

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th February 1866.*

No. 142. Read the following Proceedings of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, Public Works Department, (Revenue Forests), dated Fort William, 13th January 1866, No. 26F:—

Conservation of the Golcondah Hill Forests.

Read a letter No. 2,987, dated the 7th December 1865, from the Government of Madras, in the Revenue Department, submitting for orders a Tabular Statement of establishment required for the Conservancy of the Golcondah Hill Forests in the Vizagapatam District.

OBSERVATIONS.—The Madras Government has submitted for orders a Tabular Statement of establishment required for the conservation of the Golcondah Hill Forests in the Vizagapatam District.

2. The establishment proposed, consists of—

1 Third Class Overseer on Rupees 60 (with travelling allowance at Rupees 15) per mensem.	RS. 75
4 Peons at 6	24
Total	99

per mensem, or Rupees 1,188 per annum.

3. It is reported that the forests all belong to Government, and consist of a most densely wooded tract, covering an area of 4,800 square miles, after visiting which the Governor's Agent has recommended it should be transferred to the Forest Department, in order that the burning and felling now carried on so recklessly in all the hill Zemindaries may be controlled. Concurring in the views of the Agent, the Officiating Conservator of Forests has recommended that a tax of one Rupee per load for all jungle timbers, and Rupees three for the reserved timbers should be levied, to cover the costs of establishment; conservancy being gradually introduced.

4. No additional grant is asked for in the current year, as the charge can be met from savings in the grant for fixed establishment of the Wynad Range.

5. The Governor General in Council thinks it highly probable that these forests may turn out to be valuable, and that the proposed expense may be covered. But before according permanent sanction to the proposition, the Madras Government should be requested to furnish evidence that it has considered in more detail the circumstances and requirements of this extensive tract of forest, the adequacy and suitability of the establishment proposed, and the financial results that may be possible. Meanwhile, the entertainment of the establishment authorized by the Madras Government may be approved for the current year.

ORDER.—Ordered, that these observations with the letter now read and its enclosures be communicated to the Financial Department for consideration and orders.

2. Ordered also, that they be communicated to the Madras Government, with reference to paragraph 5.

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

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ORDER THEREON, 7th February 1866, No. 337.

Forests, No. 1.

Communicated to the Conservator of Forests,
with reference to the Order of Government, 7th
December 1865, No. 2,986; and with a request
that he will submit a full report on the points noted in paragraph 5 of the fore-
going Proceedings of the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Conservator of Forests.
,, the Accountant General.

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*W. D. ...
Secretary to the Govt. of India.*

*To
The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras.
in the Revenue Department.*

