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10th June 1862.*

No. 142. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th April 1862, No. 2,308.

Read the following letters :—

From Captain H. R. MORGAN, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Ootacamund, 9th January 1862, No. 765.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 3,727, dated 15th July 1861, I beg to afford the following explanations on the several points called for by the Board.

2. ANAMALLAI, PARAGRAPH III.—In the contingent expenditure of the Anamallai Forest for 1859-60, I observe that Rupees 6,110-12-9 is debited for the purchase of Rosewood for the Gun Carriage Manufactory, and in the following official year credit is given for Rupees 6,110-12-9, and also for Rupees 398-8-0 for the cost of carriage, making a total of Rupees 6,509-4-9, and as the Board remark that this forms no part of the forest transaction, I shall direct the Assistant in charge to refrain from including transactions of such a nature in his accounts current for the future.

3. NORTH CANARA, PARAGRAPH VII.—The Extra Establishment in the North Canara Forest has been in existence since 1854, I believe with frequent explanations from the Collectors.

4. When Dr. Cleghorn was originally called upon for a scheme of Forest Conservancy, he submitted an outline sketch (1856) based upon such information as he gathered from the Revenue Officers and from the Records of Government. In Canara the Establishment was to have remained "as at present," that is in accordance with the previous arrangements of Mr. F. N. Maltby.

5. In December 1859, Government sanctioned a permanent Establishment which being unequal to the various laborious duties, it was found necessary to apply for increased agency (now under the consideration of Government) for the strict conservancy of these extensive Forests.

6. The operations of the North Canara Forests are of a peculiar character and hence require the keep of a temporary Establishment for the following reasons :—

a. The Forests can only be worked at certain seasons of the year, and the amount of work to be done is therefore limited to comparatively few months, but it is then of an extraordinary magnitude.

b. There is a great variety of chance work, such as clearing of Durkast lands which fluctuates from one Taluq to another according to the prevalence of grants.

c. At auction times a large amount of work must be done within a certain time, for which the fixed Establishment is quite insufficient.

7. In addition to the above, there are constant cases of absence in the Fixed Establishment on account of fever and general sickness, which is supplied from the temporary hands, as they understand the Forest works, and it often requires much tact and management to get them to go into the unhealthy tracts of the forests.

8. The employment of Extra Establishment, engaged according to the nature and urgency of the work, prevents the keep of a *very large fixed Establishment*. Under these circumstances, I beg that the Board will be pleased to permit the entertainment of the temporary hands, as required, to be paid out of the Estimate, which would enable me to show the cost at once in the account current under the head "Extra Superintendence," and I take this opportunity of assuring the Board that the greatest economy is exercised in the employment of these additional hands.

9. PARAGRAPH VIII.—The whole amount of Rupees 3,000 advanced to a Contractor for bringing teak to the coast from Shivali and Kanery jungles was inadvertently included in the account current for 1859-60. The work done by the Contractor to the close of the official year amounted to Rupees 1,803-4-1, and the balance, viz., Rupees 1,196-11-11, ought to have been carried as a balance of cash in hand. As the Assistant has since settled the account with the Collector, I beg that the Board will be pleased to pass the accounts as they stand, without bringing the sum of Rupees 3,000 forward in the accounts for 1860-61.

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10. PARAGRAPH IX.—Out of the outstandings of Rupees 11,532-8-2 alluded to in the 9th paragraph of the Board's Proceedings, only Rupees 582-3-6, for timber supplied to the Ordnance Department, was not realized at the close of the year, but the balance of Rupees 10,950-4-8 was received in bills, but not adjusted at the time the accounts current were made up. The Board will be glad to learn that the whole of the outstandings have since been cashed and accounted for in the accounts for 1860-61. As a rule no timber is allowed to be removed from the Forest before the whole value is paid for by the purchaser, who is made to pay a deposit of 15 per cent. at the time of sale as a security.

11. SALEM, PARAGRAPH X.—The monthly statement of sleepers furnished to this Office by the Agent of the Madras Railway Company for twelve months from May 1859 to April 1860, shows a seigniorage of Rupees 23,471-1-10, but Rupees 23,769-15-0, have been paid by the Agent into the General Treasury, and in explanation of this difference, I beg to state that the seigniorage has been paid two months in arrears as will be seen from the annexed table. As the payments made by the Agent for March and April in May and June 1860 respectively have been already accounted for in the accounts for 1859-60; I will, with permission of the Board, include in my accounts for the past official year the seigniorage paid from July 1860 to April 1861, so as to include for the future the actual amount paid into the General Treasury during the official year. The Collector's receipts are herewith forwarded in support of the payments being credited in his accounts. Accounts Current will, for the future, be furnished by the Assistant as is done in other Forests.

12. SEGUR, PARAGRAPH XI.—The Establishment sanctioned by Government for the Segur Forest was insufficient to conduct the Teak and Sandalwood operations in this Forest, and a portion of the sale proceeds were expended on account of labour and contingencies as no grant was sanctioned for that purpose except 50 Rupees per mensem for the fixed establishments as per margin.

13. The sum drawn from the Collector on account of the Establishment is Rupees 448, but the actual sum disbursed is Rupees 415-0-4, the difference of Rupees 32-15-8 appears to have been recovered from some of the fixed Establishment for being absent from duty, and instead of refunding the amount to the Sub-Treasurer as being overdrawn, it was by an oversight included with the balance of cash in hand on the 30th April 1860.

14. The deduction, viz., Rupees 1,904-14-6 made in Memorandum No. 1 on account of Establishment is incorrect, and the Memorandum of cash for that year should stand thus.

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Received from the Collector on account of the fixed Establishment on abstracts passed by the Civil Auditor.	448	0	0
Amount realized by sale of timber, &c.	2,593	3	6
Do. received from sandalwood merchant as deposit for preparing sandalwood	505	0	0
	3,516	3	6
DEDUCT.			
On account of fixed Establishment	415	0	4
Labour as per account current	1,489	14	2
Contingencies	1,904	14	6
Remitted to the Accountant General through the Collector to be carried the credit of the Forests	243	0	9
	1,000	0	0
	3,147	15	5

Actual cash on hand..... 100 10 11
Outstanding advances..... 297 9 4
Total..... 398 4 3
Balance on the 30th April 1860..... 398 4 3
15. The sum of Rupees 1,000, which the Board observe as having been deducted and remitted to the Accountant General is the sale proceeds of timber sold in the Forest during the year under

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review, and was remitted to that Officer through the Collector to be carried to the credit of the Forest. Government have sanctioned a sum of Rupees 6,000 for working this Forest with during 1861-62.

16. NEILGHERRIES, PARAGRAPH XII.—As there was no grant sanctioned for working the Neilgherry Sholas, a portion of the sale proceeds was appropriated for conducting the operations.

The sum of Rupees 65 entered in the list of Establishment furnished to the Board of Revenue was for a Forester and six Peons. Their pay for 1859-60, was drawn by the Collector, and hence it was not included in the account current for that year; but from 1860-61 the Neilgherry Shola Establishment draw their salaries through this office, and their pay for the future will be debited to the Neilgherry accounts.

17. In conclusion, I beg to state that the Forests under my charge are now more or less being worked by regular grants sanctioned by Government; the whole of the sale proceeds will, for the future, be remitted to the Collectors to be carried to the credit of the respective Forests.

From Captain H. R. MORGAN, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Ootacamund, 1st February 1862, No. 794.

In continuation of my letter, No. 765, dated 9th January 1862, I beg to enclose a Receipt from the Collector of Salem for Rupees 6,010-12-7 as requested in paragraph 10 of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 3,727, dated 15th July 1861.

1. In the first of the letters above recorded, the Officiating Conservator affords the explanation on several points called for by the Board in their Proceedings, dated 15th July 1861, No. 3,727, reviewing the Forest accounts for 1859-60.

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3. Captain Morgan states that the advance of 3,000 Rupees, referred to in paragraph 8 of the Board's Proceedings, has been settled by the Assistant with the Collector, and requests that the accounts may be passed as they stand. The Board accordingly pass the charge, and the sum of 3,000 Rupees need not be brought into the accounts for 1860-61.

4. Regarding the outstanding balance of Rupees 11,532-8-2 on account of timber actually sold to the Public Departments and in auction, noticed in paragraph 9 of the Board's Proceedings, the Conservator of Forests states that except a sum of Rupees 582-3-6 for timber supplied to the Ordnance Department, the remainder Rupees 10,950-4-8 was received by Bills, and that these have since been cashed and accounted for in the accounts for 1860-61. He also states that no timber is allowed to be removed from the Forest before the whole purchase money is paid by the buyer, and the Board trust that this course will be strictly followed in every case. Captain Morgan does not say whether the sum of Rupees 582-3-6, due by the Ordnance Department, has since been realized. If this has not been done, he should at once take steps to recover and bring it to account. There is no reason why such sums should not be immediately collected. The Government will be informed of the circumstances connected with the outstanding balance, in reference to paragraph 4 of their Order, dated 19th August 1861, No. 1,667.

In Cons. 20th August 1861, No. 5,314.

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Paragraph 11.

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Paragraphs 13 to 15.

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Paragraphs 16 and 17.

7. In this paragraph Captain Morgan explains the operations in the Neilgherry Sholas, and promises to remit to the Collector the whole of the sale proceeds of timber as directed by the Board.

8. Resolved that these Proceedings be submitted to Government, with reference to their Order, dated 19th August 1861, No. 1,667.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL, *Sub-Secretary.*

No. 143.

ORDER THEREON, 10th June 1862, No. 1,278.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,

Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—Memorandum of seigniorage paid into the General Treasury, Madras, by the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company.

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Sub-Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to Captain H. R. Morgan, Officiating Conservator of Forests.

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