

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th June 1871.*

No. 209. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Revenue—Forests,) dated Simla, 29th May 1871, No. 337-F:—

Copy of the following forwarded to the Government of Madras in the Revenue Department for information and guidance, with reference to the papers noted below:—

Public Works Department, No. 533-F., dated 19th September 1870.
From Government of Madras, No. 1,355, dated 30th August 1870.
Public Works Department, No. 86-F., dated 17th February 1869.
From Government of Madras, No. 2,302, dated 10th August 1869.
Public Works Department, No. 765-F., dated 14th December 1870, paragraph 4.
2. The sanction has been registered as No. 4-F. of 1871-72.

(By Order.)

(Signed) G. L. PEARSON, Major,
Offg. Inspector-General of Forests.

From the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Simla, 25th May 1871, No. 640.

Read the following documents:—

PROCEEDINGS in the Public Works Department, No. 532-F., dated 19th September 1870, forwarding for confirmation the sanction accorded by the Government of Madras to the entertainment of three additional Assistant Conservators, 3rd class, on Rs. 200 per mensem each, and a travelling allowance of Rs. 60 per mensem, for making satisfactory progress with the demarcation of fuel-reserves for the railways.

Proceedings in the Public Works Department, No. 622-F., dated 17th October 1870, forwarding for confirmation the sanction accorded by the Government of Madras to the promotion of Mr. Ferguson from the 3rd to the 2nd class of Assistant Conservators, or from a salary of Rs. 200 to one of Rs. 300 per mensem.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor-General in Council observes that these arrangements have been carried into effect in anticipation of approval. The additional charge which they involve is Rs. 10,560 a-year—an amount of outlay which may be expediently considered in connection with the returns of the Madras Forest Department.

	Receipts.	Charges.	Net.
	£.	£.	£.
1861-62 ...	74,337	24,675	49,662
1862-63 ...	43,765	19,376	24,389
1863-64 ...	24,506	21,010	3,496
1864-65 ...	29,851	21,853	7,998
1865-66 ...	36,588	25,642	10,946
1866-67 ...	32,978	21,743	11,235
1867-68 ...	42,966	29,019	13,947
1868-69 ...	39,133	26,775	12,358
1869-70 ...	49,855	27,925	21,930
1870-71 ...	38,800	30,000	8,800
1871-72 ...	49,500	38,700	10,800

2. The receipts and charges of the department, as given on the margin, show a net income which, after an increase in intervening years, fell in 1870-71 below that of 1865-66, and which for 1871-72 is estimated at about the same figure as in 1865-66. If any items of receipt have been transferred in the interval from land-revenue to forests, as in some other Provinces, the result is more unfavourable than these figures indicate.

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3. By these remarks, the Governor-General in Council does not question the necessity of the proceedings of the Madras Government, which are hereby confirmed, but the remarks indicate an urgent necessity for meeting the additional expense by an equivalent reduction of other charges.

4. The Conservator of Forests, Madras, is shown in these Proceedings to possess the aid of an Assistant Conservator in his Office; in addition, there is sanction for a Travelling Deputy-Conservator of Forests—an expensive appointment—the object of which was not the charge of a forest division, but to assist the Conservator in inspecting the forest ranges in the districts, though similar aid is not given in any other Presidency or Province, not even in Bombay or British Burmah, which yield the largest net forest-revenue.

5. The expediency of abolishing the appointment was urged in a communication to the Public Works Department, dated 21st December 1868, and it is admitted in the present Proceedings that the appointment, which is rated at Rs. 800 a-month, besides travelling allowance, should be abolished. The appointment has, indeed, been vacant for some time, but from its not being formally abolished, the charge for it is included in the budget, whereby the budget provision is swollen by a sum of about Rs. 10,000, which, in the usual course of re-appropriation, becomes available for other expenditure, and is thus probably creative of expense.

6. Under the circumstances, the Governor-General in Council is pleased to direct that the sanction for this appointment should cease.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Public Works Department and the Accountant-General, Madras.

(Signed) R. H. HOLLINGBERY,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 210.

ORDER THEREON, 16th June 1871, No. 1,072.

Forests, No. 10.

COMMUNICATED to the Conservator
of Forests.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Conservator of Forests.

30 10 August 1871 Rs 144-45
" 28 July 170-234-37
" 10 August - 175
" 30 August - 448-49
" 27 Oct - 312-13
" 12 Jan 171-172-172
J. R. C.

Revenue 1071 Sept
N. 1802.

From
The Govt of India
P. M. D.

Dated 29 May 1871
Recd 6 June 1871
N. 3373.

Forwarding
copy of this Resolution
confirming certain
sanctions accorded
by the Madras Govt
in the Forest Dept
with remarks.

18/10/72.
Commenced to the
Conservator of Forests. S. H.

No. 209-210

29 June 1871

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To
REVENUE.

THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS.

Dated June 16th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 16th June 1871, No. 1,072.

JUNE.

Nos. 209-210.

Forest Establishment.—The entertainment of three additional Assistant Conservators in connection with the fuel-reserves and the increase to Mr. Ferguson, sanctioned by the Government of India. The appointment of Travelling Deputy-Conservator of Forests, ordered to be abolished.