

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23rd August 1870.*

No. 345. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Revenue Forests,) dated Simla, 4th August 1870, No. 412-13-F. :—

Establishments for the forests of Salem and South Arcot, and the Fuel Plantations at Cuddapah and Bellary in the Madras Presidency.

Read again the following papers :—

From Madras, No. 2,183, dated 27th July 1869, and tabular statement.
Public Works Dept., to Financial Dept., No. 446-F., dated 20th Sept. 1869.
From Financial Department, „ 2,450, „ 18th Nov. „
„ „ „ „ 2,451, „ „ „ „
Public Works Department to Madras, „ 599-F., „ 28th Dec. „
From Financial Department, „ 1,897, „ 10th July „
„ „ „ „ 1,646, „ 30th June 1870.

Read also—

A letter from the Government of Madras, No. 628, dated 2nd May 1870, and tabular statement.

OBSERVATIONS.—In July 1869 the Madras Government reported having sanctioned increases to the following establishments :—

	Present.	Revised.	Increase.
Salem	515	598	83
South Arcot	85	104	19
Fuel Plantations, Cuddapah and Bellary	...	191	191
Total...	600	893	293 per mensem.

2. The papers were referred to the Financial Department with the remark that these increases were, in the opinion of this department, necessary, and did not seem to be excessive. An inquiry was, however, at the same time made as to whether the action of the Madras Government in sanctioning these increases was regular.

3. Upon the general question, the Financial Department refers to its Resolution, No. 3,155, dated 14th September 1869, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Government of Madras by that department. This Resolution curtails the powers of local Governments, as described in Forest Standing Order No. 6 of 1867,* and prescribes that revisions of

establishments involving a net increase of expenditure can no longer be sanctioned by the local Government, but requires, in the first instance, the sanction of the Government of India. The additional establishments shown above were, however, sanctioned by the Madras Government in May 1869, and since that date have

* Financial Department Resolution, No. 1,739, dated 12th August 1864.

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apparently been entertained under the orders of that Government. The Governor-General in Council is therefore of opinion in this department that the increases should now be sanctioned by the Financial Department as a temporary measure to the end of the current year, pending the receipt of further explanations to be furnished by the Government of Madras.

4. A further communication has been received from the local Government, in which it is explained that the increase of Rupees 293 per mensem can be met from savings under the Budget head of "Establishments," instead of, as was previously stated, from savings under the general head of Grant 5 Forests.

5. A question has been asked by the Financial Department, viz., whether, with reference to the practice in the forests of other Presidencies, Overseers need be allowed Goomastahs, and whether more than two clerks (an English and a Vernacular) need be allowed for the Deputy Conservator at Salem. Circumstances are, however, so different in the several provinces and districts, that a comparison with other Presidencies would, in the opinion of this department, be of no avail.

6. In the Resolutions quoted in the margin the Financial Department has objected to the grant of consolidated travelling allowances. In the revision of the Salem Establishment sanctioned by the Government of Madras, there is one additional item of this description, viz.—

A fourth-class Overseer	...	...	Rupees	40
Travelling allowance	...	...	"	10 per mensem.

In the opinion of this department, this allowance may be admitted as a temporary measure to the end of the current year.

7. The Governor-General in Council in this department, however, desires that the Government of Madras may be informed that, before these establishments can be recommended for sanction permanently, the Government of India should be furnished with detailed explanations on the following points :—

- (1.) The situation and extent of forest ranges and plantations assigned to each Overseer, and the duties of the Goomastahs.
- (2.) The necessity for a third clerk in the Salem Establishment.
- (3.) The necessity for consolidated travelling allowances for the Overseers in Salem, and whether it would not be preferable and more economical to fix an allowance for the time they are actually travelling.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution, with the papers read, be forwarded to the Financial Department, for consideration and orders with reference to paragraphs 1 to 6.

2. Ordered also that a copy be forwarded to the Government of Madras, with reference to paragraph 7.

(Signed) D. BRANDIS,
Inspector-General of Forests.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department.

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ORDER THEREON, 23rd August 1870, No. 1,306.

Forests, No. 17.

FORWARDED to Conservator of Forests, who will submit a report on the points referred to in paragraph 7 of the "observations."

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,

Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Conservator of Forests.

Exd. E. C. Shunker,

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 of the Board of Commissioners
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Forwarding copy of
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