

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th September 1863.*

No. 257. Read the following letter from Captain R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 9th September 1863, No. 678 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to G. O. No. 1,448 of the 4th ultimo, calling for explanation on certain discrepancies between the accounts of District Collectors and those of the Forest Department for the year 1862-63, as pointed out by the Acting Deputy Auditor and Accountant General, I have the honor to forward herewith a Statement showing the sums actually paid into the District Treasuries, according to amended returns submitted by the Assistants in charge of the several forests under conservancy, in contrast with the Collectors' entries.

2. NEILGHERRY SHOLAS.—The financial Statement appended to the Annual Report exhibits Rupees 3,995-6-3 as the total receipt of these Sholas, while Rupees 4,245-6-3, which is the correct amount, were entered as such in the annual Account Current. In explanation of this discrepancy, the Officer in charge of the forests writes, "that a sum of Rupees 250 has been omitted under the head of firewood contract of the Sholas and request that necessary alterations be made in the accounts." The Collector, however, certifies that Rupees 4,930-5-9 have been credited in his accounts for 1862-63. The difference between these two items, viz., Rupees 681-15-6, had already been brought to account in the Returns submitted to the Board of Revenue for 1861-62, but was not paid into the Treasury till after the close of the year. Hence, Rupees 94,775, which includes the outturn of the Australian Plantation, have been entered as the aggregate sum realized and remitted to the Collector of Coimbatore to be carried to the credit of Forest Revenue for 1862-63, the same being supported by his certificates and receipts.

3. MADURA.—Under this head Rupees 4,778 originally appeared as income, but its actual amount was Rupees 4,920, as has been since shown by the Overseer and verified by the Collector.

4. CUDDAPAH.—With respect to the difference between the two accounts of this District, viz, Rupees 348-3-0, I should observe that it is attributable to the circumstance of the Railway Company's Agent having paid that sum into the Bank of Madras, on account of seigniorage on sleepers supplied from the forest, and the Secretary to the Bank having omitted to furnish the Collector with a duplicate copy of the receipt. The amount appears, however, in the Office books of the Accountant General, who has been requested to issue instructions to the Collector of Cuddapah to have it duly credited in his accounts.

5. MALABAR. *Nelambúr, Wynád and Hunsur*.—Of the discrepant items relating to these forests, I am unable at present to afford any explanation, as excepting Nelambúr the annual Accounts Current connected with them having not yet been received in the Central Office.

6. I beg to add that the accompanying Statements have been carefully prepared from the usual Returns for the past official year furnished by the Assistants of the Forest Department, and the Collector's vouchers (for the correctness of the receipts entered therein), it appears therefore that any other discrepancies between the two accounts are probably, as observed by the Acting Accountant General, to be ascribed to some of those receipts being brought by the Collector under the head "Sayer" instead of being exhibited under that of "Forest."

No. 258. ORDER THEREON, 19th September 1863, No. 1,728.

Ordered to be communicated to the Acting Accountant General for his information, with reference to his letter dated 30th July 1863, No. 140. The causes of the discrepancies in the accounts of the Neilgherry Sholas are not creditable to the Department. The Acting Conservator should have explained the cause of the great delay in the submission of the annual accounts for the Wynád and Hunsur Forests. He will now be requested to do so.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Conservator of Forests.

„ Acting Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Statement of Receipts remitted to the Collector's
Treasury to be carried to the credit of Forest Revenue for 1862-63

Names of Forests.		Figures of the books of Forests as certificates	Figures given by the Acct. General	
Coinkatore - Anamallay	75			
" " Muckumallay	62,731			
" " Seegur	27,641			
" " Melgherry Sholas	4,245			
" " Australian Plantations	83			
		94,775	98,949	
Madura		4,920	4,887	
Taliam and South Arcot		22,549	14,916	X
South Canara		6,559	6,559	
Cudalapat		10,721	10,373	
North Arcot		1,373	"	X
Malabar { Melambur	17,721			
Wynad	5,351			
Goosoor	98	23,170	22,789	
Kurnool	"	17,183	23,188	
Gangam and Curad Forests	"	11,977	"	
Total Rupees		182,447	181,661	

Comp. & examined
9th September 1863

J. H. Beddome Captain
off^r Secy of Forests

DA & AG. Office
Recd 29 9 1863
Ans'd

In a letter from the AG
concerning the 10 by 8 tables
12. William W. M. D. D.
Government 12. D.

18. 10. 1863

19. 10. 1863

Statement of Receipts
submitted to the Collector

Statement to be sent to the
Collector of Forest Revenue for
1862-63.

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other discrepancies between the two accounts are probably as
observed by the Acting Accountant General to be ascribed
to some of those receipts being brought by the Collector

under the head "Lays" instead of being exhibited under
that of "Forest."

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

R. W. Meddome Captain

offg. foreman of Forests

Ordered to be communicated to the A.C. Accountant General
for his information with reference to his letter dated 30th July 1860

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Conservator should have explained the cause of the great delay
in the submission of this annual account for the year and
Forest. He will now be requested to do so.

copy of letter to A.C.

25th 1860

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Conservator of Forests
withdrew from office

of accounts of the Forest Dept
for 1860-61 as noted in
the above and it was
O no 118 dated 11th

Wm. Anderson

For the Conservator of Forests
Sept 1860
Enclosure. Handwritten
23/9/63
Offering in plantation
on the above and it was
O no 118 dated 11th

to the Conservator of Forests
Accountant General
Sept 1860

Received 1863. Great Dept
of Public Works
from
The Conservator of Forests