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# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

## Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1195 Press Mis.

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Dated 8 — 7 — 18 1864

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## *Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 8th July* 1864.

No. 156. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th April 1864, No. 2,510.

Read the following papers :—

From the Officer in charge of Mudumallai Forests, dated Ootacamund, 28th December 1863, No. 132.

1. With reference to your Official Memorandum, No. 1,025 of the 15th instant, calling for orders under which the several charges therein mentioned and expunged from the Contingent Bill of the Mudumallai Forest, have been incurred, I have the honor to explain that, as sufficient provision for the working charges of that Forest has been made in the Budget Estimate and passed accordingly by the Madras Government in their Proceedings, No. 2,615, dated 15th December 1862, I did not again consider it necessary to obtain the sanction of Government for such charges as are objected to now. Moreover, I beg to remark that no objections have been made for the last three years, either by the Board of Revenue or by the Civil Paymaster when Bills for the charges of the same nature were forwarded for audit, and I therefore request you will as heretofore pass these items due for October last.

2. In the Temporary Establishment Rupees 10 is included on account of Travelling Batta of the Karkana Manager, otherwise called "Other Charges" amounting at that rate for a year to Rupees 120, which has been provided for in the Budget and sanctioned by Government, and the residue consists of the pay of two extra Peons employed at Musnigoody to superintend Bandy Contractors, and of the extra pay of the Office Deputy Accountant and three Peons who are unable to live upon their fixed pay they now receive. I have not made any provision in the Budget for this purpose, but defray the charges from the savings of the working charges.

4 Elephants.
50 Bullocks.
20 Buffaloes.

3. The number of cattle marginally noted belong to the Forest, and are employed in dragging and carting timber.

4. I was not hitherto instructed to submit Indents to the Medical Department, and to the Superintendent of Stationery, for requirements of Medicines, and Stationery, &c., respectively, and was in consequence obliged to purchase elsewhere out of the Miscellaneous allowance. Indents for Stationery required for 1864 and 1865 have been recently submitted, and I believe it is now too late for me to submit a similar one to the Medical Department through the usual channel for medicines required during the forthcoming year, consequently I request you will favour me with the Board's early instructions on the subject of procuring the same, so that a further objection may not be raised.

5. With regard to the purchase of plant struck out from the Bill, I beg to refer you to the Budget Item where the purchase of cattle was included.

6. The above remark equally applies to the pay of Mahouts, Cavadies, and Drivers.

7. Charge for sheep comes under the head of Miscellaneous items for which provision is provided.

8. About the badges alluded to I beg to inform you that the Civil Paymaster having also struck out similar charges from the Bills of the Neilgherry Sholas, &c., for October requiring the sanctioned Estimate of the Board of Revenue, I have, prior to the receipt of your Memorandum under reply, requested the Officiating Conservator of Forests to obtain the same at once for all the Forests under my charge.

9. I further beg to remark that Rupees 468-1-4, the amount of felling and squaring 5,991½ cubic feet of Teak-wood, has been reduced by the Civil Paymaster to Rupees 374-7-6, the consequence is that the insertion of the rate per cubic foot has appeared in the Bill erroneously at 1 Anna instead of 1¼ Anna, the usual rate.

10. Under the circumstances above represented, I request you will be good enough to pass and forward to the Civil Paymaster for audit the Supplemental Bill herewith re-submitted for Rupees 960-11-8 less Rupees 16 on account of the Badges alluded to. This will be exhibited in the Bill due for December 1863 on the receipt of sanction from the Board of Revenue.

ENCLOSURES NOS. 1 & 2.—Supplemental Bills.

From the Sub-Assistant Conservator of Forests in charge of the Central Office, dated Madras, 19th January 1864, No. 423.

I have the honor, by order of the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to submit the Supplemental Bills for Contingent charges of the Forests noted in the margin for November 1863, together with copy of a letter from the Officer in charge of the Mudumallai Forests, explanatory of the various items entered in the Bills, and request that you will be pleased to have the same passed for audit.

Sigur.
Neilgherry Sholas.
Wellington Plantation.
Colligal.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 to 5.—Supplemental Bills.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 19th March 1864, No. 472, Revenue Department.

ABSTRACT.—Referring to the Board for report a letter from the Conservator of Forests on the subject of certain charges connected with the Mudumallai Forests remaining unaudited.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 29th March 1864, No. 521, Revenue Department.

ABSTRACT.—Referring to the Board a letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, and requesting to furnish the information called for in the previous Order.

1. The foregoing papers relate to the Contingent charges of certain Forests which were disallowed by the Board for October and November 1863, in the absence of information as to the authority under which they were incurred. Major Morgan now explains that as sufficient provision had been made in the Budget Estimate, and had been passed by the Madras Government, he did not consider it again necessary to obtain the sanction of Government for such charges as those to which the Board object. The Board observe that Major Morgan is wrong in supposing that mere provision in the Budget warrants the incurring of charges such as for Temporary Establishment, purchase of Plant, and extra pay to office servants without special sanction. He also states that no objections have been made for the last three years either by the Board of Revenue, or by the Civil Paymaster, when Bills for charges of the same nature were forwarded for audit. It is possible that similar charges where occasional and trifling may have in former instances been passed without demur, but that is no reason why the system should be permitted to continue when it is observed that the previous sanction of Government is necessary, and has not been obtained.

2. The Board are of opinion that for Temporary Establishments and the purchase of Plant, estimates should be submitted to Government, and their previous sanction obtained in accordance with the practice followed in the Revenue Department. The Stationery and Medicines should be obtained on Indent on the Superintendent of Stationery and the Medical Department respectively. The several charges objected to and included in the Supplemental Bills for October and November 1863, will, however, be passed on this occasion under the explanation furnished by Major Morgan, with the exception of the items noted below :—

*Mudumallay Forest for October* 1863.

| | Rs. | A. | P. | Rs. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Extra pay of Deputy Accountant for September 1863 ... | 5 | 0 | 0 | |
| Do. of Superintendent of Buffaloes for do. do. ... | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| Do. of three office Peons for do. do. .. | 3 | 0 | 0 | |
| Extra Peon at Musengoody for do. do. ... | 9 | 0 | 0 | |
| Do. Assistant do. at do. for do. do. ... | 7 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | 25 |
| *November* 1863. | | | | |
| Neilgherry Sholas Writer's pay for October 1863 ..... | 15 | 0 | 0 | |
| Two extra Peons for do. ..... | 14 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | 29 |
| Segur Writer's extra pay for do. ..... | 10 | 0 | 0 | |
| Gumashta's pay for do. ..... | 20 | 0 | 0 | |
| Assistant do. for July, September, and October 1863 ... | 36 | 0 | 0 | |
| Four Peons' pay at 6 Rupees do. ..... | 24 | 0 | 0 | |
| One do. for do. ..... | 5 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | 95 |
| | | | | 124 |
| | | | | 149 |



3. The above charges appear to be in excess of the amount sanctioned by Government on account of fixed Establishment. Major Morgan states that the extra pay of the Office Deputy Accountant and three Peons has been allowed, because they are unable to live upon the salaries they now receive. If Major Morgan considered that such an increase was absolutely necessary, he should have applied to Government for sanction, and the Board do not feel themselves authorized to pass this charge without the special sanction of Government. The Supplemental Bills with the exception of this sum of Rupees 149 will be passed and sent to the Civil Paymaster. The amount as shown in the margin will be Rupees 1,029-3-8.

| | Rs. | A. | P. | Rs. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mudumallay | | | | | | |
| October ... ... ... ... ... | 944 | 11 | 3 | | | |
| Disallowed ... ... ... ... ... | 25 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | 919 | 11 | 8 |
| November | | | | | | |
| Neilgherry Sholas ... ... ... | 101 | 4 | 0 | | | |
| Disallowed ... ... ... ... ... | 29 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | 72 | 4 | 0 |
| Wellington Australian Plantation ... ... ... | | | | 14 | 0 | 0 |
| Colligal... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| Segur ... ... ... ... ... ... | 97 | 4 | 0 | | | |
| Disallowed ... ... ... ... ... | 95 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| | | | | 1,029 | 3 | 8 |

No. 157.

**Forests.**

ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1864, No. 1,195.

1. In these Proceedings the Board of Revenue report upon certain charges incurred by the Officer in charge of Mudumallai Forests in the months of October and November 1863, but objected to by them.

2. The Board have correctly pointed out to Major Morgan the impropriety of his incurring charges such as those specified in paragraph 2 of their Proceedings without previous sanction. The provision made in the Budget for "Working Charges" is intended for *bonâ fide* operations in the forests, and not for giving extra pay to the servants on the Office Establishment or for employing extra servants in the Office. Captain Beddome will warn Major Morgan against repeating the irregularity. Sanction is, however, now granted for Rupees (149) one hundred and forty-nine, the aggregate of the charges disallowed by the Board.

3. The Board's suggestion that estimates of temporary Establishments should receive the previous sanction of Government should be adopted only in the case of temporary *Office* Establishments. The employment of labourers in the forests and the ordinary purchases of plant cannot be brought under this rule. The Board of Revenue will bring to the notice of Government instances in which the discretion given to the Officers of the Forest Department may be found to have been misused.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Acting Conservator of Forests.
,, the Civil Paymaster.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 1195 of 1863.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 8th July 1864.

Read the following

Proceedings of the Board of

Revenue.

Marking remarks on the
Contingent Charges connected with
the Melidiummalai Zemindari
Lapsing, during the years.

Fasc under 26th April 1864
No 2510)

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1a Bd of Rev Despatch
4 Cons. of Conservator of Forests with Book
Commissioner

Revenue 1864 - Dept.
Pro: of Govt for July
& 13/1/65

Pro: of the Madras Govt
Dy 8 July 1864.

From the Offg Conservator of
Forests dy 17 Sept 64
Rd 1 Oct 64 - vide Pro

Pro. No. 219-220
15-12-62
" 219-20
19-3-64
" 319-20
29-3-64

Sanctioning charges
incurred in October and
November 1863 on account
of the Madurantakai Forest

No 1564/157