MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 6th October 1866.

No. 157. Read the following Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Revenue—Forests,) dated Simla, 27th August 1866, No. 9 :—

Review of Budget Estimate Orders, 1866-67, *by Secretary of State.*

Real Despatch from Secretary of State, No. 45, of 25th June 1866, reviewing the Orders passed on the Budget Estimates of the Forest Department for 1866-67 throughout India, and calling for further information in regard to the decrease of net revenue in the Chenab Division.

From the Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India dated 25th June 1866. No. 45.

1. I have had under my consideration in Council, the Despatch from your Excellency in Council, numbered 5, Revenue Forests, and dated the 20th of March last, with which you transmit the Budget Estimates of the Forest Departments for all India for the year 1866-67, together with the detailed orders which you passed on them.

2. The increase of more than ten lakhs in the gross receipts, to which you direct attention in your Resolution of the 17th of March last, is, I consider, very satisfactory; and I accept your view that the increase of charge in a yet greater ratio is only to be looked upon as a temporary and natural result of the measures necessary for the effective conservancy of the Forests which have been undertaken of late years. This was a result which I find contemplated in the Despatches of my predecessor, Secretary Sir Charles Wood, and I trust with you, that the improvement which already begins to shew itself in this year's estimate will be continued, and increase as those measures become more established.

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3. I am glad to see that you impressed upon the Bengal Government the expediency of extending the Conservancy operations in that Presidency, to which allusion was made in the Despatch from this Department, numbered 49, of last year.

4. With respect to the remarks in paragraphs 5 to 9 of your Resolution of the 14th of March on the marked decrease of the surplus in the Chenab Division, I trust that your anticipation may prove correct, and that in this case also the beneficial results of present operations will be felt hereafter. But so great a decrease as nearly a lakh in three years makes me apprehensive lest the surplus of 1864-65 should have been apparent rather than real, and obtained by an excessive felling of timber having trenched upon the supply of future years. This is an evil much to be guarded against, and I desire to be informed whether there is reason to believe that the great difference between these three years is in any way to be attributed to this cause, or can be accounted for in any other manner.

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that a copy of the reply, addressed to the Secretary of State by the Government of India, be also forwarded to the Government of the Punjab.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Lieut.-Colonel, R. A.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 158. ORDER THEREON, 6th October 1866, No. 2,699.

Forests, No. 5.

Communicated to the Officiating Conservator of Forests for his information.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Under Secretary to Government.

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

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CIRCULAR No. 9 FOREST.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Revenue—Forests.

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William [illegible]
Offg. Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 2699.
Commissioner of Multan's D.O. No. [illegible] dated 20th Oct. 66
Submitting—
1. Copy of Circular No. 9 Forests dated 27th August 1866.
2. Copy of Review of Budget Estimates 1866-67.

Rec'd 1866. Oct. 31st
Copy forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of India.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
REVENUE—FORESTS.

To

CIRCULAR No. 9 FOREST.
Dated SIMLA, *August* 27, 1866.
Received 22 Oct 1866

Review of Budget-Estimate Orders, 1866-67, by Secretary of State.

No. 2699-61 dated 22nd Oct 1866
Circular—

A. 1st Nov/66

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