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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1792

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
30th September 1863.*

No. 381. 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 Madras, 22nd September 1863, No. 690 :—

SIR,

In compliance with G. O. No. 1,728 of the 19th instant, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a letter and of its enclosure as per margin,*
* From the Assistant Conservator of Wynád Forests, to the Officiating Conservator of Forests, No. 59, dated 16th September 1863.
From the Deputy Collector of Malabar, to the Assistant Conservator of Wynád Forests, No. 1,947, dated 17th June 1863.
from the Assistant Conservator in charge of the Wynád and Hunsúr forests, explanatory of the cause of the great delay in the submission of the annual accounts for those forests.

From Captain W. A. GIB, Assistant Conservator of Forests, to Captain R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, dated Manantoddy, 16th September 1863, No. 59.

SIR,

1. In acknowledging the receipt of your letter No. 666 of the 5th instant, requesting to know the cause of the delay in sending in my accounts for the past official year, I have the honor to offer the following explanation.

2. On the 5th May 1863 I forwarded my annual accounts for 1862-63 to the Deputy Collector of Calicut, with the request that he would obtain the countersignature of the Collector of Malabar and return them to me as speedily as possible. To this letter I received no reply, and the accounts not having been returned, I again on the 15th June 1863 wrote to the Deputy Collector, requesting him to return the accounts duly countersigned by the Collector. To this letter I received no reply, but a few days after I received a letter from the Deputy Collector, dated 17th June 1863, a copy of which is herewith attached, on perusal of which you will find that it alludes to my outstanding balances, but does not refer to the Collector being unable to countersign my accounts in consequence of their not agreeing with his, I did not understand what the Collector had to do with my outstanding balances, but I wrote to inform him that I could not adjust them within three months for various reasons, such as the weather preventing the cart Contractor from doing his work within the stipulated time, &c., &c., and it was not until I received the Deputy Collector's letter No. 2,895, dated 26th August 1863, that I had any idea that my accounts differed with his and that, that was the cause of their long detention.

3. I shall now proceed to inform you in what manner my accounts are stated by the Deputy Collector to differ from his.

First.—That I have not entered Rupees 121-12-0, being Captain Hunter's pay proper for one month, what month is not stated, but probably March 1862, drawn from the Collector's Treasury in May 1862. I did not enter this amount in the accounts for 1862-63, because it was included in the accounts for 1861-62, forwarded to the Central Office on the 1st July 1862, bearing the countersignature of the Collector of Malabar. This sum was also included by the Assistant in charge of the Central Office, the late Native Surgeon F. Appavoo, in a corrected Account Current of the Wynád forests for 1861-62, forwarded by him to me with his letter No. 927, dated 11th June 1862, for my information and guidance. This being the case I could not enter it in the accounts for 1862-63.

Second.—Rupees 41-10-8 are debited against me as a portion of my Civil salary drawn in June 1862. This was for my half Civil salary at 50 Rupees per mensem from 1st to 25th June 1861, my abstract for it is dated 17th September 1861, but it was not passed by the Civil Auditor till the 13th June 1862, and when passed by him it was passed against the year 1861-62, and is entered in the corrected Statement of payments made for that year sent to me by the Assistant in charge of the Central Office. I could not, therefore, enter it into the accounts for 1862-63.

Third.—The Deputy Collector debits me *twice* with a sum of Rupees 72-6-5. The mistake has arisen in this manner. On being relieved from charge of Mudumallay the time occupied in transit was drawn in the Military Department, but from the 1st to 5th and 23rd to 31st May 1862

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my Staff Corps' pay was passed in full by the Civil Paymaster. Next month, however, in consequence of the Government order directing two-thirds of my Staff Corps' pay should be drawn from the Mysore Government, he retrenched two-thirds of that already passed for a portion of money amounting to Rupees 72-6-5, from my abstract for June. It was ultimately drawn in my abstract dated 24th September 1862, and passed by the Civil Paymaster 6th October 1862, upon Government deciding that none of my Military pay was due by the Mysore Government. Thus it was passed twice, but retrenched once, as above stated, in my abstract for June, which apparently the Deputy Collector has failed to observe and has consequently debited me with it twice.

Fourth.—From the above explanation I trust you will perceive that, in the first place, my accounts have, if not correct, been made out in accordance with the instructions received from time to time from the Central Office; and secondly, that the great delay that has taken place is not attributable to me in any way, for though my accounts were despatched on the 5th May I was left in ignorance that they differed from those of the Deputy Collector until his letter dated 26th August reached me.

Fifth.—I shall return my accounts to the Deputy Collector for the countersignature of the Collector of Malabar with the above explanation, and on their being returned to me will forward them to the Central Office.

4. There has been some delay in answering your letter in consequence of my having been absent in the jungles on a tour from which I only returned yesterday.

(A true Copy.)

Madras,
22nd September 1863.

(Signed) R. H. BEDDOME, Captain,
Officiating Conservator of Forests.

From W. BATES, Esq., Deputy Collector, Calicut, to Captain W. A. GIB, Assistant Conservator of Forests, Wynad, dated Calicut, 17th June 1863, No. 1,947.

SIR,

The advances taken up by you from time to time on account of the Forest Department remain still unadjusted, and are shown as such in my monthly Statement of unadjusted advances to the Accountant General, I have therefore the honor with reference to the Accountant General's Circular No. 63, dated 5th October 1861, that no advances should be allowed to remain unadjusted for more than three months from the date of disbursement, to request that you will be good enough to adopt early measures for the settlement of your advances.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) R. H. BEDDOME, Captain,
Officiating Conservator of Forests.

No. 382. ORDER THEREON, 30th September 1863, No. 1,792.

Resolved that a copy of the Assistant Conservator's letter be sent to the Collector of Malabar through the Board of Revenue, with a request that Mr. Bates's explanation for the great delay in returning Captain Gib's accounts may be obtained and submitted as early as possible.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Acting Conservator of Forests.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No 59.

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16th September 1863.

From

Captain W. A. Gib.

Asst Conservator of Forests.

To

Captain R. H. Beddome

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cc to Mr. C. P. I have the honor to be
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23rd Sept/63
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Signed W. A. Gib.
Asst. Commr. of Forests.

Recd 22/9/63

21st July/63 No 411
4 Aug/63 - 28-29.
19 Sept/63 - 257-258

Balance of Dec 31 30. Month
Oct 1886.

No 387 + 282.

1863. *Recd* FOREST DEPARTMENT.
From *Geo. of Govt for Sept 1886*
No. 17292.
The *Mrs* Conservator of Forests,

To
The Dep. Secy. to Government
Forest Dept.
For the Govt.

Dated 22nd }
Received 25th } September 1886.

No. 1720

Enclosure. 2.

No.

SUBJECT.

*Regarding explanation regarding
the issue of the guarantee in the
subsidizing the annual
accounts to meet the 1886
Hunter Forests for 62-1886
called for in G.O. No. 19283
19th September 1886*

*No 1720 - 30. 1886
With an order &*

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Resolved that as per

*of the Assistant Conservator's letter
be sent to the collection of Malabar*

through the Board of Revenue with a

request that the Board's explanation

for the great delay in returning copies

will be accepted in full and submitted

as early as possible.

*Approved by Secy. to Govt.
30th Sept 1886
Board of Revenue. *Approved*
The Conservator of Forests.*