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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 18th October 1871.

No. 187. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st July 1871:—

THE Board resolve to submit, for the approval of Government, their general detailed budget of expenditure from the Jungle Conservancy Fund for the current official year (1871-72), as also an abstract of the same showing the talookwar particulars. This document is intended for easy reference and for circulation in print to all officers concerned, after orders have been passed on it by Government.

2. The following abstract statement shows the available funds and the proposed expenditure of the year. The actual balance of the fund on the 1st April 1871 was Rs. 2,75,680, the expected receipts amount to Rupees 1,50,410, making a total of Rs. 4,26,090. The proposed expenditure is Rs. 1,48,380, leaving a balance of Rs. 2,77,710:—

	Districts.	Actual balance on the 1st April 1871.	Receipts expected to be realized during the year.	Total.	Estimated Charges			Balance.
					By P. W. D.	By R. D.	Total.	
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Ganjam	1,600	740	2,340	.....	300	300	2,040
2	Vizagapatam ...	1,170	1,600	2,770	.....	2,000	2,000	770
3	Godavery	7,050	4,600	11,650	.....	900	900	10,750
4	Kistna	10,510	12,600	23,110	7,000	8,800	15,800	7,310
5	Nellore	54,850	18,250	73,100	.....	21,050	21,050	52,050
6	Cuddapah	14,810	6,300	21,110	.....	2,220	2,220	18,890
7	Bellary	6,420	3,950	10,370	.....	3,950	3,950	6,420
8	Kurnool	13,970	6,200	20,170	.....	12,000	12,000	8,170
9	Chingleput	4,680	1,350	6,030	.....	2,560	2,560	3,470
10	North Arcot ...	15,940	14,600	30,540	.....	12,700	12,700	17,840
11	South Arcot	12,890	6,720	19,610	1,110	6,890	8,000	11,610
12	Tanjore	10,160	2,400	12,560	.....	2,450	2,450	10,110
13	Trichinopoly ...	6,800	4,550	11,350	.....	3,950	3,950	7,400
14	Madura	12,630	10,000	22,630	.....	6,600	6,600	16,030
15	Tinnevelly	20,200	15,050	35,250	.....	19,000	19,000	16,250
16	Coimbatore	1,600	1,100	2,700	120	1,380	1,500	1,200
17	Salem	72,370	30,000	1,02,370	.....	23,000	23,000	79,370
18	South Canara ...	1,360	2,000	3,360	.....	2,000	2,000	1,360
19	Malabar	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	Nilgiris	6,670	8,400	15,070	.....	8,400	8,400	6,670
	Total...	2,75,680	1,50,410	4,26,090	8,230	1,40,150	1,48,380	2,77,710

	Rs.
Godavery	10,750
Nellore	52,050
Cuddapah	18,890
North Arcot	17,840
South Arcot	11,610
Tanjore	10,110
Madura	16,030
Tinnevelly	16,250
Salem	79,350

This is a large balance to be left idle. In the districts marginally noted large sums are expected to remain unexpended at the close of the year. But the Collectors of North and South Arcot have since sent in supplemental budgets (which will be disposed of separately) to utilize further portions of their balances.

3. The Collectors of the remaining districts are requested to submit at an early date similar supplemental budgets, so as to utilize the balances noted above

in the conservancy and extension of village jungles, the formation of fuel reserves, and of road-side topes and wells, as directed in paragraphs 3, etc., of the Government Order, Revenue Department, dated 16th July 1870, No. 1,096.

4. It will be observed that no provision has been made in this budget on account of avenues on roads, with reference to the order of Government quoted in the preceding paragraph.

5. The proposed expenditure of the year may be classified as follows:—

	RS.
Jungles	4,120
Fuel reserves	15,620
Plantations on channel-banks	13,280
Village topes	82,180
Nurseries	8,200
Commission for collection	3,620
Inspecting establishment	12,890
Miscellaneous charges	8,470
Total allotment...	1,48,380

No. 188. ORDER THEREON, 18th October 1871, No. 1,812.

Local Funds, No. 1.
Accounts.

WITH their Proceedings above recorded the Board of Revenue submit the budget-estimate of expenditure from the Jungle Conservancy Fund in the current year 1871-72.

2. The actual balance of the fund on the 1st of April last was Rs. 2,75,680, and with the receipts of the year, estimated at Rs. 1,50,410, the total sum available is Rs. 4,26,090. Of this the Board allot only Rs. 1,48,380 for expenditure, leaving the probable balance of Rs. 2,77,710 at the close of year.

3. The allotments in several districts are much out of proportion to the sums available; but as the Board explain that the supplemental budgets of some Collectors are already before them, and that they have requested the other Collectors to submit similar lists to utilize the balances, the Government can only accord their formal sanction to the budget submitted.

The Board should impress on Collectors that they hold these funds in trust for the people, and that their non-employment on the purpose for which they were raised is a serious injury to the community.

4. The Board's attention is requested to the following points:—

Vizagapatam. The salaries provided for Writers, Gumastahs, Overseers, and Shroffs are extremely low, varying from 1 to 3 Rs. per mensem, and there is no explanation on the subject.

Kistna.—Two Jungle Overseers in this district apparently receive a salary of Rs. 50 each, with travelling allowance of Rs. 15 per mensem, for looking after one Maistry, ten Coolies, and four Watching Peons. Large sums* are entered in this district without particulars.

	RS.
* Planting avenues and preserving topes and nursery gardens	7,000
Fees to village-officers for collection ..	800
Miscellaneous	520

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Salem.—A Pygust is employed to look after a tope of little more than 8 acres in Chinnagoodapooram on a salary of Rs. 20 per mensem. The charge seems to be unnecessarily heavy.

In this district numerous plantations of plantain trees are maintained, and it is proposed to extend them. The expenditure on such trees of a temporary character is quite foreign to the object of the Jungle Conservancy Fund, and should be discontinued.

In Salem Talook there are three "permanent" Maistries to look after the work in that talook at a cost of 480 Rs. per mensem, and some Accountant receives an annual allowance of Rs. 180 "for superintending the district accounts." These disbursements seem to require notice by the Board.

5. The abstract statement submitted by the Board is useful, as showing the proposed expenditure under the several heads in a convenient form. The rate of expenditure on village topes and nurseries varies considerably in the several districts, as approximately shown in the subjoined table, and should receive the Board's attention:—

	AVERAGE EXPENDITURE PER ACRE.	
	Village Topes.	Nurseries.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Ganjam	8 1 9	.....
Vizagapatam	16 10 8	.....
Godavery	.....	.....
Kistna	18 6 8	18 0 0
Nellore	2 0 4	147 8 0
Cuddapah	4 14 1	.....
Bellary	2 5 9	.....
Kurnool...	105 4 1	.....
Chingleput	19 0 4	52 10 4
North Arcot	29 11 2	190 0 0
South Arcot	13 11 5	12 5 8
Trichinopoly	37 13 5	130 0 0
Madura	53 9 2	58 13 2
Tinnevelly	33 5 4	.....
Coimbatore	19 3 9	43 5 4
Salem	21 8 0	.....
South Canara	8 15 8	60 0 0
		180 0 0

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Estimated at Rs. 1,50,419
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14 To the Board of Revenue
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6 Mr Lennox Hyderabad

	Average expenditure per Acre					
	Village Topes.			Nurseries		
	Rs.	As.	Ps.	Rs.	As.	Ps.
Ganjam	8.	1.	9.	-	-	-
Vizagapatam	16.	10.	8.	-	-	-
Godavery	-	-	-	18.	-	-
Kistna	18.	6.	8	147.	8.	-
Nellore	2.	-	4	-	-	-
Cuddapah	4.	14.	1.	-	-	-
Bellary	2.	5.	9.	-	-	-
Kurnool	105.	4.	1.	52.	10.	4.
Chingleput	19.	-	4.	190.	-	-
North Arcot	29.	11.	2.	12.	3.	8
South Arcot	13.	11.	5.	130.	-	-
Trichinopoly	37.	13.	5.	58.	13.	2.
Madura	53.	9.	2.	-	-	-
Tinnevelly	33.	5.	4.	43.	5.	4.
Coimbatore	19.	3.	9.	-	-	-
Salem	21.	8.	-	60	-	-
South Canara	8.	15.	8.	180.	-	-

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