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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 6th November 1868.

No. 119. Read the following letter from the Accountant General, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort St. George, 17th October 1868, No. 188

1. With reference to the 6th paragraph of the Standing Order from the Government of India, in the Public Works Department, No. 5 of 1867, I have the honor to submit, herewith, the Budget-Estimate of the Forest Department for 1869-70, duly examined by this Office, the results of which are given in the two accompanying Memoranda marked A. and B.

I. Copy of the sanctioned scale of Establishment.
II. Report on the contemplated operations of the department for 1869-70.
III. Annual Abstract Account of the cash transactions of the department for 1867-68.
IV. Annual Administration Report for 1867-68.

2. With the above are also forwarded the documents noted in the margin, received from the Conservator of Forests, with his letter, No. 964, dated the 5th instant, copy of which is also enclosed.

3. I have, at the same time, to request that, as the date fixed by the Government of India, within which the Forest Budget-Estimate should reach Calcutta, is the 15th proximo, the orders of the Government on the subject may be sent to me so as to allow the necessary extracts for the General Budget-Estimate being taken by this Office before the arrival of the first English Mail of next month.

From the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Accountant General, Fort St. George, dated Camp at Ootacamund, 5th October 1868, No. 964.

I. Copy of last sanctioned scale of Establishment.
II. Report on the contemplated operations for the official year 1869-70.
III. Annual Abstract Account of cash transactions of the Forest Dept. for 1867-68.
IV. Annual Administration Report reviewed by Government in G. O., 13th August 1868, No. 2,155.

1. Pursuant to the Standing Order of the Government of India, No. 5 of 1867, in regard to Forest Budget-Estimates, I have the honor to forward the Budget-Estimate of the Forest Department of the Presidency for the ensuing official year, with the accompaniments named in the margin.

2. The first-mentioned document having been lately revised and transmitted by the Madras Government to the Government of India in G. O., 18th July 1868, No. 1,989, the only additions since made to the scale of establishment are those of a 2nd Writer on Rupees 20 per mensem, sanctioned for the Office of the Anamallay Range in G. O., 22nd ultimo, No. 2,452, and of Rupees 46 per mensem on account of increase in the pay of the Overseer and Peons of the Gumsoor and Surada Forests, authorised by G. O., No. 2,533, dated 2nd instant.

3. The discrepancies between the actuals and the estimated receipt and charges of 1867-68 are explained as follow.

4. A sum of Rupees 4,24,184 has been carried in the accounts to the credit of Forest Income, which includes the value of timber supplied to Department Public Works as per the annual returns submitted to you for last year. The increase of Rupees 44,184, over the estimated amount of Rupees 3,80,000 for 1867-68, is owing to larger sales of the timber, stored in the several depôts during that and previous years, to the merchants and Public Departments of this and the Bombay Presidencies.

5. Against the estimated expenditure under "Conservancy and Working," of Rupees 1,40,000 for 1867-68, there was a sum of Rupees 1,62,037-13-0. The difference, *viz.*, Rupees 22,037, is attributable to the inclusion in the Forest Accounts of an advance of Rupees 30,025-8-0, disbursed by the Collector of Malabar for a renewal of the lease of the Anamallay Forests, of which amount the Government of India have, however, been pleased to transfer to Grant 6, "Forests," a sum of Rupees 20,000, from Grant 25, "Allowances and Assignments under Treaties and Engagements" to enable the Accountant General to have the advance referred to adjusted in his territorial books.

6. *Establishment.*—Under this head there was a saving of Rupees 6,777 from the estimated amount of Rupees 1,33,000, only Rupees 1,26,223 having been expended during 1867-68 on account of Salaries, Allowances, and Office Contingencies, inclusive of Rupees 2,123 debited to this department on account of official postage from August 1866 to September 1867 under orders from the Comptroller General of Accounts, communicated in your letter, dated 5th ultimo, No. 3,087. This saving is due chiefly to the pay of the Conservator being undrawn since November last, and the Officiating Conservator drawing only a deputation allowance of 20 per cent., and partly to the vacancies in some of the Establishments, for which competent hands are required, not being filled up.

7. Regular Estimate.—No changes are anticipated in the total of the estimated receipts and charges, the slight increase in the latter of Rupees 680, in the item of Salaries and Contingencies under B, "Establishment," being ascribable partly to the sum of Rupees 1,960 entered on account of Service Postage, agreeably to a Circular from the Government of India, dated 22nd April 1868, No. 6, communicated in G. O., 9th May 1868, No. 1,286.

8. Budget-Estimate.—The revenue has been estimated at Rupees 4,70,000, which exceeds the Estimate of this year by Rupees 20,000. This excess may be fairly expected to be realised from the disposal of the large quantity of Teak lying in the Ponany Depôt to the Bombay Marine Department and from other minor sources.

9. *Expenditure.*—The charges for "Conservancy and Working," estimated at Rupees 2,00,000, include provision for extended felling and planting operations, besides improvement of forest roads and formation of fuel reserves for the Locomotive Department. Hence the excess of Rs. 35,700 over the current year's Estimate.

10. *Establishment.*—The Salaries and Office Contingencies under B, "Establishment" have been estimated at Rupees 1,56,497, the increase of Rupees 10,997 over the Estimate sanctioned for this year comprises the additional Establishment sanctioned from time to time, and the sum of Rupees 1,960 on account of official postage, agreeably to the Resolution of the Government of India above quoted.

11. The financial results anticipated may be thus summarised :—

		RS.
Receipts...		4,70,000
A.—Conservancy and Working ...	2,00,000	
B.—Establishment	1,56,497	
		3,56,497
Surplus ...		1,13,503

12. The accompanying Budget-Estimate and its enclosures, which have been carefully prepared, will, I trust, be found correct, and I have the honor, in conclusion, to request that directions be issued for printing the future Budget forms in accordance with the order in which the several Forest Ranges are exhibited in the printed Tabular Statement of revised Establishment submitted herewith.

II. *Report on the contemplated operations for the official year* 1869-70.

1. Central Office.—In item B, "Executive," of the Central Office Establishment is included a provision of Rupees 1,250 for the pay of a trained Assistant, who is expected to reach India from Europe at the end of 1869, or early in 1870, for covenanted service in the Forest Department of this Presidency.

2. There is a saving of Rupees 5,600 from the salary of the Conservator, who is now absent from duty, but likely to return to this country before the expiration of his leave, the Officiating Conservator drawing only a deputation allowance of Rupees 20 per cent. ; but from that source has to be met the additional expenditure incident to the promotion of the Assistant Conservators of Cuddapah and Kurnool, and the extra establishments sanctioned for this year. The regular Estimate has in consequence been reduced to Rupees 27,440, which embraces also a reduction of the travelling allowance of the 1st Class Deputy Conservator from Rupees 1,800 to 750.

3. A sum of Rupees 500 has been entered in the Regular and Budget-Estimates in Item No. 4, "Sundries," to meet the amount of extra charge for printing the annual report of the department and the supply of Peons' belts.

4. Golcondah.—*Revenue.*—This Range, which is under the immediate control* of the Collector of Vizagapatam, is still in an infant state, and it is deemed expedient to place a Native Sub-Overseer, under the supervision of the Head Assistant Collector of this district, on a small monthly allowance of Rupees 30, in room of the 75 Rupees now drawn by an East Indian Overseer, the revenue being so very limited as not to admit at present of the employment of a highly paid establishment.

* *Vide* G. O., 20th November 1866, No. 3,168.

5. Gumsoor and Surada Forests.—*Establishment.*—Provision has been made in the Budget-Estimate for the proposed increase to the salaries of the Overseer and Peons of the Establishment of this Range, agreeably to G. O., 2nd instant, No. 2,533.

6. Cuddapah.—*Revenue.*—The income from this has been estimated at Rupees 45,000, which, it is anticipated, will be fully realised from the working of Red Sanders roots by the department instead of under the License System, which has been abolished with the concurrence of the Collector of Cuddapah.

7. *Expenditure.*—The cost of extending the Red Sanders plantation inclusive of the annual charge for the gardeners maintained thereon, agreeably to G. O., 9th October 1867, No. 2,375, enclosing firewood reserves in the Ballapullay jungles for the Locomotive Department, and constructing jungle roads and foot-paths, will not, it is calculated, exceed Rupees 14,000, being Rupees 5,000 less than the amount estimated by Mr. Yarde in the Budget.

8. *Establishment.*—The increased expenditure entered both in the Regular and Budget-Estimates has reference to the items of pay and travelling allowance

of "Executive Officers," and arises from the promotion of the Assistant Conservator of this Range, as sanctioned in G. O., 17th April 1868, No. 1,008.

9. KURNOOL.—*Revenue.*—The estimated revenue is based upon the actuals of the past year. The elephants and bullock-cart establishments are employed in the conveyance of timber to the depôt, but there is little or no demand for it at present. Mr. Sheffield has, however, proposed to float it down experimentally to Nellur, where it is hoped a good market will be found.

10. *Establishment.*—The extra charge, consequent on the promotion of Mr. Sheffield,* has been entered both in the Regular and the Budget-Estimates.

* G. O., 17th April 1868, No. 1,008.

11. NORTH ARCOT.—*Revenue.*—The incomings are chiefly those derived from the working of the forests under the License System; but a not inconsiderable addition thereto may reasonably be looked for hereafter from the extensive plantations of Acacias and Casuarinas in Amerdy, Terupathy, and Teruvellum Railway Stations, now being vigorously carried on by an Overseer under the direct supervision of Mr. Yarde, the Officer in charge of this Range.

12. SOUTH ARCOT.—*Revenue.*—In this the revenue under the License System is steadily increasing, though sales of timber have been hitherto rather limited. A small sum of Rupees 6,000 from this source is expected to be realised by sale of the timber to be stored in the depôt at Chengamah.

13. *Establishment.*—The actuals of the "Establishment" include the pay, for December 1867 and January 1868, of the Deputy Conservator, who had drawn this amount from the South Arcot treasury, while he was engaged in inspecting the forest tracts of that district, and it was, therefore, necessary to debit a portion of his salary to this Range.

14. MADURA.—*Revenue.*—A sum of Rupees 1,000, under the Voucher and License System, and departmental working of Cumbum and part of Madura Forests, is expected to be realised over and above the Estimate of this year, through close supervision of the 2nd Class Deputy Conservator, who assumed charge of this and the Tinnevelly Range in May last, agreeably to G. O., dated 6th January 1868, No. 29.

15. *Establishment.*—In place of a 2nd, the appointment of a 3rd Class Overseer, on Rupees 60 + 15 travelling allowance, having been sanctioned by Government, the expenditure on this account has accordingly been given both in the Regular and Budget-Estimates. By this arrangement there is an annual saving of Rupees 420.

16. ANAMALLAY.—*Revenue.*—The whole of the timber that was lying in the several depôts having been sold to the Bombay Marine Department, its removal from the forest and transport to the coast, as well as adjustment of the value of the timber, will be partly effected during the present and partly by the end of next year, when the accounts of this Range will, it is reckoned, show a clear revenue of Rupees 75,000, in addition to Rupees 5,000 realisable under the Voucher and License System, which latter has been recently brought into operation with an additional establishment sanctioned by Government in G. O., 7th April 1868, No. 931.

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17. *Expenditure.*—The actuals of expenditure, under head "Working and Conservancy," embrace an item of Rupees 30,025-8-0, disbursed by the Collector of Malabar for a renewal of the lease of the Anamallay Forest tracts from the Colungode Numbudi, of which Rupees 20,000 were transferred by the Government of India from Grant 25, "Allowances and Assignments under Treaties and Engagements," to Grant 6, "Forest," of the Madras Budget for 1867-68.

18. In the Regular Estimate of working charges Rupees 5,000 have been included in Item No. 10, on account of improvement of the Ghaut road from the foot of the Anamallays to the head of the timber slip; a transfer of that amount having been sanctioned* by Government from savings of the Budget-Estimate of Wynaad Forest, the felling operations in which have been suspended pending disposal of the large quantity of timber already stored in the depôt by Lieutenant Fullerton. At the same time provision has been made for the felling and carriage of timber from both the Anamallay and Poonachee Forests, as well as for improvements and repairs of roads. Hence an increase of Rupees 20,000 over the estimate of the current year.

* G. O., 28th April 1868, No. 1,141.

19. *Establishment.*—The pay of a 3rd Class Deputy Conservator, as drawn by the present Deputy, has been entered both in the Regular and Budget-Estimates in place of the grant for this year of Rupees 700, the 2nd Class grade, vacated by the late incumbent, having, agreeably to G. O., 28th November 1867, No. 2,830, been filled up by Lieutenant Fullerton, whose pay is accordingly entered in the Regular and Budget-Estimates of Tinnevelly, to which Range that Officer was transferred from Wynaad under G. O. dated 6th January 1868, No. 29. The extra expenditure authorised for the employment of an Elephant Hakeem,* and of an additional Overseer,† Gumashtah, and Peons, as well as of a 2nd Writer,‡ being also provided for in both the Regular and Budget-Estimates.

* G. O., 7th Jan. 1868, No. 47.
† G. O., 7th April ,, ,, 931.
‡ G. O., 22nd Sept. ,, ,, 2,452.

20. The allowance to a Dresser or 2nd Class Hospital Assistant of Rupees 40,§ instead of that of Rupees 32, including batta drawn under the old rules, has, moreover, been entered in Item 7 of B, "Salaries" for one year, instead of six months, as his services are required for nearly twelve months.

§ *Vide* G. O. G. G., No. 550, dated 5th June 1868.

21. CHENAT NAIR AND BOLAMPUTTY FORESTS.—*Establishment.*—The Estimate of this Range provides for cost of the additional hands sanctioned‖ for the Walliar Fuel Reserves, and the conservation and working of Chenat Nair, Bolamputty, and Sholacary Forests, partly under the Voucher and License System, and partly Departmentally.

‖ G. O., 7th April 1868, No. 922.

22. MUDUMALLAI.—*Expenditure.*—The Regular Estimate of expenditure for this year under "Conservancy and Working" was raised from Rupees 25,000 to 30,000, owing to the extensive operations carried on in this forest by Lieutenant-Colonel Morgan, who reduced proportionally the Estimate of the other Ranges in his chareg to meet the extra outlay. The latter amount has, for the reason abovementioned, been entered in the Budget-Estimate of 1869-70.

23. SEGOOR AND SATTIMUNGALUM, COLLEGAL AND BHOWANI.—*Revenue and Expenditure.*—The revenue and working charges of these forests have been reduced in consequence of a slackness in the timber trade.

24. NEILGHERRY SHOLAS AND AUSTRALIAN PLANTATION.—*Revenue and Expenditure.*—The revenue from these does not progress so rapidly as was anticipated, owing to the market on the hills being glutted with timber and firewood removed from the sholas that have been cleared out for the planting of Chinchona. Hence the low figures in the estimated revenue compared with the amount of working charges, which cannot be reduced as planting operations are still being extensively carried on.

25. *Establishment.*—The charges of the two establishments, both in the Regular and Budget-Estimates for 1869-70, are in accordance with the scale sanctioned by the Government of India, dated 16th May 1868, No. 168 F., Public Works Department, communicated in G. O., 2nd June 1868, No. 1,529. The changes proposed in the Overseers' establishment by the Officiating Conservator of Forests have not yet been passed by this Government, who have referred* the subject to the Commissioner for the Neilgherries for his views thereon.

* G. O., 6th August 1868, No. 2,107.

26. SALEM.—*Expenditure.*—The estimates of this Range includes a provision of Rupees 15,000 in No. 10, "Conservancy and Working" for the extension of fuel reserves and the improvement of forest roads that may be sanctioned during the course of next year, it being considered highly desirable to have funds in reserve for works of this nature.

27. *Establishment.*—Lieutenant Walker has not yet determined on a final organization of the establishment of this Range, Government having sanctioned† the continuance of the existing arrangements for a further period of six months; consequently no change has been made in the estimated expenditure for 1869-70, which is in accordance with the general Tabular Statement of the revised Establishment of the department transmitted‡ to the Government of India.

† G. O., 1st July 1868, No. 1,831.

‡ G. O., 18th July 1868, No. 1,989.

28. SOUTH CANARA.—*Establishment.*—The Assistant Conservator of this Range having been promoted to the 2nd class grade in G. O., dated 21st January 1868, No. 159, the extra expenditure consequent thereupon is included in Item No. 2 of the Regular and Budget-Estimates; the difference between which in Items Nos. 6 and 14 of Establishment is owing to the full authorised establishments, which are under the present increased operations of this Range required to be entertained at once, being entered in the Budget-Estimate, only a portion of those establishments for which provision was hitherto made having been employed since, the firewood jungles were made over to the Collector of the District.

29. WYNAAD.—*Expenditure.*—As already stated above, in paragraph 18, a sum of Rupees 5,000 was transferred from the grant for this Range to Anamallay on account of the Ghaut roads in process of construction, thereby reducing the Regular Estimate to Rupees 9,500; whilst the estimated expenditure of Rupees 3,000 for next year has reference only to the carriage of timber, cutting creepers, and planting

operations, as no felling is to be carried on till the large quantity of timber in store is disposed of.

30. *Establishment.*—Both in the Regular and Budget-Estimates the pay of a 1st Class Overseer, with a special per-centage of 50 per cent., as well as travelling allowance, have been entered in place of the pay of the 3rd Class Deputy, who was promoted to 2nd Class grade, and whose salary is entered in Tinnevelly Range, as stated above in paragraph 14.

31. NELUMBUR.—*Establishment.*—The Regular and Budget-Estimates include the additional charge for the employment of an Overseer and for the revised establishment sanctioned in G. O., No. 2,515, dated 25th October 1867.

32 TINNEVELLY.—*Revenue.*—The revenue for 1869-70 estimated at Rs. 17,500 may fairly be expected to be realised under the close supervision of the Deputy Conservator, who took* charge of this Range on 1st May 1868, from which date his pay has been entered both in the Regular and Budget-Estimates.

* G. O., 6th January 1868, No. 29.

33. *Office Contingencies and Sundries.*—The actuals under this head include a sum of Rupees 2,122-13-0 on account of official postage from August 1866 to September 1867, debited in the accounts of the Forest Department of this Presidency, under orders from the Comptroller General of Accounts, Calcutta, as communicated by the Accountant General in his letter, dated 5th ultimo, No. 3,087.

34. The Regular Estimate embraces also Rupees 1,960 added by the Government of India in Circular No. 2 F., dated 30th January 1868, to the Budget-Estimate of this department for 1868-69, a similar amount being distributed over the several Forest Ranges for 1869-70, in accordance with the Resolution of that Government, dated 22nd April 1868, No. 6, communicated in G. O., 9th May 1868, No. 1,280.

CAMP AT OOTACAMUND,
5th October 1868.

(Signed) R. H. BEDDOME, Major,
Officiating Conservator of Forests.

No. 120. ORDER THEREON, 6th November 1868, No. 2,804.

Forests, No. 3A.

1. The Acting Conservator of Forests submits his Budget-Estimate of receipts and charges for 1869-70, through the Accountant General, as required by a Standing Order of the Government of India.

2. Major Beddome estimates the receipts of the department for 1869-70 at Rupees 4,70,000 against Rupees 4,24,184 the actual of 1867-68, and Rupees 4,50,000 the Estimate for 1868-69. The Regular Estimate for the current year shows that there is every probability of the Budget-Estimate being fully realised, and considering the steady progress which the Forest Revenue is making, the Acting Conservator's Estimate of Rupees 4,70,000 for the coming year is reasonable, and is accepted.

1865-66	Rupees.	3,21,581	
1866-67	,,	3,38,608	
1867-68	,,	4,24,184	

3. The Estimate of charges amounts to Rupees 3,56,500 against Rupees 2,88,260 the actual of 1867-68, and Rupees 3,09,800 the Estimate for the current

year. The particulars for these sums under the two sub-heads of the Budget are shown below :—

	Actual of 1867-68.	Estimate for 1868-69.	Estimate for 1869-70.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
A—Conservancy and Working	1,62,037	1,64,300	2,00,000
B—Establishment	1,26,223	1,45,500	1,56,500
Total ...	2,88,260	3,09,800	3,56,500

There is a net increase of Rs. 35,700 under the first head. The excess in the Estimates for the several Ranges is specified in the margin. The Acting Conservator considers the larger Estimate necessary for Cuddapah in consequence of the contemplated extension of the Red Sanders plantation, the enclosing of firewood reserves in the Ballapully jungles, and the construction of jungle roads and footpaths. No explanation is given for raising the Estimates for South Arcot and Madura. The excess entered for the former district is small, and will be allowed, but that for Madura will be struck out. The Estimate for the Anamallay Range provides for the felling and carriage of timber from both the Anamallay and Poonachee Forests, as well as for improvements and repairs of roads, and will not be disturbed. The Estimate for Chenat Nair and Bolamputty Forests is accepted, as the Acting Conservator states that it provides for working these as well as Sholacary Forests, departmentally, to some extent, instead of under the Voucher and License System. Major Beddome attributes the increase in the Mudumallai Estimate to the extensive operations undertaken by Colonel Morgan in these forests. He explains that the Estimate for the Neilgherry Sholas cannot be reduced, as planting operations are being extensively carried on. The Salem Estimate contains a provision of Rupees 15,000 for the extension of fuel reserves and the improvement of forest roads that may be sanctioned during the course of next year. Major Beddome seems to be in doubt as to what the probable requirements will be, and he remarks that it is "highly desirable to have funds in reserve for works of this nature." The Government do not consider the above a sufficient reason to justify so large an addition to the Estimate. The provision alluded to will be reduced to Rupees 10,000. No explanation is given for the increase in the Tinnevelly Estimate. The Government observe, however, that the Estimate of receipts has been raised from Rupees 10,000 to Rupees 17,500, and the Deputy Conservator, who has recently taken charge of the forests, is likely to have them more extensively worked. The Estimate will, therefore, not be disturbed.

	RS.
Cuddapah	9,000
South Arcot...	300
Madura	1,500
Anamallay	25,000
Chenat Nair and Bolumputty	3,000
Mudumallai	5,000
Neilgherry Sholas	500
Salem	10,800
Tinnevelly	3,000
	58,100
Decrease in other Ranges ...	22,400
Net increase ...	35,700

4. The Estimate passed under "Conservancy and Working" is Rupees 1,93,500 against Rupees 1,64,300 the Estimate for the current year. The greater portion of the increase of Rupees 29,200, or Rupees 20,500, occurs under the first minor item

for felling, cutting, transport, &c., of timber which has an important bearing on the development of the forest revenue. There is also an increase of Rupees 5,600 under another equally important item, *viz.*, communications, &c.

5. The provision made for "Establishments" including travelling charges and contingencies amounts to Rupees 1,56,500 against Rupees 1,45,500 the Estimate for the current year. The establishments of the Forest Department have recently formed the subject of much correspondence with the Government of India, and intimation was given in the letter from their Public Works Secretary, dated 2nd October 1868, No. 337 F., that the general Statement of existing establishments which accompanied the letter from this Government, dated 18th July 1868, No. 1,990, had been recommended to the Financial Department for sanction. The annual total according to that Statement is 1,42,195, and it is not now necessary to enter into any detailed explanation of this sum. Other additions sanctioned in the months of September and October 1868 for the Anamallay and Goomsur forests, respectively, amount to Rs. 792, and the provision made by Major Beddome for a trained Assistant expected from England under the new arrangements, at the end of 1869, or early in 1870, is Rupees 1,250. Thus, the total estimate for *bonâ fide* Establishments, which cannot bear any retrenchment, amounts to Rupees 1,44,240. Of the remainder, Rupees 6,260, consists, as pointed out by the Accountant General, of the travelling allowances of the Conservator and Deputy Conservator, and other minor items not included in the general Statement. These allowances are regulated by rule, and require no special notice. The provision of Rupees 6,000 for contingencies is moderate. The total Estimate passed under "B., Establishment" is 1,56,500 in round numbers.

Procs. dated 22nd Sept. 1868, No. 2,452.
Letter to Government of India, dated 2nd October 1868, No. 2,534

	RS.
* Conservancy and Working ...	1,93,500
Establishment...	1,56,500
	3,50,000

6. The grand total of the Budget now passed is Rupees 3,50,000* (as per abstract Statement appended) against the estimated revenue of Rupees 4,70,000, and the net estimated revenue will be Rupees 1,20,000.

7. The Budget, as now revised, will be forwarded to the Accountant General with its several accompaniments for transmission to the Government of India after making such abstracts of it as may be necessary for the Civil Estimate. The Government observe that the Administration Report of the Forest Department for 1867-68 is one of the accompaniments to the Budget, as suggested in the letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, dated 12th September 1868, No. 306 F.

8. Major Beddome will be directed to use round sums in his future Budget-Estimates.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant General, with Budget and accompaniments.
,, the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
,, the Financial Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Abstract Statement of the Forest Budget for 1869-70, *as revised and passed by Government.*

		Central Office.	Gumsoor and Sarada.	Goloconda.	Cuddapah.	Nullamallay.	Madura.	South Arcot.	Chendragherry, Vellore, and Poloor.	Chennt Nair and Bolamputty.	Anamallay.	Mudumaliai.	Seegoor and Sattimungalum.	Collegal.	Biowani.	Neilgherry Shola.	Australian Plantation.	Salem.	South Canara.	Wynsad.	Nellumboor and Calicut Plantation.	Alavacurchy, Papanasem and Kahcad.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Receipts	...	.....	6,000	1,000	45,000	35,000	9,000	6,000	10,000	80,000	10,000	65,000	20,000	12,500	13,000	5,000	2,000	60,000	34,000	15,000	25,000	17,500	4,70,000
Charges.																							
Conservancy and Working.		.....	2,500	1,000	14,000	3,000	4,000	1,000	1,500	50,000	8,000	30,000	8,000	5,000	4,000	2,500	1,600	21,200	14,000	3,000	15,300	4,000	1,93,500
Establishment...		35,340	2,750	1,390	6,720	7,570	2,890	1,270	3,180	11,930	3,260	17,860	2,000	2,500	2,525	2,290	1,470	14,930	10,680	4,985	7,680	13,480	1,56,500
Total ...		35,340	5,250	2,390	20,720	10,570	6,890	2,270	4,630	61,930	11,260	47,860	10,000	7,500	6,525	4,790	2,970	36,130	24,680	7,985	22,980	17,480	3,50,000
Net Revenue ...		35,340	750	1,390	24,280	24,450	2,110	3,730	5,370	18,070	1,260	17,140	10,000	5,000	6,475	210	1,970	23,870	9,320	7,015	2,020	70	1,20,000

Note.—Red ink figures denote excess of expenditure over receipts.

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REVENUE.

To

THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated November, 6th.

Read.

Encl.

G. O. 6th November 1868, No. 2,804.

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 119-120.

Forest Budgets for 1869-70.—Revised and forwarded to Accountant General for transmission to the Government of India.

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Memo. Explanatory of the variation between the Sanctioned cost of the Forest Establishment, and the provision made on that account in the Forest Budget Estimate for 1869-70.

Total Cost of Salary, Establishment, and Travelling allowance as per General Tabular Statement submitted to the Government of India with the Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 1989 dated 18th July 1868. Rupees 11849-7-6 per Month, or Fr. Annum ——— Rs. 142,195.

Increase to the Establishment of the Annamalay Forest as per Monthly Statement of Fresh charges for September 1868 ——— Rs. 240

Do. ——— Do. ——— Gunsoor Forests as per do. for October 1868 ——— Rs. 552

Add. Travelling allowances of the Conservator, and Deputy Conservator and Establishment Central Office not included in the above total cost as per Tabular Statement. ——— Rs. 5600.

Salary and Batta of a Dresser and an overseer respectively Annamalay Forest not included in do. ——— Rs. 540.

Travelling Batta of a Writer Wynaad Forest not included in do. ——— Rs. 120

Provision made by the Conservator of Forests for a trained Assistant expected from England at the end of 1869 or early in 1870 for covenanted service in the Forest Department of this Presidency ——— Rs. 1250

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Total provision in the Forest Budget for 1869-70 under B. Establishment - less Rs. 6000 for contingencies ——— 150497

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Memo: Explanatory of the variations in the figures of the Actual Receipts and Charges of the Forest Department for 1867-68, as given in the Conservator's Budget for 1869-70, and those entered in the Books of the Accountant General for the former years.-

Receipts

As per Conservator's Returns ——— Rs. 424184.
As per Accountant General's Books Rs. 429663.

Increase Rs. 5479.

This Amount, is in part adjustment of the short credit of Rs. 8830-9-4, under Forest Revenue in the Accountant General's Books for 1866-67.-

Charges

As per Conservator's Returns ——— Rs. 288260.
As per Accountant General's Books ——— Rs. 290195.

Increase Rs. 1935.

This difference is composed of the 3 following items, the first two of which have been excluded in the conservators' Return as being charges on account of other Presidencies; while the last item seems to be an omission in that Officer's Return-

Salary and Establishment of the Inspector General of Forests, India - paid by the Commissioner of Mysore in March 1868 ——— Rs. 1589-5-4.
Travelling allowance and passage Money of the Assistant Conservator of Rangoon paid by the Examiner of Claims in September & November 67. Rs. 130-0-0.
Staff Corps pay of Lieut. Gosling DY Conservator of Forests Annamallay from 16. December 1867 to 31. January 1868. ——— Rs. 211-2-0.
Fractional Difference ——— Rs. 4-8-8

Total Rs. 1935-0-0

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Rev. Dept.

No. 2805.

Proceedings of the Madras Government—
Dated the 6th October 1868.

Read the following letter from the Accountant General—

Submitting Report Estimates of the Forest Department for 1869/70 explaining variations in the figures entered in his office, accompanied by Remarks and Abstracts.

Ordered, that the Report Estimates be forwarded to the Conservator of Forests for Examination and Report.

To the Conservator of Forests for Examination and Report.

By order of the Board,

[illegible]
Secretary.

orders of the Govt. of India -

2. Major Beddome estimates the receipts of the Department for 1869/70 at Rs. 470,000 against Rs. 424,184 the actual of 1867/68 and Rs. 450,000 the Estimate for 1868/69 - The regular Estimate for the current year shows that there is every probability of the Budget-Estimate being fully realized and considering the steady progress in which the Forest Revenue

1865/66 - Rs. 321,581.
1866/67 — 338,608.
1867/68 — 424,184.

Revenue is making, the Actg. Conservator's Estimate of Rs. 470,000 for the coming year is reasonable and is accepted -

3 The Estimate of charges amounts to Rupees 356,500 against Rupees 288,260 the actual of 1867/68 and Rs. 309,800 the

the Estimate for

the current Year.

The particulars for

these sums under

the two sub heads

of the Budget

are shown below

	Actual of 1867/68	Estimate for 1868/69	Estimate for 1869/70
	Rs.	Rs	Rs
A Conservancy Working	1,62,037	1,64,300	2,00,000
B Establishment —	1,26,223	1,45,500	1,56,500
Total — There	2,88,260	3,09,800	3,56,500

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Cuddapah Rd —	9,000.
South Arcot —" —	300.
Madura ——— " —	1,500.
Anamallay —" —	25,000.
Head Rains & Polumpetty —	3,000.
Madumalai —" —	5,000.
Neilgherry Sholas " —	500.
Salem ——— " —	10,800.
Tinnivelly ——— " —	3,000.
	58,100.
Decrease in other ranges.	22,400.
net increase.	35,700.

There is a net increase of Rs 35,700 under the first head. The excesses in the estimates for the several ranges specified in the margin. The Acting Conservator considers the larger estimate necessary for Cuddapah in consequence of the contemplated extension of the Red Sanders plantation, the enclosing of firewood reserves in the Pallapully jungles and the construction of jungle roads and foot paths. There is no explanation given for raising the estimates for South Arcot and Madura. The excess asked for the former District is small and will be allowed, but that for Madura will be struck out. The estimate for the Anamallai range provides for the felling & carriage of timber from both the Anamallay and Poona hill forests, as well as for improvements

improvements and repair of roads, and will not be disturbed. The estimate for the Rail & Palmyrah Forests is decided, as the Agent states that it provides for working these as well as Chilaw forests, departmentally, to some extent, instead of under the voucher & license system. Major Beddome attributes the increase in the Mudumallai estimate to the extensive operations undertaken by Colonel Morgan in these forests. He explains that the estimate for the Nilgherry Sholas cannot be reduced, as planting operations are being extensively carried on. The Salem estimate contains a provision of Rs. 15,000 for the extension of fuel reserves & the improvement of forest roads that may be sanctioned during the course of next year. Major Beddome seems

seems to be in doubt as to what the probable requirements will be, and he remarks that it is "highly desirable to have funds in reserve for works of this nature." The Budget cannot be raised too much on such indefinite grounds, and the provision alluded to will be reduced to Rs. 10,000. No explanation is given for the increase in the Timevelly estimate. The Govt. observe, however, that the estimate of receipts has been raised from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 17,500, and the Dy. Conservator who has recently taken charge of the Forests is likely to have them more extensively worked. The estimate will therefore not be disturbed.

The Govt. do not consider this above a sufficient reason & justify so large an addition to the estimate.

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4 The estimate passed under "Conservancy and working" is Rs. 1,93,500 against Rs. 1,64,300 the estimate for the current year. The greater portion of the increase of Rs. 29,200, or Rs. 20,500 occurs under the first minor item for felling, cutting, transport, &c., of timber which has an important bearing on the development of the Forest Revenue. There is also an increase of Rs. 5,600 under another equally important item viz, Communications, &c.

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5. The provision made for "Establishments" including travelling charges and contingencies amounts to Rs. 1,56,500 against Rs. 1,45,500 the estimate for the current year. The establishments of the Forest Department have recently formed the subject of much correspondence with the Government of India, and intimation was given in the letter from their Public Works Secretary dated

dated 2nd October 1868,
No. 337 F. that the
general statement
of existing establish:
:ments which accom:
:panied the letter from
this Govt. dated 18th July 1868,
No. 1990 had been recom:
:mended to the Financial
Department for sanction -
The annual total according
to that statement is 1,42,195,
and it is not now necessary to
enter into any detailed expla:
:nation of this sum - Other
additions sanctioned in the
months of September and October
1868 for the Anamalay and
Goomsore Forests respectively
amount to Rs. 792,

and

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Letter to Govt. of India, F/2nd Oct. 1868
No. 2534.

and the provision made
by Major Beddome
for a trained Assistant
expected from England
under the new arrangements
at the end of 1869, or
early in 1870, is Rs. 1,250.
Thus the total estimate
for bona fide establishments
which cannot bear any
retrenchment amounts
to Rs. 144,240 ~~and~~ Of the
remainder Rs. 6,260 con:
:sists, as pointed out
by the Account ant
General, of the travelling
allowances of the
Conservator and
Deputy Conservator

and

and other minor items not included in the general statement. These allowances are regulated by rules and require no special no. tice. The total estimate passed under "B. Establishment" is 156,500 in round numbers.

6. The grand total of the Budget now passed is Rs. 3,50,000 (as per abstract statement appended) against the estimated Revenue of Rs. 4,70,000, and the net estimated Revenue will be Rs. 1,20,000.

The provision of Rs. 4,000 for contingencies is moderate-

Conservancy Working	Rs. 193,500
Establishment	" 156,500
	350,000

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7. The Budget, as now revised, will be forwarded to the Accountant General with its several accompaniments for transmission to the Government of India after making such abstracts of it as may be necessary for the Civil Estimates. The Government observe that the administration report of the Forest Department for 1867/68 is one of the accompaniments to the Budget, as suggested in the letter from the Secretary to the Govt. of India dated 12th September 1868, No. 306 F.

8. Major Beddome

will

will be directed to use round sums in his future Budget estimates.

6 Copies to Mr. Scott Geol with the Budget & accompaniments Dept. 13.

13 — Offg Conservator of Forests
5 — Fmst Deptt
14 — D.F.O. Divl

Accountant Forest Branch

Abstract Statement of the Forest Budget for 1869-70 as revised and passed by Government.

	Rs.	Head Office	Cuttings and Establishments.	Conservancy & Working	Establishments	Total	Head Office	Conservancy & Working	Establishments	Total	Net Revenue
Receipts											
Charges.											
Conservancy & Working			2,500	1,000	14,000	3,000	1,000	1,500	3,130	4,630	
Establishments		35340	2,750	1,290	6,720	7,570	2,890	12,70			
Total		35340	5250	2290	20720	10570	6890	2270			
Net Revenue		35340	750	1290	24280	24430	2110	3730	5370	18070	12,60

Note- Red ink figures denote excess of expenditure over receipts.

	Head Office	Cuttings and Establishments	Conservancy & Working	Establishments	Total	Head Office	Conservancy & Working	Establishments	Total	Net Revenue
Timber	Rs.		50,000	80,000	1,30,000					
Extra Main and Subsidiary	Rs.		8,000	10,000	18,000					
Miscellaneous	Rs.		30,000	65,000	95,000					
Sleepers and Battens	Rs.		8,000	20,000	28,000					
Bamboos	Rs.		5,000	12,500	17,500					
Grazing	Rs.		4,000	13,000	17,000					
Elephants	Rs.		1,500	5,000	6,500					
Miscellaneous	Rs.		2,500	5,000	7,500					
Forest Settlement	Rs.		1,500	1,000	2,500					
Stamps	Rs.		2,200	6,000	8,200					
Sundries	Rs.		11,000	34,000	45,000					
Interest on Deposits	Rs.		2,000	15,000	17,000					
Interest on Advances	Rs.		153 00	25,000	40,300					
Interest on Balances	Rs.		4,000	17,500	21,500					
Interest on Loans	Rs.		19,350	47,000	66,350					
Interest on Advances	Rs.		1,000	6,000	7,000					
Interest on Balances	Rs.		1,000	10,000	11,000					
Interest on Loans	Rs.		1,500	6,000	7,500					
Interest on Advances	Rs.		1,000	6,000	7,000					
Interest on Balances	Rs.		1,500	10,000	11,500					
Interest on Loans	Rs.		1,500	10,000	11

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