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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 665. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th May 1868, No. 3,321.

Read the following letter from Major R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 28th January 1868, No. 510:—

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings dated 20th ultimo, No. 8,178, I have the honor to submit revised Account Current of the several Ranges under conservancy, shewing on the debit side the sums actually expended on account of Forest operations during the past official year.

2. The alterations made in the present returns do not in any way affect the accounts of the Treasury Collectors, who, under the existing audit system, are not required to keep books for adjustment of advances drawn from their treasuries, but simply to treat them as paid-up charges.

3. As regards the discrepancy, noticed in paragraph 5 of the Proceedings under acknowledgment, I beg to explain that a sum of Rupees 1,000 was erroneously entered in the Memorandum No. I., which accompanied the annual accounts for 1865-66, in excess of the amount actually drawn from the Coimbatore Treasury, and the same was included in the closing balance of that return. The mistake was subsequently discoverd, and has been rectified in the opening balance of the Memorandum No. I. of the Bowany Forest for 1866-67, by reducing the amount from Rupees 4,861-3-11 to Rupees 3,861-3-11.

4. The difference observed by the Board in paragraph 6 has been cleared up, by splitting the two items of value of timber sold, and that supplied to Public Departments, and placing them under their proper heads in Memorandum No. II. of the Wynaad accounts for 1866-67.

5. Under the foregoing explanation, I beg that the Board will be good enough to pass the revised accounts. The Abstract Statement of charges, exhibited along with the receipts in paragraph 27 of Doctor Cleghorn's Report, recorded by the Board, has now been necessarily revised. The difference between the total of the former, and that shewn in the Statement appended to my Annual Report for 1866-67, reviewed by Government,* is owing to the inclusion, into the present return, of sums actually passed for adjustment, while those in the latter embrace the advances drawn from the treasury for Forest operations.

* In G. O. dated 5th October 1867, No. 2,340.

Abstract Statement of the Receipts and Charges and Stock of Timber in the several Ranges for 1866-67, *compared with those of* 1865-66.

Districts.	Forests.	Receipts by sale of timber, &c.		Charges.		Value of stock of timber on the 30th April 1866 and 31st March 1867.	
		1865-66.	1866-67.	1865-66.	1866-67.	1865-66.	1866-67.
Ganjam ...	Gumsoor and Surada...	2,656	11,057	8,740	4,692	7,510	1,403
Vizagapatam.	Golcondah	27	184	410	995	...	...
	Cuddapah	27,493	25,877	7,223	6,263	7,042	7,564
	Kurnool	33,671	21,366	9,652	10,853	1,471	2,235
	North Arcot	5,620	2,743	2,392	2,116	704	689
	South Arcot	2,828	3,000	360	561	...	...
	Madura	6,529	5,580	5,599	6,316	566	3,242
	Tinnevelly	.....	2,364	...	363	...	...
Coimbatore.	Annamallay ...	11,184	12,040	28,445	17,652	2,81,904	2,72,121
	Chenat Nair and Bolumputty	361	405	1,097	1,313	2,317	7,011
	Mudumallay	67,571	69,611	64,891	52,826	2,15,461	1,94,775
	Segur and Suttiamungalum	28,269	26,514	11,554	9,651	33,786	37,173
	Bowany	14,778	16,291	7,906	9,967	6,000	1,453
	Collegal	16,853	16,866	6,174	7,337	4,551	3,645
	Neilgherry Sholas ...	3,901	4,321	5,966	4,873	...	...
	Australian Plantation.	565	514	2,168	1,821	...	...
	Salem	34,734	57,519	12,206	17,093	5,745	8,756
	South Canara	17,269	23,924	18,188	19,434	31,657	48,624
Malabar.	Wynaad	32,651	11,425	20,526	17,244	41,052	46,369
	Nellumbur	14,621	27,006	18,074	12,410	49,897	43,477
	Total ...	3,21,581	3,38,607	2,31,571	2,03,780	6,89,663	6,78,537
	Pay of the Conservator of Forests, Office Establishment, &c. ...	...	...	28,231	20,235	...	...
	Total ...	...	...	2,59,802	2,24,015	...	...

Enclosures Nos. 1 to 20.—Statements.

1. With this letter the Officiating Conservator submits revised accounts of the several Forests under his charge during the year 1866-67, as directed by the Board in their Proceedings, dated 20th December 1867, No. 8,178.

2. The accounts now submitted have been examined and found correct. It will be seen from the abstract appended to the Officiating Conservator's letter above recorded, that the gross revenue derived from the several forests during the year 1866-67, inclusive of the value of timber supplied to Public Departments, amounted to Rupees 3,38,607, and the charges to Rupees 2,24,015, or 66 per cent. The net result is a profit to Government of Rupees 1,14,592, while, in the preceding year, the clear receipts were only Rupees 61,779. This result is satisfactory, especially as the transactions for the past official year were only for eleven months, while those of 1865-66 were for twelve.

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3. The charges of the several forests, during the year 1866-67, as now revised, are the sums actually expended on forest operations from the previous year's cash balance, and from the money drawn from the Collector's treasuries during the year. They will, therefore, as observed by Major Beddome, differ from the amount given in the abstract appended to the Conservator's report to Government, dated 1st April 1867, which was prepared with reference to the sums drawn during the year from the several treasuries for establishment and working charges. The difference is shewn in the margin.

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Total charges as per abstract furnished to Government	2,17,149
Do. do. to Board	2,24,015
Difference...	6,866

4. The estimated value of timber in store on the 30th March 1867 exhibits a small decrease of Rupees 11,126, when compared with the balance on the 30th April 1866. This result, the Conservator states,* is owing to reduced operations in the Annamallay Forests consequent on frequent changes of officers and limited sales; but the Board observe from his further remarks that there is some probability of disposing of the whole stock of timber in the current year, the Annamallay teak being again in demand for ordnance and ship-building purposes.

* Letter dated 4th July 1867, paragraph 29, recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 20th December 1867, No. 8,178.

5. The outstanding balances of the Annamallay and Mudumallay forests are very large, namely, Rupees 5,542 and 11,144, respectively. Major Beddome should endeavour to reduce them as much as possible.

No. 666. Order thereon, 29th May 1868, No. 1,501.

Forests, No. 16.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Submitting for information letter from Conservator of Forests forwarding, revised account current of the ranges under Conservancy.

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