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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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28th June 1870.*

No. 340. Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated camp at Tellicherry, 27th April 1870, No. 2,086:—

WITH reference to paragraph 5 of the Government Order, No. 502, of the 11th instant, I have the honour to submit the explanations* of Colonel Morgan and Captain Gosling, the officers in charge of the ranges in which there are still considerable outstandings.

2. With reference to the outstanding of Rupees 3,422 against the Seegur and Sattiamungalam forests in March 1869, it will be seen that it has been all worked out, except a sum of Rupees 289-2-7, which is an unadjusted advance against Coorumbers since 1863, and which I now ask the sanction of Government for writing off in this year, as it is quite irrecoverable: the other sums can hardly be looked upon as advances, although they stood as an outstanding at the end of the year. Rupees 2,000 were paid to cart-contractors for work actually performed, though the accounts could not be settled till April 1869, or in the first month of the ensuing official year: outstandings of this nature for a short period must occasionally occur. We should lose our workmen, unless we were ready with prompt payment; and it often happens that the contractors concerned are in a hurry to get off to their homes, or are anxious to get out of the forests on account of fever or sickness; and it is impossible to adjust our accounts properly in a similar hurry. Rupees 1,033-7-7 represented an outstanding on account of provisions, but was represented by value of grain in store, and Rupees 100, an advance for road-work, (made in small sums to hill-men and unavoidable) which was worked out and adjusted before August 1869.

3. The Wynaad outstandings on the 31st of March 1869 appear to have been Rupees 3,613-3-5, and not Rupees 3,462, and were composed as follows:—

Advances outstanding on 31st March 1869.

	RS.	A.	P.
An unavoidable advance to Coorumbers (being worked out)	101	2	8
The balance of an outstanding, given previous to 1865	191	3	9
The balance of an outstanding, given previous to 1866	77	15	9
Oonappa (has been recovered)	0	0	5
A cheque given by Turnbull to one Daly Venkata, a cart-contractor for work performed. It was endorsed by the contractor and sent by him for payment and cashed at the Treasury, it was then adjusted in the accounts; but as the contractor states that he never got the money but that Turnbull appropriated it, Colonel Morgan has kept it on the books pending the trial	500	0	0

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	RS.	A.	P.
Turnbull's defalcations from the cash chest ...	712	4	8
Mr. vanIngen's outstanding. A cheque given by Turnbull in January 1869. Mr. vanIngen received the money, and might be made to refund or work out this advance ...	2,000	0	0
Adjusted and recovered in May 1869 ...	24	0	0
Total...	3,606	11	3
Deduct over-adjustment settled in August 1869...	0	12	4
Total...	3,605	14	11
Cash in hand ...	7	4	6
Total...	3,613	3	5

It will be seen that, with the exception of Turnbull's defalcations, the out-standings in this range are of a very trivial nature.

4. The outstandings of Rupees 4,070 against the Anamallays on the 31st of March 1869 were as follow :—

	RS.	A.	P.
1858, Pothen Chetty ...	32	8	0
1860, Govindaroyen ...	50	0	0
„ Pungachymanavar ...	100	0	0
1861, Augamoothoo ...	159	8	0
„ Pullandy Chetty ...	209	8	0 Both dead.
„ Cooty Moodelly ...			
1862, Mootusawmy Pillay ...	58	0	0
„ Hoosain Rowten...	200	0	0
„ Mangi Asari ...	527	8	0 { Decree obtained against him, but not to be found.
„ Malsers (hill-men) ...	15	0	0
„ Axemen asper List ...	379	0	10
„ Mutusawmy Moodelly ...	368	0	0
„ H. Sandoo Rowten ...	3	0	0
„ Veera Pillay ...	93	0	0
„ Axemen as per List ...	74	0	0
„ Vellia Pillay ...	125	0	0
„ Suntha Mean ...	10	0	0
„ Cawder Rowten ...	100	0	0
„ Moodeen Saib ...	300	0	0
„ Moodeen Rowten...	200	0	0
„ Abdulcawder ...	120	0	0
„ Seevany ...	200	0	0
„ Vencatachellum ...	221	0	0
„ Boria Gownden ..	150	0	0
„ Ramasawmy Gownden ...	150	0	0
„ Moyen ...	225	0	0
	4,070	0	10

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It will be seen that all these advances were given long previous to the Government Order on the subject. The list stood at a much higher figure some six years ago, but considerable sums were then recovered, and nearly all in the above list were at that time considered bad debts. Captain Gosling, however, still hopes to recover a few; but I should recommend that all not recovered before the 31st of March 1871, shall be written off at the close of this official year.

Large as the list appears it represents a less sum than we should have to pay for excess rate under a no-advance system, and some of the advances were given in a rather reckless manner by the officers in charge, and without proper security.

No. 341. ORDER THEREON, 23th June 1870, No. 959.

Forests, No. 19.

THE explanation given in this letter for the outstanding balances in certain ranges is generally satisfactory.

2. Sanction is granted for writing off Rupees 289-2-7, the irrecoverable balance, in the Seegur and Sattiamungalam forests.

3. Major Beddome will at once take steps to have the advance of Rupees 2,000, paid to Mr. vanIngen in the Wynaad range, worked out or recovered with out delay.

4. The Government cannot grant a general sanction for writing off all out-standings in the Anamallay range, which may remain unrecovered on the 31st March 1871. A separate application, specifying the sums and explaining the circumstances which render them irrecoverable, should be submitted after that date.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
„ the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Proceedings of the Madras Govt
under date the 28th June 1870

Read the fol-
lowing ~~minutes~~ from the
off^g Com^r of Forests.

Reporting on
the outstandings in
three Forest Ranges.

(M.L. 27th April
1870, No 2086)

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Dated June, 28th.

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O. O., 23rd June 1870, No. 959.

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NOS. 340-341.

Outstandings in three Forest Ranges.
Letter from Conservator of Forests on this subject,
with orders thereon.

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