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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 11th February 1863.

No. 174. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, dated 31st December 1862, No. 1,218A :—

Extract from the Proceedings of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, in the Public Works Department (Agricultural, Forests), No. 4,088, dated 21st October 1862.

FOREST ADMINISTRATION.

Read the following papers :—

Public Works Department Circular, No. 15, dated 4th April 1861.

Financial Department Resolution, No. 3,717, dated 23rd May 1862.

RESOLUTION.—His Excellency the Viceroy in Council has recently had under his consideration the necessity for making some further provision for the introduction of an efficient system of Forest management in the Governments and Administrations more immediately under the control of the Government of India.

2. His Excellency in Council has determined accordingly that, pending further instructions from Her Majesty's Government, all branches of Forest business shall continue to be considered in the Public Works Department, from which all orders of the Government of India will issue on this subject, under the customary concurrent control in matters affecting expenditure of public money, which will be exercised as usual by the Financial Department.

3. In supersession of former orders, therefore, the Forest Budgets of Expenditure as well as of Receipts will be sent for preliminary review to the Public Works Department, whence they will be forwarded, with any orders the Government of India may pass in that Department, to the Financial Department, for incorporation in the General Imperial Budget. This arrangement will be applicable to Madras and Bombay, as well as to other Governments and Administrations, to enable the Government of India to take a general review of Forest Finance. But His Excellency in Council desires that it may be understood that no further interference with the system of Forest management at the Presidencies of Madras and Bombay is contemplated than is now exercised.

4. With a view to the consideration of the ulterior measures to be adopted, His Excellency in Council further is of opinion that it will be expedient to consult some one or more of its Officers of known experience in Forest management, whose advice will be most valuable in such matters. And having special regard to the long service of Dr. Brandis, the Superintendent of Forests in Burmah, in this Department, and his acknowledged ability, the Governor General in Council has resolved as a temporary arrangement, to call him from his present duties to Calcutta, where he will be attached on special duty to the Office of the Secretary to the Government of India in this Department, on deputation until further orders.

5. Dr. Brandis, while thus employed, will receive a special Deputation allowance of Rupees 200 monthly, in addition to his fixed salary as Superintendent of Forests in Burmah. He will be allowed to draw, when travelling on the public service, the sums fixed for a Superintending Engineer, and while at the Presidency, will receive the usual special allowance in lieu of house-rent granted to the Public Works Officers.

6. The Chief Commissioner of Burmah will take steps for relieving Dr. Brandis as early as practicable, and for suggesting some temporary arrangement for the discharge of his duties during his absence.

7. The extra charge occasioned by these arrangements will be made against the Forest Budget, and the funds will be supplied under such further orders as may be issued in the Financial Department.

ORDERED, that this Resolution be communicated to the Financial Department for consideration and the issue of such further orders as may appear necessary.

Also to the Home and Foreign Departments for information.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, FORT WILLIAM, THE 31ST DECEMBER 1862.

Resolution.

1. His Excellency the Governor General in Council directs that the Local Governments and Administrations affected by this Resolution be requested to prepare a separate Budget Estimate for Forest Receipts and Expenditure under the head "Forests" subordinate to "Sayer." A copy of the portion of the Appendix to the Local Budget which may show the details of Forest Receipts and disbursements will be forwarded by the local Government direct to the Public Works Department for disposal in the manner described in the Resolution.

2. The extra charge referred to in paragraph 7 of the foregoing Resolution should be shown as a charge of the Public Works Department, Government of India, under "Forests."

A copy to the Public Works Department.
,, to the Foreign Department.
,, to each of the several Governments and Administrations.
,, to the Accountant General of India.
,, to the Auditor General of India.
,, to each of the several Deputy Auditors and Accountants General.
,, to the Civil Paymaster, Fort William.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed.) E. DRUMMOND,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 175. ORDER THEREON, 11th February 1863, No. 309.
Ordered to be recorded.

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

8th January 1863 No 69.

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of India, in the
Finance Dept.

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DECIDED.

Directing that a Separate Budget Estimate for Forest Receipts and Expenditure may be prepared by Local Govts and submitted to the P. W. Deptt for disposal.

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Fort St. George
11th July 1863