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No. 435. Read the following Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Revenue—Forests,) dated Fort William, 31st January 1868, No. 2 :—

Budget-Estimate of the Forest Department, for 1868-69.

Read again—

The Budget-Estimates for 1868-69 of the Forest Department throughout India, including Hyderabad and Mysore.

Read also—

The Orders passed thereon by the Government of India, in the Public Works Department.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor General in Council records with satisfaction the general punctuality with which the Budget-Estimates for 1868-69 of the Forest Department have been submitted.

2. The several estimates have been reviewed at length separately, and the figures are brought together in the subjoined table for convenience of comparison, and in order to exhibit the aggregate amounts involved :—

Abstract of the Provincial Budget-Estimates of the Forest Department throughout India, 1868-69, as passed by the Government of India, in the Public Works Department.

Governments and Administrations.	RECEIPTS.				CHARGES.			
	Actuals, 1866-67.	Budget Estimate, 1867-68.	Regular Estimate, 1867-68.	Budget Estimate, 1868-69.	Actuals, 1866-67.	Budget Estimate, 1867-68.	Regular Estimate, 1867-68.	Budget Estimate, 1868-69.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Government of India...	3,38,608	4,00,000	4,20,000	4,50,000	30,980	29,752	34,047	33,352
Madras ...	8,21,268	14,63,197	14,63,197	9,45,000	2,17,171	2,73,000	2,73,000	3,09,800
Bombay and Sindh ...	50,555	1,40,978	73,283	1,30,000	6,47,443	9,17,570	9,17,570	6,19,597
Bengal ...	5,77,954	6,01,418	5,83,267	6,43,700	1,04,207	1,21,440	1,37,148	1,44,000
North-Western Provinces ...	2,31,470	2,60,570	2,93,590	3,78,400	3,11,897	4,08,385	3,67,401	4,08,000
Punjab ...	2,01,246	1,29,120	1,29,120	2,40,000	2,55,680	2,48,650	3,06,080	3,66,520
Oudh ...	4,24,053	8,69,000	7,00,000	6,97,600	59,572	1,06,089	1,11,824	1,30,164
British Burmah ...	3,67,095	4,17,907	3,72,253	4,76,000	2,83,135	3,48,862	3,48,862	3,61,000
Central Provinces ...	31,934	61,750	61,750	89,100	1,27,858	2,90,924	2,90,924	3,72,500
Coorg... ..	...	...	...	...	11,552	19,113	18,913	28,400
Total ...	30,44,183	43,43,970	40,96,460	40,38,800	20,51,145	27,63,785	28,05,769	27,73,333
Total British net Revenue.	9,93,038	15,80,185	12,96,691	12,45,467	...	...	...	...
Mysore ...	2,66,020	3,91,460	3,46,600	2,06,000	85,988	1,39,954	1,29,659	1,09,500
Hyderabad... ..	43,574	1,26,000	90,000	90,000	13,718	50,557	46,000	81,500
Net Revenue ...	3,09,594	5,17,460	4,36,600	2,96,000	99,706	1,90,511	1,75,659	1,91,000
	2,09,888	3,26,949	2,60,941	1,05,000	...	...	...	...

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3. The total amounts, omitting Mysore and the Berars, are—

	Receipts. RS.	Charges. RS.	Surplus. RS.
1863-64, Actuals	30,44,430		
1864-65, „	35,02,022	18,62,461	16,39,561
1865-66, „	35,63,382	21,36,387	14,26,995
1866-67, (eleven months) ...	30,44,183	20,51,145	9,93,038
1867-68, Regular Estimate.	40,96,460	28,05,769	12,90,691
1868-69, Budget do. ...	40,38,800	27,73,333	12,65,467

4. In the four years ending with 1866-67, the gross revenue, after rising from 30½ lakhs in 1863-64 to 35½ lakhs in 1865-66, again subsided to 30½ lakhs in 1866-67, which year comprised eleven months only. If for the sake of comparison allowance for the 12th month is made, this amount is raised to 33½ lakhs. This is not unfavorable, considering that in two of the most productive Provinces, Bombay and British Burmah, the general depression of trade caused a great falling off of Forest revenue. The aggregate charges have been annually increasing, and consequently the surplus has diminished from 16 to 12 lakhs. This, however, is a necessary consequence of conservancy management, the fruits of which cannot be reaped immediately, but which will not be wanting, provided means are taken to work the forests in accordance with a rational and well devised plan of operations.

5. The organization of the department has again required a further expansion of establishments. A comparative statement of these charges, as incurred for the last few years, is recorded in the following table:—

Abstract of Charges under B. “Establishments” in Forest Department since 1864-65.

Governments and Adminis- trations.	Actuals.			Estimates.	
	1864-65.	1865-66.	1866-67.	1867-68.	1868-69.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Government of India	43,615	10,163	30,680	34,047	33,352
Madras	95,300	1,17,054	1,02,920	1,33,000	1,45,500
Bombay and Sindh	2,10,352	2,11,987	2,10,973	2,43,428	2,23,797
Bengal	6,604	16,292	11,881	27,471	54,000
North-Western Provinces ...	65,740	84,558	83,711	1,00,690	1,08,000
Punjab	84,665	77,968	78,680	1,22,010	1,53,820
Oudh	27,151	19,883	21,571	29,304	29,244
British Burmah	86,081	90,327	80,544	1,14,262	1,13,000
Central Provinces	61,946	74,994	81,041	1,10,605	1,15,000
Coorg	4,201	8,654	7,127	9,313	10,000
Total ...	6,85,658	7,11,880	7,12,128	9,24,130	9,85,713
Mysore	53,018	51,768	53,823	64,759	65,000
Hyderabad	478	8,991	* 13,718	12,141	31,500
Total ...	7,39,154	7,75,639	7,79,669	10,01,030	10,82,213

* There is some uncertainty about this item, as nothing appeared under Working.

6. It will be observed that the charges under Establishments have increased from Rupees 6,85,658 in 1864-65 to Rupees 9,85,713 in 1868-69.

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ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of this Resolution, together with copies of the orders on the several Budget-Estimates, be forwarded for information to the Financial Department, and to all Local Governments and Administrations.

Ordered also, that copies be forwarded to the Secretary of State, for the information of Her Majesty's Government, and that the Resolution be published in the Supplement of the *Gazette of India*.

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

No. 436. ORDER THEREON, 20th February 1868, No. 484.

Forests, No. 13.

Communicated to the Officiating
Conservator of Forests and the Board
of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Under Secretary to Government.

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

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Budget-Estimate of the Forest Department
for 1868-69.

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