

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th May 1885.*

No. 373. Read the following Proceedings of the Governor General of India in Council, Public Works Department, (Revenue—Forests,) dated Fort William, 1st May 1865, No. 019 F :—

Madras Forest Budget-Orders, 1865-66.

Read Letter from the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General, Madras, No. 3,979, dated 24th January 1865, transmitting the Forest Budget for 1865-66.

Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, No. 82, dated 19th January 1865.

Note by Dr. Brandis, Inspector General of Forests, dated 23rd February 1865.

OBSERVATIONS.—The Actuals for 1863-64 are reported as follows :—

	RS.
Receipts	2,42,346
Expenditure	2,00,326
Surplus ...	42,020

These are the figures given by the Conservator of Forests, and accepted by the Accountant General, Madras.

It is observed that they slightly differ from those entered in the accounts sent to the Accountant General by the Collectors, amounting to—

	RS.
Receipts	2,45,060
Expenditure	2,09,730
Surplus ...	35,330

2. The regular estimate for 1864-65, as accepted by the Madras Government, stands as follows :—

	RS.
Receipts	4,00,000
Expenditure	2,15,000
Surplus ...	1,85,000

3. For 1865-66, the Madras Government proposes the following figures :—

	RS.
Receipts	4,00,000
Expenditure { Conservancy and Working.	1,74,550
Establishments	1,25,450
Total Expenditure...	3,00,000

These figures for 1865-66 have been adopted ; the sum proposed for " Establishments" includes provision for several items of increase, amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 2,978. This may stand, pending sanction of the amounts by the Government of India.

4. The Madras Government remonstrates against the forms of Forest Budget prescribed by the Government of India. The Governor General in Council cannot agree to all the arguments brought forward by the Madras Government, but considers, that, under existing circumstances, the interests of Forest Conservancy in that Presidency may best be secured by not demanding more than a copy of the Budget-orders of the Madras Government, with a summary statement arranged in accordance with the Budget classification of the Government of India, but exhibiting the following main heads only, under expenditure :—

- A. Conservancy and working.
- B. Establishments.
- I. Salaries.

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1. Pay of Conservator.
2. Pay of Executive Officers.
3. Office Establishments.
 - a. Direction.
 - b. Executive.
4. Forest Conservancy Establishments.
5. Timber Depôt and Work Establishments.
6. Deputation and special allowances.

- II. Travelling allowances.
- III. Contingencies.

5. The Madras Government also objects to the time fixed by the Government of India for the submission of the Forest Budgets. It is said that the 15th November is highly inconvenient, because in Madras October and November are just the months when Forest Officers are engaged in Forest work. His Excellency in Council does not see how the wishes of the Madras Government in this respect can be met, as it is believed that in Southern India the working season in the Forests lasts from October until May. To fix a later date would apparently be worse, but the Madras Government are at liberty to have the Budget prepared earlier, say in September or October instead of November.

ORDER.—Ordered that copies for the foregoing be forwarded to the Financial Department; and to the Government of Madras for information and guidance.

(Signed) A. B. SAMPSON,
Assistant Secretary
for Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department.

No. 374.

ORDER THEREON, 20th May 1865, No. 1,072.

Forests, No. 17.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Officiating Conservator of Forests, for his information and guidance.

2. Captain Beddome will report, with reference to paragraph 5 of the Order of the Government of India, as to the time of year at which the Budget of the Forest Department can be most conveniently prepared and submitted to Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Conservator of Forests.
„ the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant-General.

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14. Board of Revenue ✓

3. Accountant General ✓

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IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

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Dated 1st May, 1865.

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