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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 22nd October 1864.

No. 262. 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 Camp Ootacamund, 5th September 1864, No. 1,052 :—

SIR,

1. In reply to paragraph 6 of the Government Order No. 1,247 of the 15th of July 1864, I have the honor to inform you that it would hardly be practicable for the Conservator himself to audit the monthly Contingent Bills of the forests under his charge, he is continually travelling and his movements are always uncertain, so that great delay would occur, particularly as the bills would also have to go to the Central Office to be examined by the Accountant, who could not always be travelling with the Conservator. I do not however see any objection to the Contingent Bills of the different forests being audited by the Assistant in charge of the Central Office (not by the Accountants), subject to the final audit of the Civil Paymaster ; the Assistant was, I believe, originally appointed chiefly for this duty, he is moreover fully cognizant of what charges are absolutely necessary and of what ought to first receive the sanction of the Board or of Government, and from the comparison of rates in all the different forests he is in a position to judge of the reasonableness or otherwise of the charges. Any points of doubt could of course be referred to the Conservator.

2. The office of the Assistant in charge of the Central Office was originally held by a 3rd Class Assistant, upon the salary of 200 Rupees per mensem ; for the last twenty months, however, it has been held by a Sub-Assistant upon a salary of only 125, the work has lately increased very considerably and is still increasing as more forests are being placed under conservancy, I therefore now feel justified in recommending that the office should be made a 3rd class Assistantship from the commencement of the next official year, and request that Government will grant sanction for the same being entered in the Budget for 1865-66.

No. 263. ORDER THEREON, 22nd October 1864, No. 1,945.

Forests, No. 14.

1. The Government direct that the monthly Contingent Bills be audited by the Sub-Assistant Conservator in charge of the Conservator's Office, who will refer to the Conservator on all doubtful items. When the Conservator visits the Presidency, as he does several times in the course of the year, he will carefully scrutinise the bills passed by the Sub-Assistant. The bills passed by the Sub-Assistant will be forwarded by him direct to the Civil Paymaster.

2. This order does not affect the annual review of the Forest Accounts by the Board of Revenue.

3. The Conservator will provide in his Budget of next year for the promotion of the Sub-Assistant, and the subject will then be considered by Government.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
„ the Civil Paymaster.
„ the Accountant General.
„ the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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OFFICE OF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS,

No. 1052.

CAMP, Adaracamund

5th September 1864.

From Captain R. H. Beddome

Conservator of Forests,

To J. D. Sim Esquire

Secretary to Govt Rev. Depts.

SIR,

In reply to para 6 of the Government Order No 1247 of the 15th of July 1864, I have the honor to inform you that it would hardly be practicable for the Conservator himself to audit the Monthly Contingent bills of the forests under his charge, here continually travelling and his movements are always uncertain so that great delay would occur, particularly as the bills would also have to go to the Central Office to be examined by the Accountant who could not always be travelling with the Conservator, I do not however see any objection to the Contingent bills of the different forests being audited by the Assistant in charge of the Central Office (not by the Accountants) subject to the final Audit of the Civil Paymaster, the Assistant was I believe originally appointed chiefly for this duty he is moreover fully cognizant of what changes are absolutely necessary and of what ought to first receive the sanction of the Board of Government and from the comparison of notes in all the different forests he is in a position to judge of the

reasonableness

of the Trust Account by the
14th of Rent

The Commissioner
will please consider in his
Budget of next year
for the reconstruction of
the said Rent and to
object will there be
considered by Govt

S.d.S.

Fort St. George
22nd. October 1864

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1864. FOREST-DEPARTMENT.

From Govt of Bombay No. 2375.

The Offg Conservator of Forests,

To

The Secretary to Govt
Revenue Dept
Fort St George

Dated 5th
Received 7th } September 1864.

No. 1052.

Enclosure.

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SUBJECT.

Informs that it would be hardly practicable for the Conservator to assist the Monthly Contingent Bills of the Assistant Forest under his charge as he is continually travelling from

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Establishment Order.

Ct 15 Oct 1864

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The Pct. direct that the Monthly Contingent Bills be audited by the Asst. Conservator in charge of the Conservators Division who will refer to the Conservator on all doubtful items - when the Conservator visits the Presidency or at the Periodical times in the Course of the year - & he will carefully scrutinize the Bills passed by the Asst. The Bills passed by the Asst will be forwarded by him direct to the Civil Paymaster

This order does not affect the annual leave