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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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23rd April 1866.*

No. 353. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Revenue—Forests), dated Fort William, 12th March 1866, No. 105 F :—

Madras Budget-Estimate Orders, 1866-67.

Read—

Letter No. 3,015, dated 13th December 1865, from the Secretary to Government of Madras, in the Revenue Department, transmitting the Budget Estimate of the Forest Department for 1866-67.

RESOLUTION.—The Madras Government having represented the difficulty of submitting its Forest Budget Estimate by the date prescribed in this Department, viz., the 15th November, was informed that the Government of India would be satisfied if it reached this Office by the 20th December. The estimate was received on the 23rd of that month, accompanied by an explanatory Memorandum by Dr. Cleghorn, the Conservator of Forests, and a review by the Government of Madras.

2. The figures for 1864-65 are—

	Sanctioned Estimate.	Regular Estimate.	Actuals.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Receipts	4,50,000	4,00,000	3,11,778
Charges	2,90,000	2,15,000	1,89,957
Surplus	1,60,000	1,85,000	1,21,821

the actuals shewing a falling off compared with the Budget Estimate in the gross revenue of Rupees 1,38,222, and in the net revenue of Rupees 38,179, the working expenses having been less by Rupees 1,00,043 than they were estimated.

3. It is observed that, in the review of the Madras Government, the actual receipts are stated to be Rupees 2,98,500, whereas, according to the Budget Estimate, they amount to Rupees 3,11,778. If the former figure be correct, then the actual surplus for 1864-65 is reduced to Rupees 1,08,543.

4. No explanation is given of the great discrepancy between the estimated and actual figures for 1864-65, but the general result may be considered satisfactory, a more than proportionate surplus revenue having been obtained with a smaller outlay.

5. For 1865-66, the current year, the sanctioned estimate is—

	RS.
Receipts	4,00,000
Charges	3,00,000
Surplus	1,00,000

The regular Estimate, as prepared by the Conservator, is—

Receipts	3,80,000
Charges	2,92,797
Surplus	87,203

6. The net reduction in the Estimate of revenue is Rupees 20,000. This is accounted for by a falling off of Rupees 50,000 in the estimated receipts from the Anamallai and Mudamallai Forests, due to there being no demand for timber in store, in consequence of the abolition of the Indian Navy, and by increases in some

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of the other Divisions expected to amount to Rupees 30,000. The Madras Government, however, entertains doubts whether the receipts of the year will amount to even the reduced estimate.

7. For next year, 1866-67, the following figures are proposed by the Government of Madras, after revision of the Conservator's Estimates:—

Receipts	RS.
Charges	RS.
Surplus	70,000

The surplus as thus estimated is less than is anticipated in the current year, and as much as Rupees 50,000 less than was actually realized in 1864-65. In 1863-64, however, the actual surplus was about Rupees 40,000. The Government of Madras has very carefully revised the estimate of receipts, and the Government of India accepts it as submitted. It is observed that in estimating the receipts, the expected effect of the abolition of the seigniorage on bamboos has been allowed for.

8. The charges, Rupees 3,30,000, are divided as follows:—

Conservancy and working	RS.
Establishment	RS.
Total	3,30,000

9. The Ranges in which by far the largest outlay for working expenses is incurred, are the Anamallai and Mudamallai. The Government of Madras has reduced the Conservator's Estimate of the revenue of those forests from Rs. 70,000 and Rupees 1,00,000, to Rupees 50,000 and Rupees 75,000, respectively, but the working expenses have not been proportionately diminished. The Government of India considers that, in each case, they may be reduced by Rupees 10,000, and that the aggregate of Conservancy and Working, may be taken at Rupees 1,77,000. In the Salem Range also, the working expenses are large, and the immediate result of operations will be unfavorable in a financial point of view, but this is to a great extent due to a sum of Rupees 10,000 having been taken for communications.

10. Certain establishments in the undermentioned divisions can only be admitted provisionally, pending sanction, viz:—

	Salaries.	Allowances.
	RS.	RS.
Cuddapah	300	
North Arcot	144	
Polur and Vellore		180
Chenat, Nair, &c.	1,248	
Nelambur	600	360
Total	2,292	540

11. In the following Divisions the establishments appear to be provided for in excess of sanctioned scales, and are disallowed to the extent entered:—

	Salaries.	Allowances.
	RS.	RS.
Central Office	250	720
Golcondah	112	0
Anamallais	208	60
Total	570	780

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On the other hand, it is observed, that the establishments of the Neilgherry Sholas are taken Rupees 118 lower than sanctioned.

12. Deducting the amounts entered in excess from the respective items under Establishments, the Estimate will stand as follows:—

	Salaries.	Allowances.	Contingencies.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Estimate	1,15,450	12,480	4,900
Deduct	570	780	
Difference	1,14,880	11,700	4,900
or Salaries		1,15,000	
Allowances		11,500	
Contingencies		5,000	
Total		1,31,500	

of which, Rupees 2,832, as detailed in paragraph 10, are passed provisionally.

13. Summarising the above, the Estimate for the ensuing year will stand as follows:—

	RS.
Receipts	4,00,000
Charges	3,08,500
Surplus	91,500

ORDER.—Ordered, that this Resolution be communicated to the Financial Department, with the letter now read and enclosure, for information.

Ordered also, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Government of Madras, in the Revenue Department, for information.

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

No. 354. ORDER THEREON, 23rd April 1866, No. 951.

Forests, No. 7.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Conservator of Forests and the Board of Revenue.

2. Dr. Cleghorn will report upon the establishments disallowed in paragraph 11 of the Resolution.

3. The Government observe, with reference to paragraph 3, that the actual receipts in 1864-65 amounted to only Rupees 2,98,500, according to the Treasury accounts furnished by the Collectors to the Accountant General. Dr. Cleghorn will explain the discrepancy alluded to by the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Forests and the Board of Revenue.

2. Mr Phipps will report
upon the establishments disal-
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3. The Govt observe with
reference to para 3 that the actual
receipts in 1864/5 amounted to only
Rs 2,98,500 according to the Treasury
Accounts furnished by the Collectors to the
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4. To be communicated to the Board of Revenue.