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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1464 Press Mis.

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No. 351. Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Camp, Ootacamund, 15th May 1866, No. 1,806:—

1. Adverting to the Proceedings* of Government of India, dated 12th March 1866, No. 105 F, I have the honor to submit the following explanations of certain discrepancies pointed out in the Madras Forest Budget Estimate for 1866-67, reviewed in the Proceedings referred to.

* Communicated in G. O. dated 23rd April 1866, No. 951.

2. The correct amount of the actual receipts for 1864-65 is Rupees 3,30,569, not Rupees 2,98,500, as explained in the following paragraphs. A revenue of Rupees 18,790, realized from the Hunsur Forests, (transferred† to the Mysore Government in March 1865,) having been omitted from the Forest Budget Estimate of this Presidency for 1866-67, passed by the Government of India in their Proceedings, dated 12th March 1866, No. 105, is now included in the figures above given, and the exact amount of charges in 1864-65 was Rupees 2,00,569, which includes a sum of Rupees 4,612, incurred on account of the Hunsur Forests. Thus revised the actual receipts and charges for 1864-65 are represented by the subjoined figures:—

† *Vide* G. O. dated 10th January 1865, No. 33.

	Sanctioned Estimate.	Regular Estimate.	Actuals.
Receipts	4,50,000	4,00,000	3,30,569
Charges	2,90,000	2,15,000	2,00,569
Surplus	1,60,000	1,85,000	1,30,000

Hence, the actual surplus for the year is Rupees 1,30,000, against the sum of Rupees 1,21,821 entered by the Government of India.

3. It is to be observed that the sum of Rupees 2,98,500, referred to in paragraph 3 of the Proceedings of Government under reply, includes Rs. 11,045 and Rupees 348, which were realized from the forest revenue of Kistna and Tinnevelly Districts respectively, the jungles of which have not been placed under conservancy, although those of the latter mentioned District are about to be so, agreeably to G. O. dated 2nd instant, No. 1,033. The forest revenue from all other Districts in the Accountant General's Book, tallies with that shewn in the accounts of this Department, with the exception of Malabar, Coimbatore, and Salem, reviewed and forwarded to Government by the Board of Revenue in their Proceedings, dated 19th April 1866, No. 2,731, paragraph 6. A few explanatory remarks touching those ranges appear, therefore, to be called for.

4. Malabar.—The Accountant General shews an entry of Rupees 55,742 in the Treasury accounts of the Malabar District, while the returns furnished to this Office from Wynaad, Hunsur, and Nelumbur exhibit only Rupees 55,731, which latter amount was verified by the Officer in charge of the Treasury, as will be seen from the original certificates attached to the Accounts Current forwarded to Government by the Board of Revenue in the Proceedings above quoted.

5. COIMBATORE.—In the books of the Accountant General, Rupees 1,00,173-9-3 are given as the total out-turn of the several forests in Coimbatore District, of this sum Rupees 27,272, remitted to the Coimbatore Treasury from that of Malabar in March 1864 by a Transfer Receipt, brought into the accounts of the Department for 1863-64, by the Board of Revenue, as pointed out by them in paragraph 8 of their Proceedings* dated 27th March 1865, No. 1,704, and seems to have been included in the Treasury accounts for May 1864. There is still, however, a discrepancy between the Forest and Treasury accounts: Rupees 1,996 having apparently been credited in the latter over and above the sum of Rupees 70,905, verified by the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury, as a reference to the certificates attached to the annual accounts of the several forests of this District, will shew.

* Recorded in G. O. dated 21st April 1865, No. 830.

6. SALEM.—Under this head Rupees 24,137 only have been entered in the accounts of the Treasury, while according to the receipts obtained monthly from the Officer in charge of it, the actual revenue for 1864-65 was Rupees 40,332.

7. The discrepancies between the Forest and Treasury accounts, connected with Malabar, Coimbatore, and Salem, can only be properly explained by the Collectors of those Districts, whose verifications bear out the correctness of the figures entered in the Board's Financial Statement. *Vide* paragraph 6 of their Proceedings.†

† Dated 19th April 1866, No. 2,731.

8. As already stated, the actual amount of Forest revenue for 1864-65 was Rupees 3,30,569, of which Rupees 2,74,032 were *bonâ fide* cash remittance to the Treasury; the difference, viz., Rupees 56,537, being the value of timber supplied to Department Public Works, as per Memorandum submitted to the Accountant General, in accordance with the Resolution‡ of the Government of India, communicated in G. O. dated 18th May 1864, No. 854. To the sum of Rupees 3,11,778, shewn by that Government in paragraph 3 of their Proceedings, Rupees 18,724, actually remitted to the Malabar Treasury, should have been added, as well as Rupees 66, being the value of timber supplied from the Hunsur Forests, which was not included in the Budget Estimate for 1866-67, reviewed by the Government of India, as this forest having been made over to the Mysore Government, agreeably to G. O. dated 10th January 1865, No. 33.

‡ Dated 15th April 1864, No. 2,020, paragraph 7.

9. As regards the discrepancy between the estimated and actual figures for 1864-65, noticed in paragraph 4 of the Resolution under reply, it will be seen that out of the estimated revenue of Rupees 4,50,000, raised by the Government of India from that of the Madras Government, viz., Rupees 3,50,000, a sum of Rupees 3,30,569 was actually realized from the sale proceeds of timber. The difference, viz., Rupees 1,19,431, is attributable to the limited sales in the Anamallay, Mudu-

mallay, Wynaad, and Hunsur forests, as noted in the margin. As a set off, however, against this, other ranges exhibit a considerable increase over the estimated income, amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 33,646.

	Estimate for 1864-65.	Actual receipts for 1864-65.	Decrease
Annamallay ...	1,00,000	21,032	78,968
Mudumallai ...	82,000	48,847	33,153
Wynaad	45,000	10,254	34,746
Hunsur	25,000	18,790	6,210
Total ..	2,52,000	98,923	1,53,077
Deduct amount realized over the estimated income of certain other Ranges.			33,646
Difference			1,19,431

10. With respect to charges, it was found necessary to reduce the scale of operations in some forests in proportion to the falling off in the estimated revenue. Hence, a sum of Rupees 90,000 remained unexpended at the close of the year; of this Rupees 10,700 was saved by the abeyance of the first class Deputy, who was Officiating Conservator during Dr. Cleghorn's absence on special duty in the Punjab.

Central Office, Rupees 250.

11. The entry of the new expenditure of Rupees 250 in the Budget Estimate refers to the pay of the Record-keeper entertained in the Central Office, agreeably to the orders of this Government, dated 16th November 1865, No. 2,807. The necessity for employing a Record-keeper was explained by the Officiating Conservator in his letter to Government, recorded in the Proceedings adverted to. The accumulation of records in the office during the past ten years, and the importance of having them properly arranged, rendered the entertainment of the Record-keeper absolutely necessary. These facts might be represented to the Government of India, in view to obtaining their sanction for the additional expenditure struck out in the estimate of the Central Office Establishment, and, meanwhile, the Examiner of Claims may be instructed to pass the charge provisionally.

Allowance, Rupees 720.

12. This item includes the consolidated travelling allowance of Rupees 1,080, (at 90 Rupees per mensem,) granted to the Travelling Deputy Conservator by the Government of India, in their Proceedings communicated in G. O. dated 14th June 1862, No. 1,312. The total sum entered under travelling allowance amounts to Rupees 4,800, of this Rupees 3,600 is the amount provided for the Conservator, Rupees 1,080 for the Travelling Deputy, and Rupees 120 for the Draughtsman accompanying the Conservator on circuit.

13. Golcondah.—This new establishment consists of an Overseer and four Peons; but when the forests are worked experimentally with the grant of Rs. 1,000, sanctioned in the estimate, the addition of a Duffadar will be necessary. Hence, a sum of Rupees 112 was entered in the Budget under the head of Establishment.

Annamallay, Rupees 208.

14. The accounts of these forests are kept by only one Clerk, who formerly had an Assistant on Rupees 20 per mensem. The duties of the Clerk will be considerably increased when the Chenat Nair Forests are systematically worked this year

with the grant of Rupees 5,000, and the employment of an extra hand will be indispensable. Hence, a sum of Rupees 200 was entered in the establishment of this forest. The difference of Rupees 8 is explained by the round number given for the total estimate of fixed charges.

Allowance, Rupees 60.

15. A sum of Rupees 60 was entered on account of the travelling allowance of the Head Overseer, who is detached for two months to Ponany, to measure and stack all the timber in the Depôt.

16. Touching the item of 118 in the Establishment of the Neilgherry Sholas below the sanctioned amount, noticed in the latter part of paragraph 11, it is to be observed that the difference, viz., Rupees 108, arises in consequence of the present Overseer drawing a consolidated pay of Rupees 50* in place of the pay and allowances drawn by his predecessor.

* G. O. dated 27th March 1863, No. 594.

		Rs.	A.	P.
Serjeant Sheffield's pay		35	0	0
Do. Military pay		24	15	5
		59	15	5
Deduct.				
Pay of the Present Overseer...	50			
Increase to a Peon promoted as Duffadar in G. O. dated 11th October 1864, No. 1,864.	1			
	—	51	0	0
Difference... ...		8	15	5

or nine Rupees (in round number) per mensem.

No. 352. ORDER THEREON, 15th June 1866, No. 1,461.

Forests. No. 13.

1. The agreement of the accounts of the Forest Department with those of the Treasury Department is of great importance. The first 8 paragraphs of the Officiating Conservator's letter above recorded will therefore be communicated to the Accountant General for his remarks.

2. The explanation given in paragraphs 9 and 10, as to the discrepancy between the estimated and actual figures for 1864-65, noticed in paragraph 4 of the Proceedings of the Government of India, dated 12th March 1866, No. 105F, Public Works Department, is satisfactory.

3. Of the items disallowed by the Government of India, in their Proceedings dated 12th March 1866, No. 105F, Public Works Department, and explained by the Officiating Conservator of Forests in paragraphs 11 to 15 of his letter, the employment of a Record-keeper in the Forest Central Office has been since authorized by the Financial Proceedings of that Government, dated 30th April 1866, No. 225. The travelling allowance of Rupees 720 retrenched is shown to be a portion of the sanctioned allowances, and it can be met from savings which will no doubt accrue. The other items noted in the margin† have not been sanctioned, and they must, therefore, continue disallowed till brought forward in usual form and duly sanctioned. The special and temporary travelling allowance of

† Duffadar for the Golcondah Establishment .. .. Rs. 112
Assistant to the Clerk at Annamallay ... 208

Rupees 60 for the Head Overseer at Annamallay for two months is sanctioned, and can be paid out of the provision made for working charges.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Accountant General.
,, the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
,, the Board of Revenue.

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as per Memorandum submitted to the Accountant General in accordance with the Resolution of the Government of India communicated in G.O. dated 18th May 1864 No 854. To the sum of Rupees 311,778 shewn by that Government in para 3 of their Proceedings Rs 18,724 actually remitted to the Malabar Treasury should have been added as wellas Rs 66 being the value of timber supplied from the Wynaad Forests which was not included in the Budget Estimate for 1866-67 received by the Government of India as this Forest having been made over to the Mysore Government agreeably to G.O. dated 10th January 1865 No 213.

* dated 15th April/64 No 2020 para 7.

9. As regards the discrepancy between the estimated and actual figures for 1864-65 noticed in para 4 of the Resolution under reply it will be seen that out of the estimated revenue of Rupees 450,000 raised by the Government of India from that of the Madras Government viz Rupees 350,000, a sum of Rupees 330,569 was actually realized from the sale proceeds of timber. The difference viz. Rupees 119,431, is attributable to the limited sales in the Anamallay Muduimallais, Wynaad and Wynaad Forests as noted in the margin. Set off however

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Nyaad	45,000	10,254	34,746
Nilgherries	2,5,000	18,790	6,210.
Total	252,000	98923	153077

Deduct amount realized over the Estimated Income of certain other ranges. 33,646

Net Decrease 119,431

11. The entry of the new expenditure of Rupees 250 in the Budget Estimate refers to the pay of the Record Keeper entertained in the Central office, agreeably to the orders of this Government dated 16th November 1865 No 2807. The necessity for employing a Record Keeper was explained by the officiating Conservator in his letter to Government recorded in the Proceedings adverted to. The accumulation of Records in the office during the past 10 years and the importance

Central office Rs 250.

of having them properly arranged rendered the entertainment of the Record keeper absolutely necessary. These facts might be represented to the Government of India in order to obtaining their sanction for the additional expenditure, struck out in the Estimate of the Central office Establishment and meanwhile, the Examiner of Claims may be instructed to pass the charge provisionally.

Allowance Rupees 720

12. This item includes the Consolidated Travelling allowance of Rs 1080 (at 90 Rupees monthly) granted to the Travelling Deputy Conservator by the Government of India in their Proceedings communicated in No. dated 14th June 1862. No 1312. The total sum ordered under Travelling allowance amounts to Rs 4,800. of this Rs 3600 is the amount provided for the Conservator Rs. 1080 for the Travelling Deputy and Rs 120 for the Draughtsman, accompanying the Conservator on circuit.

Golcondah

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Viz Rupees 108 arises in consequence of the
present Overseer drawing a Consolidated

G.O. dated 27th March 1863 No 592. pay of Rupees 50 in place of the pay and allowance drawn by his predecessor.

Sanctioned Establishment pay. ——— 35-0-0
Allowance pay. ——— 24-15-0
59-15-0

Actual
Pay of the present person. — 50.
Allowance as a person drawing
an Establishment No 1 Class. ——— 42. 4. 51-0-0
Difference. ——— 8-15-0
as per Abstract annexed to this Statement.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Ser
W Waddell Captain
Offg Conservator of Forests

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Forest Department.

From No. 1132.
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The Conservator of Forests,

To
The Secretary to Govt.
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Forest Budget Estimate for
1866-67

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Revenue Dept.

No. 1464.

Proceedings of the Madras Government under date the 15th June 1866.

Read the following letter from the officiating Conservator of Forests.

Submitting explanation of certain discrepancies pointed out in the Madras Forest Budget Estimate for 1866/67.

(Here enter 15th May 1866, No. 1806)

The agreement of the accounts of the Forest Department with those of the Treasury Dept. is of great importance. The first 8 paragraphs of the officiating Conservators letter above records will therefore be communicated to the Accountant Genl. for his remarks.

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Assistant to the Clerk
at Annamallai = 208.

6 To the Accountant General dtd 18th June
4 " Chief Commissioner of Forests
14 " Board of Revenue

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11th June 1866.

Explanation of the
Offg Conservator of Forests
relative to the discrepancies
in the Forest Budget for
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