dated 7th November 1859, No. 1516.

Read also the following papers.

No. 28. From W. WATERFIELD, Esq., Acting Civil Auditor; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 25th November 1859, No. 1353.

Upon the order of Government of the 7th instant, No. 1516, Revenue Department, referring for the verification of this office a list of the establishment of the Forest Conservancy department in Canara, I have the honor to report that the details in the first ten items entered in the list which accompanied Doctor Cleghorn's letter to Government of the 3rd August, No. 732, were sanctioned on the dates therein specified, and regularly passed by this office up to April last. From the 1st May, the abstracts of the department of the Canara forest have not been passed on account of some variation in the details of the establishment, for which Doctor Cleghorn produced no authority.

The appointments of the two European Overseers on Rupees 60 and 80 were sanctioned on the 15th June and 24th July 1857, respectively.

I am unable to verify the details of the establishment at Súndah, the salaries of which do not appear to have been submitted to or audited by this office; neither has the authority for their entertainment been communicated to us.

As regards the question whether the present establishments entered in Doctor Cleghorn's statement are of such a character that they may be made permanent, I beg to observe that the department of the Conservator of Forests was organized on the fixed establishment; and I see no reason why the subsequent sanctions should not be declared permanent also. Doctor Cleghorn states in paragraph 4 of his letter of the 6th July last, that there will be frequent changes in the designation and duties of the subordinates: it will, therefore, be necessary that the Government should comply with the request of the Conservator. Sanctioning the aggregate amount which could be passed by this office without reference to details.

I would beg to point out that the pay of the Lickawuts, which has been altered to 8 Rupees in the statement furnished by Doctor Cleghorn is left in the detail of distributive at the old figure of 6 Rupees.

The four enclosures of the order under reply are herewith returned.

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No. 29. Official Memorandum from W. WATERFIELD, Esq., Acting Civil Auditor; to the Deputy Secretary to Government, Public Department, dated 2nd December 1859, No. 1373.

With reference to the memorandum from the Deputy Secretary to Government in the Public Department, dated the 1st instant, No. 344, the acting Civil Auditor has the honor to state, that the order of Government, dated 15th June 1857, quoted in his letter of the 25th ultimo was the one he actually intended to specify as sanctioning the appointment of a European Overseer in the Canara Forest Department on Rupees 60 a month. It will be seen from the abstract of Mr. Maclagan's letter, upon which that order was passed, that sanction was solicited for an advance of one month's pay to Mr. Lennon who was transferred from the Gun Carriage Manufactory to the Forest Department as Overseer. The advance of a month's pay, viz., Rupees 60 was sanctioned and the sanction implied approval of the transfer of the Overseer to the Forest Department.

The acting Civil Auditor cannot find from his letter above referred to that the order of Government, dated 24th July 1857, was quoted in support of the appointment of the European Overseer *at Puttúr*, but only of a European Overseer on Rupees 80 a month. The Overseer at

Puttúr who appears to have succeeded the former was appointed by Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 11th November 1858, No. 1520, Revenue Department.

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, 22nd December 1859, No. 1747.

The Conservator of Forests brings to the notice of Government that the designation and duties of the forest establishment in Canara do not now agree with those originally sanctioned, and that the Civil Auditor declines to pass the abstracts in consequence. Dr. Cleghorn requests that he may be authorized to disburse the aggregate amount sanctioned, without reference to details, as changes in the duties and localities of the servants are likely to be frequent. He however submits a revised distribution of the establishment for the future.

2. The Government having failed to obtain full and clear information from the Conservator as to the authority under which the establishments in question were entertained, referred the papers to the acting Civil Auditor and that officer states that all the items in Dr. Cleghorn's statement except the súndah establishment have regularly received the sanction of Government and that Dr. Cleghorn's request for sanction for the aggregate sum may be complied with. The items of the establishment so reported upon are.

| | Rs. | A. | P. | *Date of sanction.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Establishment of the Assistant to the Collector of Canara... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 40 | 0 | 0 | 7th March 1853. |
| Ankola and Súpa.... ... ... ... ... ... | 260 | 0 | 0 | 27th April 1841 and 14th November 1848, Marine. |
| Hallial, Overseer... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 60 | 0 | 0 | 15th June 1857. |
| Puttúr do. ... ... ... ... ... ... | 80 | 0 | 0 | 24th July „ |
| Total... | 440 | 0 | 0 | |

3. The Government cannot concur with the acting Civil Auditor that the orders of 15th June and 24th July 1857 give any sanction for increase of establishment. The former order merely sanctioned an advance of pay and travelling allowance to an Overseer newly appointed to enable him to join his appointment; and the order of 24th July 1857, approved the appointment of another Overseer, whose nomination had been notified by the Conservator. There is nothing in either order sanctioning a new expenditure, nor was such sanction even asked for by the Conservator; it is evident too that if the Government had understood these two items as additions to the establishment they would have submitted them for the sanction of the Government of India, as usual and necessary in such cases. The Governor in Council cannot but express surprise that the Audit office should have passed the salaries of these two Overseers without any real sanction.

4. The Government cannot comply with Dr. Cleghorn's request supported by the Civil Auditor, to be allowed to distribute the aggregate monthly sanction of his establishment at his discretion. That course would be contrary to the general rules of the service and the Government do not see any peculiarity in the forest department to justify such deviation. Dr. Cleghorn alludes indeed to the case of the wood-cutters in Malabar, and in their case full license was given to the Conservator to give any pay that might be necessary and proper; but the establishment at present in question contains no persons of such temporary classes.

5. The Civil Auditor is unable to verify the súndah establishment nor do the Government find any satisfactory information about it on their records; they must therefore decline at present to make it permanent. Dr. Cleghorn will endeavour to obtain information as to the original sanction of this establishment from the Collector of Canara.

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6. Under the foregoing circumstances the Government exclude the items alluded to in paragraphs 3 and 5, and authorize the following distribution of the remainder, agreeably to column 4 of Dr. Cleghorn's statement, dated 3rd August 1859.

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| *Available.* | | |
| Establishment to the Assistant Collector of Canara... | | 40 |
| Ankola and Súpa establishments..... ..... | | 260 |
| | | 300 |
| *Distribution.* | | |
| 1 English Writer..... | 40 | |
| 1 Canarese Gumasta..... | 15 | |
| | — 55 | |
| *Ankola.* | | |
| 2 Sub-Overseers 35 and 25..... | 60 | |
| 2 Mutsaddis 15 and 10..... | 25 | |
| 2 Peons 5½ Rupees each..... | 11 | |
| 8 do. 4½ „ „ ..... | 36 | |
| 1 Lickawut..... ..... ..... ..... | 8 | |
| | —140 | |
| *Súpa.* | | |
| 4 Mutsaddis 15, 14, 12, 10..... ..... | 51 | |
| 1 Gumasta ..... ..... ..... | 7 | |
| 1 Lickawut..... | 8 | |
| 6 Peons 5 Rupees each..... | 30 | |
| | — 96 | |
| | —291 | |
| Decrease..... | 9 | |

7. The Civil Auditor is authorized to pass the pay of the Canara forest establishment from 1st May last up to the date of the receipt of this order by Dr. Cleghorn, according to the actual distribution as certified by that officer and without any reference to the sanctioned rates; and from the last specified date according to the list sanctioned above in paragraph 6. Dr. Cleghorn will for the future refrain from making any alterations in the rates without previous sanction.

8. The two Overseers must be disallowed unless Dr. Cleghorn shall be able to show cause for their employment and obtain the sanction of Government to it. The súndah establishment also must be disallowed till regularly sanctioned.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
*Secretary to Government.*

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

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Establishment of the Asst.

| | | | Date of Sanction |
|---|---|---|---|
| to the Collr. of Canara | Rs 40 | 40-0-0 | 7th March 1853 |
| Anhola & Sirsa | | 260-0-0 | 12th April 1851 & 14th Novr. 1848 & 11th June |
| Hallial, overseer | | 60-0-0 | 15th June 1854 |
| Peons — do | | 80-0-0 | 24th July — |
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Do to 7th March 1860 C. No 509

Passing orders on the Civil
Auditors letter relative to the Pay &c. &c. &c.
of the Establishment of the forest
Conservancy Department in Canara.

No 28 at 30.

16th December 1820