

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	671	Press Mis.
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9th May 1870.*

No. 103. Read the following despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, (Revenue—Forests,) to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 17th March 1870, No. 4 :—

I HAVE considered in Council the despatch of your Excellency in Council, numbered 6 (Forests) and dated the 15th of November, which transmitted the report of the Officiating Conservator of Forests on the forests of your Presidency for the year 1868-69.

2. The financial results show only a profit of 51,051 Rupees, a still smaller

	1866-67.	1867-68.	1868-69.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Receipts	3,38,601	4,24,184	3,91,179
Charges	2,17,149	2,72,840	2,69,700
	1,21,452	1,51,344	1,21,479
Difference in value of stock at the beginning of each year.	11,127	83,720	70,428
	1,10,325	67,624	51,051

amount of profit than was obtained in the previous year, although that amount was considerably less than in 1866-67. The profit, indeed, of the present year is less than half the amount obtained in 1866-67, and this profit will be very much diminished by the defalcations of Mr. Turnbull, the Overseer. It is true that a large sum is still due for timber sold and not paid for, the amount of which is not brought to credit this year; but this has probably happened on

other occasions. It is, however, a proceeding much to be deprecated, and instructions seem called for to obtain, especially from the other departments of Government, as speedy a settlement of accounts as possible.

3. In my despatch of the 13th of May last, No. 45, in the Financial Department, I have already noticed the neglect which left so large an amount of departmental money without check in the hands of Overseer Turnbull, and I trust that the measures of which you have since reported to me the adoption will prevent the recurrence of such a loss.

4. The diminution of the amount of profit in one year is not, I am aware, a proof of unsuccessful conservancy, since necessary expenditure may have been incurred, the fruits of which, in increased profit, will only be reaped in future years, and the report seems to give satisfactory evidence of efficient superintendence on most points.

5. You have noticed the general failure in the planting operations of the year, but the adverse nature of the season in great measure accounts for this. The observations on this point in your orders are entirely approved by me, as tending to impress upon officers that which you justly term "the vital importance of conserving the natural firewood supply, and supplementing it by artificial plantations." You may rely on my sanction to the measures which you may deem necessary for the accomplishment of these objects, which are becoming every year of more consequence to the community.

6. The suggestions of Major Beddome, for the construction of tramways or other lines of road, for the conveyance of fuel and timber from the jungles to depôts near railway stations and towns, seem to me to be likely to be one important means of obtaining the end in view; and I have been much struck by the

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report of Captain Gosling on the Anamallay forests, which show at how small an expenditure of time and labour a valuable road may be constructed, when an energetic officer gives his personal superintendence to the work.

7. The proceedings, which you have added to your despatch, supply in great measure an answer to the complaints of the Madras Railway Company, which I forwarded to you in my despatch of the 21st of December last, No. 11, but your reply to that despatch, when it comes, will enable me to make a more complete answer to the Company.

8. I have also recently brought to your notice the questions of the preservation and collection of minor forest-products, and the best means of preserving the Government forests from depredation, so that no observation is now called for on those points.

No. 101.

ORDER THEREON, 9th May 1870, No. 671.

Forests, No. 2.

COMMUNICATED to the Officiating
Conservator of Forests and to the Board
of Revenue, with reference to the

Proceedings of Government, 7th October 1869, No. 2,742.

2. It is observed, with reference to the latter part of paragraph 2 of the despatch, that the Bombay Government have recently been addressed in view to the issue of instructions to the Superintendent of Marine at that place for the timely adjustment of the value of timber supplied to that officer by the Madras Forest Department.

3. Major Beddome will be requested to communicate the latter part of paragraph 6 of the despatch to Captain Gosling.

4. The despatch of the 21st December 1869, No. 11, referred to in paragraph 7, is under the consideration of Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No 671

9th May 1870

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REVENUE.

THE OFFICIATING CONSERVATOR
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Nos. 103-104.Forest Report for 1868-69.—Despatch from
Home Government reviewing it, communicated to
officers concerned.

1. Communicated
to the Officiating Con-
servator of Forests and
to the Board of Revenue
with reference to the
Procs. of Govt. 7th Octr.
1869 No. 2742.

2. It is observed
with reference to the
latter part of para.
2 of the Despatch, that

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to Bombay Govt. 11th Dec. 503— recently been addressed

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