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No. 278. Read the following letter from the Officiating Accountant-General, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated 27th September 1870, No. 275:—

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the consideration and orders of Government, the budget-estimate of the Forest Department for the official year 1872-73, which has been examined in this Office, together with a memorandum explanatory of the variations between the sums sanctioned for the current year and those proposed for 1872-73 under the head of "Establishment."

I.—Last sanctioned scale of establishment.
II.—Report on the contemplated operations for 1872-73.
III.—Annual abstract of the cash transactions of 1870-71.
IV.—Annual Administration Report for 1870-71.

2. I have further to transmit to you the documents noted in the margin, furnished to me by the Conservator of Forests, and a copy of his letter No. 485, dated the 18th instant, to my address.

MEMORANDUM explanatory of the variations in the Forest Budget-estimate for 1872-73, compared with that for 1871-72, under the sub-head "B. Establishment."

	RS.
Amount proposed for 1872-73	1,78,000
Sanctioned grant for 1871-72	1,72,500
Excess in the former ...	5,500

	Salary per mensem.	Travelling allowance per mensem.
	RS.	RS.
Additional Writer for the Tinnevelly Range sanctioned in G. O. No. 115, dated 17th January 1871, as per Statement of Fresh Charges for that month...	30	.....
Amount sanctioned by Government in their Orders Nos. 1,258 and 502, dated respectively the 15th August 1870, and 21st March 1871, on account of the reservation of the railway fuel-reserves, as per Statement of Fresh Charges for March 1871.		
Trichinopoly, Tanjore, and Madura, 1 3rd-class Assistant Conservator.		
Do. 3 3rd-class Overseers	200	60
Do. 2 Maistries on 20 and 10 ...	180	45
North Arcot ... ... 1 3rd-class Overseer	30	.....
Salem ... ... 1 Do.	60	15
Bhowany ... ... 1 Do.	60	15
	80	.....

4. ESTABLISHMENTS.—Against the estimated amount of Rs. 1,56,000, sanctioned in the budget under "Establishment and Contingencies," a sum of Rs. 1,38,081 has been expended, leaving a saving of Rs. 17,919. This is partly due to the salary of the 1st-class Deputy-Conservator not having been drawn, the office having been vacant throughout the year, and partly to the absence, in Europe on furlough, of the 2nd and 3rd-class Deputy-Conservators. The acting incumbents having only drawn Rs. 200+60 each per mensem in lieu of Rs. 700 and 500 respectively, the salary of the absentees.

5. REGULAR ESTIMATE.—*Revenue.*—The regular estimate has been inserted at Rs. 4,50,000, which is less than that of the estimated income sanctioned* for the current year by Rs. 45,000. The cause is due to there being very little demand for timber in the market and to the grant of free licenses to ryots by the village authorities.

* *Vide* Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated 14th December 1870, No. 765-F., communicated in G. O. dated 12th January 1871, No. 83.

6. EXPENDITURE.—Under "Conservancy and Working" felling operations having been limited on account of the dull state of the market, the estimated amount under this head has in consequence been reduced from Rs. 2,14,500 to Rs. 2,00,000, the latter sum is given in the regular estimate.

7. "ESTABLISHMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES."—The regular estimate has been shown at Rs. 1,68,620 against that of Rs. 1,72,500, sanctioned in the budget for the current year. The difference between these two items, namely, Rs. 3,880, is expected to be saved from the salaries of the 2nd and 3rd-class-Deputy-Conservators, who are absent on furlough in Europe.

8. BUDGET-ESTIMATES.—*Revenue.*—The estimated income for the ensuing official year has been based upon the actuals of the past few months. Hence the revenue from all sources will not exceed Rs. 4,50,000, which amount has been exhibited in the estimate.

9. EXPENDITURE UNDER "CONSERVANCY AND WORKING."—Rs. 2,00,000 have been estimated for the year 1872-73, the amount having been calculated according to the figures given in the regular estimate.

10. ESTABLISHMENT AND CONTINGENCIES.—The expenditure under this head has been estimated at Rs. 1,78,000, which exceeds the original estimate of this year by Rs. 5,500. The cause of the excess is attributable to the creation of two new appointments, *i.e.*, one 3rd-class Assistant Conservator for Trichinopoly and Tanjore and one Sub-Assistant Conservator for the Tinnevelly plantations and reserves now being formed in those districts, as well as to the salaries and travelling allowances of additional Overseers which were entered in the revised statement of fresh charges submitted to Government by you in accordance with the orders conveyed in G. O. dated 22nd June 1871, No. 1,102. Provision for the establishment† of the Mettapolliem jungles about to be brought under forest conservancy for supplying fuel to the railway and the public has also been made in the budget in anticipation of the sanction of Government.

† *Vide* paragraph 4 of my letter No. 2,413, dated 10th November 1870, recorded in G.O. dated 2nd March 1871, No. 378.

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11. The anticipated financial results are as follow :—

		RS.
Receipts		4,50,000
A.—Conservancy and Working	2,00,000	
B.—Establishment and Contingencies	1,78,000	
		3,78,000
Surplus		72,000

12. The budget-estimates together with the other accompaniments, which have been carefully prepared in the Central Office will, I hope, on examination be found correct.

Report on the contemplated Operations for the official year 1872-73.

CENTRAL OFFICE.—The appointment of the 1st-class Deputy-Conservator attached to the Central Office having been abolished in accordance with the orders conveyed in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated 29th May 1871, No. 337-F., communicated in G. O. dated 16th June 1871, No. 1,072, the salary and travelling allowance of the post hitherto provided for in the budget-estimates have now been omitted.

2. The pay of the two additional Clerks sanctioned by Government in their Proceedings dated 19th June 1871, No. 1,087, has been entered under "A. Direction" both in the regular and budget-estimates of this department for 1872-73.

3. GOLCONDA FORESTS.—*Revenue.*—The revenue does not cover the cost of the establishment of this range, the cause of which has, on several occasions, been brought by the Conservator of Forests to the notice of Government and that of the Board of Revenue, and it was thereupon decided* that this forest should be transferred to the "Local Jungle Conservancy," but the transfer has been deferred, pending the contemplated reorganization of the department.

* *Vide* G. O. dated 12th October 1870, No. 1,584.

4. *Expenditure.*—A sum of Rs. 500 has been exhibited under "Conservancy and Working" for collecting timber departmentally and carting it through the country between Goodum and Thanpully to the foot of the ghaut to Narsapatam, which will not be expensive, though carting timber direct from Goodum to the low country near Narsapatam has proved a failure.

5. GOOMSUR AND SURADA FORESTS.—The revenue and expenditure, both in the regular and budget-estimates of this range, have been reduced to Rs. 6,000 and 5,000 respectively, according to the actuals given under these heads. The decrease in the receipts is owing to the dull state of the market.

6. KURNOOL.—*Expenditure.*—The estimated expenditure for 1872-73 has, on account of the dull state of the market, been reduced from Rs. 6,000 to Rs. 4,000, the latter amount having been given in the regular and budget-estimates.

7. CUDDAPAH FORESTS, ETC.—*Revenue.*—The revenue of this range has been considerably diminished, there having been no demand for Redwood stumps and roots on account of the recent European war. It is expected, however, that during the ensuing year rapid sales of this valuable wood will be effected. Hence the receipts, both in the regular and budget-estimates, have been shown at Rs. 50,000 in lieu of Rs. 70,000, inserted in the general budget-estimates sanctioned by Government for 1871-72.

8. *Expenditure.*—For the foregoing reasons the expenditure has likewise been reduced to Rs. 15,000.

9. North Arcot Forests.—*Revenue.*—The revenue has been steadily increasing in this range ever since it has been placed under the care and supervision of Mr. Sheppard, as the actuals of the estimate show an increase of Rs. 2,566 over those of the official year 1869-70. The Assistant Conservator in charge is now preparing departmentally Sandalwood, Red-wood stumps and posts, the felling of which was not undertaken by his predecessors. It is expected therefore that the receipts noted both in the regular and budget-estimates will be fully realized.

10. *Expenditure.*—An additional grant of Rs. 5,000 has been sanctioned by Government in their Proceedings dated 1st June 1871, No. 971, for the purpose of clearing scrub jungles, planting and reserving fuel in blocks adjacent to the Amboor station and Mamundoor. This amount has therefore been included under Items Nos. 1 and 6.

11. *Establishment.*—In Item No. 4, under B. "Establishment" in the regular and budget-estimates, the salary and travelling allowance of one of the three 3rd-Class Overseers, sanctioned by Government in their Proceedings, dated 15th August 1870, No. 1,258, for the railway fuel reserves are included as well as the pay of ten gardeners, authorized* by Government for forming plantations at the Amboor station and Mamundoor in the North Arcot District.

* G. O., dated 1st June 1871, No. 971.

12. Salem.—*Expenditure.*—The estimated expenditure in this range has been inserted at Rs. 13,000, which includes the cost of collecting tamarind fruit from the tracts of the Colroyen Jaghire, leased by this department under the orders of Government, conveyed in their Proceedings dated 10th November 1869, No. 2,942, as also for felling Sandalwood and other kinds of wood on the Denkincottah and Javady Hills for meeting local demands.

13. *Establishment.*—Captain Gosling, 2nd-Class Deputy-Conservator, temporarily placed in charge of this range being absent in Europe on furlough, the salary of the 3rd-Class Deputy-Conservator, permanently attached to this forest, has been exhibited both in the regular and Budget-estimates in lieu of that of the 2nd-Class Deputy-Conservator which has been transferred to the Annamallay range, though the Assistant Conservators, at present in charge of these two ranges, draw each only the pay and allowance of the 3rd-Class Assistant's grade.

14. The salary of one of the three Railway Fuel Overseers sanctioned by Government in their Proceedings dated 15th August 1870, No. 1,258, has been included in the estimate of this range; the usual statement of fresh charges for all the Railway Fuel Overseers and for the newly created appointments of an Assistant Conservator and Sub-Assistant for Trichinopoly, Tanjore, and Tinnevelly plantations, has already been transmitted for the approval and confirmation of the Government of India.

15. South Arcot.—There is no improvement in the revenue of this forest. A separate officer having been placed in charge of this district, it is highly desirable that the charge of the jungle conservancy, now under the management of the Collector, should be amalgamated with that of the Forest Department, and thereby ensure a larger amount of receipts, so that the outlay incurred on account of the fixed establishment and planting operations may not prove a loss to the State.

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16. Madura.—The salary hitherto drawn by Captain Walker was provided for in the Tinnevelly range, but the amount has now been transferred both in the regular and budget-estimates of the Madura forests, to which that officer has been permanently posted (*vide* Proceedings of Government dated 17th January 1871, No. 115), whilst the pay of the Assistant Conservator has been shown in lieu thereof in the estimates of the Tinnevelly range.

17. The cost of the establishment authorized by Government in their Proceedings dated 31st May 1871, No. 966, for the conservancy of the lower Pulneys, subject to a report after the expiration of six months regarding the resources of the forests, etc., has been shown in the regular and budget-estimates.

18. Tinnevelly.—As the railway line will extend to this district, it is expected that the sale of timber to be stored in the depôt will realize a revenue of Rs. 24,000. It is in contemplation to discontinue the working of the license system, and to introduce in lieu thereof departmental felling operations.

19. *Expenditure.*—Mr. Hayne has estimated Rs. 20,000 under this head, nearly three-fourths in excess of the actuals of the Budget-estimates. The amount has therefore been reduced to Rs. 15,000, which provides for felling and carting of timber and collecting Cardamums, as also for planting Babool trees for railway fuel within the waste water-spread of the Government tank in the Satur and Terumungalum talooks of this district.

20. *Establishment.*—As stated in paragraph 16 of this report the estimates of the salary of the 2nd-Class Deputy have been transferred to the Madura range, whilst the pay and travelling allowance of Mr. Hayne have been provided for in the estimates of the Tinnevelly forests, agreeably to G. O. dated 17th January 1871, No. 115.

21. The salary of the Sub-Assistant Conservator recently* sanctioned by Government for the formation of railway Fuel plantations as well as that of the Writer entertained, agreeably to G. O. dated 17th January 1871, No. 115, have been estimated for both in the regular and budget-estimates.

* G. O., No. 1,064, dated 15th June 1871.

22. Annamallay Forests.—*Revenue.*—The income of this range was small last year, as the timber was handed over to the Bombay Marine so late that credit could not be given during that year, it is estimated at Rs. 90,000 for the current year which includes Rs. 40,000 which should have been credited last year.

23. Bolumputty Forests.—This forest is being worked under the license system, departmental felling not having yet been introduced in consequence of extensive clearing now being carried out by the ryots on free passes obtained from the Monigar of each village.

24. Chenat Nair Forests.—For reasons given in paragraph 22 of this report, the revenue in this range has been considerably diminished.

25. Mudumallai.—*Revenue.*—The revenue of this range has been considerably decreased owing to their having been very little demand for Teakwood in the market, and to restriction having been placed on public works expenditure on account of the financial deficit. It is proposed, however, to open a depôt at Mysore to ensure a speedy sale for the timber by removing it on carts from the Mudumallai forests.

26. *Expenditure.*—For the reasons given in the foregoing paragraph, the expenditure for felling, etc., has been restricted.

27. SIGUR AND SATTIAMUNGALUM.—The revenue and expenditure of these forests have been estimated according to the actuals of the budget-estimates.

28. BHOWANY FORESTS.—*Expenditure.*—In the regular estimate Rs. 20,000 have been entered, which includes Rs. 12,000 sanctioned by Government in paragraph 4 of their Proceedings dated 12th October 1870, No. 1,554, for improving the navigation of the Cauvery and Burgoor rivers. Pending the completion of the works, a further sum of Rs. 8,000 has been allotted in the estimate.

29. *Establishment.*—The salary of a 2nd-Class Overseer sanctioned in G. O. dated 15th August 1870, No. 1,258, as well as the double* travelling allowance authorized for Mr. Overseer Grant, whilst on special duty in felling wood in the Burgoor forests for the Locomotive Department of the Railway, have been estimated for both in the regular and budget-estimates.

* G. O. dated 23rd March 1871, No. 536.

30. As the extension of the construction of the South-West Line of the railway from Pothanore to Mattoopolliem has been determined upon, the Government are desirous† that the tracts of the Matoopolliem ngles should be utilized for meeting the requirements of the public and Locomotive Department of the railway. The cost of the small establishment proposed‡ by the Conservator of Forests for the conservancy of these tracts, as shown in the accompanying scale of the establishments of the Forest Department, has been estimated for in the budget of the Bowany forests, in anticipation of the sanction of Government.

† Vide Proceedings of Government, dated 16th July 1870, No. 1,097.

‡ In paragraph 4 of his letter No. 2,413, dated 11th November 1870, recorded in G. O. dated 2nd March 1871, No. 378.

31. CULLEGAL FORESTS.—*Revenue.*—The income of this range has been slightly raised over the actuals of the budget-estimates, as Colonel Morgan expects to realize the sum of Rs. 13,500 by the sale of sandalwood.

32. WYNAAD.—A depôt is being formed§ at Mysore by giving up that at Antersanah, a distance of 20 miles from the former station. It is proposed to hold periodical auction sales of timber removed from the Wynaad forests, on account of the income having largely decreased for want of a better market.

§ G. O., dated 8th October 1870, No. 1,523.

33. NELLUMBOOR.—Certain tracts of forest leased by this department, agreeably to G. O. dated 1st November 1870, No. 1,683, will, in future, be worked departmentally by the officer in charge of the Nellumboor plantation of Teak trees in 600 cawnies of land selected from those tracts.

34. *Establishment.*—Mr. Ferguson's salary has been estimated at Rs. 300 per mensem; his promotion to the grade of 2nd-Class Assistant Conservator having been authorized by the Government of India in their Proceedings dated 14th December 1870, No. 765-E., communicated in G. O. No. 83, dated 12th January 1871.

35. SOUTH CANARA.—The Assistant Conservator in charge of this range has been permitted to draw‖ the pay of an acting 2nd-Class Deputy Conservator, but the increased expenditure will be met from the savings of the salary of the 2nd-Class Deputy Conservator of the Annamallay range, who is absent at present in Europe on furlough.

‖ G. O. dated 8th July 1871, No. 1,177.

36. TRICHINOPOLY, TANJORE, AND MADURA FUEL PLANTATIONS.—No revenue should, for the present, be expected to be realized from the plantations and reserves now being formed between the Trichinopoly and Madura Districts.

37. *Expenditure.*—In the regular estimate under "A. Conservancy and Working" Rs. 5,000 are exhibited, the amount having been sanctioned by Government in paragraph 3 of their Proceedings dated 15th June 1871, No. 1,064, for experimentally planting Acacias in superior irrigated lands within an area of not less than 50 acres in extent near the Elambore station, nine miles to the north of the Trichinopoly District Rs. 10,000 have been estimated for meeting the expenditure of the fuel plantations and reserves referred to.

38. *Establishment.*—An Assistant Conservator having been placed in charge of these plantations, his salary and travelling allowance have been provided for both in the regular and budget-estimates. The pay and travelling allowance of a 1st-Class Overseer,* and three 3rd-Class Overseers sanctioned by Government for employment on plantations and reserves between Trichinopoly and Madura, have been included in the estimates under submission.

* *Vide* G. O. dated 15th June 1871, No. 1,064.

39. *Office Contingencies.*—A small sum of Rs. 260 has been estimated for office contingencies required by the officer in charge for purchasing office furniture, and for the payment of official postage, etc.

PERIAKOLUM,
18th September 1871.

(Signed) R. H. BEDDOME, Major,
Conservator of Forests.

No. 279. ORDER THEREON, 25th October 1871, No. 1,858.

Forests, No. 20.

WITH his letter above recorded the Officiating Accountant-General submits the budget-estimate of the Forest Department for 1872-73 duly examined in his office.

2. The revenue is estimated by Major Beddome at Rs. 4,50,000, with reference to the actuals of the past few months and the generally dull state of the timber-market. The estimate is accepted.

RECEIPTS.	RS.
Actuals of 1870-71...	3,39,762
Estimate for 1871-72	4,95,000
Regular estimate for 1871-72 ...	4,50,000
Proposed do. for 1872-73 ...	4,50,000

3. The estimate for working charges amounts to Rs. 2,00,000, the same as the regular estimate for the current year, based on the actuals of five months. The details of this part of the budget show that the allotments for the several forests have been fixed with much care, and that reduction is not practicable. The estimate (Rs. 6,000) for North Arcot, though less than the regular estimate, exceeds the current year's budget-estimate by Rs. 5,000. The increase consists of the outlay on new fuel-reserves of upwards of eleven square-miles in extent approved in the Order of Government dated 1st June 1871, No. 971. The estimate (Rs. 15,000) for Tinnevelly exceeds both the budget and regular estimate by Rs. 2,000; and the Conservator considers this provision necessary not only for felling and carting timber, but also for collecting Cardamums and planting Babool

EXPENDITURE.	
A. Conservancy and Working.	RS.
Actuals of 1870-71...	1,56,779
Estimate for 1871-72	2,14,500
Regular Estimate for 1871-72 ...	2,00,000
Proposed do. for 1872-73 ...	2,00,000

trees for railway fuel within the water-spread of the Government tanks in the Salur and Terumangalum Talooks. The sum of Rs. 10,000, entered for Trichinopoly and Tanjore, is a new item, and consists of the probable expenditure on fuel plantations and reserves recently undertaken. The estimates for the other ranges require no remark. They are in every case either equal to or less than the regular estimate. On the whole the estimate of two lakhs is moderate, considering the large fuel-reserves and plantations commenced in several parts of the Presidency.

4. The budget provision of Rs. 1,78,000 under this head exceeds the sanctioned grant for 1871-72 by Rs. 5,500. The excess is clearly explained in the memorandum attached to the Officiating Accountant-General's letter. The increase is almost entirely owing to the extensive fuel-reserves and plantations formed in several districts. An addition of Rs. 3,000 will be made for the cost of the trained Forest Assistant to be employed in this Presidency,—(*vide* Order of Government dated 30th September 1871, No. 1,708).

Establishment.	Rs.
Actuals of 1870-71	1,38,081
Budget-estimate for 1871-72	1,72,500
Regular do. do.	1,68,620
Proposed do. 1872-73	1,78,000

5. The estimate under "Contingencies," including official postage, namely, Rs. 9,722, is less than the sanctioned grant for the current year by Rs. 1,728.

6. Under the circumstances above stated the Conservator's budget of charges is passed with the addition of Rs. 3,000 already alluded to. The grand total of the budget is Rs. 3,81,000, (as per abstract statement appended) against the estimated revenue of Rs. 4,50,000. The net estimated revenue will be Rs. 69,000; but the bulk of the charges now being incurred are such as are calculated to produce highly valuable results hereafter.

7. The budget as now passed will be forwarded to the Accountant-General, with the prescribed accompaniments for transmission to the Government of India, after taking the usual abstracts of it for the civil estimate.

8. The Government have withdrawn the copy of the Administration Report, which was forwarded by Major Beddome to the Accountant-General with the budget, as that report is still under the consideration of Government, and not available for issue till disposed of by them.

9. Major Beddome will understand that he is not at liberty to distribute any copies whatever of this report until orders have been passed on it, and, then only, in accordance with an approved distribution list, which he will submit to Government. The report, although printed for facility of disposal by Government, is no more at Major Beddome's disposal than if it were still in manuscript.

10. If any other copies have been allowed to leave his office, except those sent to Government, he will at once recall them.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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ABSTRACT Statement of the Forest Budget for 1872-73 as revised and passed by Government.

	Rs.	Gunsur and Surahn.	Goloondah.	Cuddapah and Bellary.	Nullamallai.	Chendragherry, Gooriatur, Vellore, and Polur.	South Arcot.	Tanjore and Trichinopoly.	Madura.	Alwarcoorchy, Papanasam, and Kalkad.	Amamallai.	Bolumpatty.	Cheunat Nair.	Mudumallai.	Sirgoor and Satteamangalum.	Bhowany.	Collegal.	Salem.	South Canara.	Wynaad.	Nellumbore.	Total.
Receipts	Rs.	5,000	200	50,000	40,000	15,800	3,500	.....	10,000	24,000	80,000	4,000	3,000	46,000	16,000	15,000	13,500	60,000	35,000	14,000	15,000	4,50,000
CHARGES.																						
Conservancy and Working ...	.....	500	500	15,000	4,000	6,000	3,000	10,000	10,000	15,000	30,000	1,000	3,000	25,000	5,000	18,000	10,000	13,000	12,000	7,000	12,000	2,00,000
Establishment ...	31,640	2,750	600	9,000	7,700	8,160	4,500	8,000	13,000	10,900	14,900	1,000	1,900	17,800	2,000	5,560	2,500	14,570	9,570	5,870	8,380	1,81,000
Total...	31,640	3,250	1,300	24,000	11,700	14,160	7,500	18,000	23,000	25,900	44,900	2,000	4,900	42,800	7,000	23,560	12,500	27,570	21,570	12,870	20,380	3,81,000
Net Revenue...	*31,640	1,750	*1,100	26,000	28,300	1,640	*3,000	*18,000	*13,000	*1,900	35,100	2,000	1,900	3,200	9,000	*8,560	1,000	32,430	13,430	1,130	*5,880	69,000

NOTE.—The figures marked with an asterisk denote excess of expenditure over receipts.



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Central Office - The appointment of the first class Deputy Conservator attached to the Central Office having been abolished in accordance with the orders conveyed in Paras 5 & 6 of the Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated 29th May 1871 No 22 L, communicated with G.O. dated 16th June 1871 No 1072, the salary and travelling allowances of the post hitherto provided for in the Budget Estimates have now been omitted.

2. The pay of the two additional Clerks sanctioned by Government in their Proceedings dated 19th June 1871

No.

No 1087 has been entered under A "Direction" both in the Regular and Budget Estimates of this Department for 1872-73.

3. Golconda Forests — The Revenue does not cover the cost of the Establishment of this Range, the cause of which has on several occasions been brought by the Conservator of Forests to the notice of Government and that of the Board of Revenue and it was thereupon decided* that this Forest should be transferred to the Local jungles Conservancy but the transfer has been deferred pending the contemplated reorganization of the Department

* Vide G. O. dated 12th Octo 1870. No 1581

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4 Expenditure — A sum of Rupees 500 has been exhibited under "Conservancy and Working" for collecting Timber Departmentally and carting it through the Country between Goodum and Thampully to the foot of the Ghat to Narsapatam which will not be expended though carting Timber direct from Goodum to the low country near Narsapatam has proved a failure.

5 Goomsur & Surada Forests — The Revenue and Expenditure both in the Regular and Budget Estimates of this Range have been reduced to Rupees 6000 and 5000 respectively

respectively - according to the
estimate given under these
heads - The decrease in the
Receipts is owing to the
dull state of the market.
6. Hurnool - Expenditure - The
estimated expenditure for 1872-73
has on account of the dull state
of the market, been reduced
from 6 Rupees 6000 to Rs 4000,
the latter amount having been
given in the Regular and
Budget Estimates. —
7. Cuddapah Forest Revenue -
The Revenue of this Range has
been considerably diminished
there having been no demand
for Red wood Stumps and
Roots on account of the recent
European war. It is expected
however

however that during the
ensuing year rapid sales
of this valuable wood will
be effected. Hence the receipts
both in the Regular and
Budget Estimates have
been shewn at Rupees 5,000
and 6,000 respectively in lieu
of Rupees 7,000 inserted
in the General Budget Estimates
sanctioned by Government
for 1871-72.
8. Expenditure - For the
foregoing reasons the expenditure
has likewise been reduced to
Rupees 15,000. —
9. North Arcot Forest Revenue -
The Revenue has been
steadily increasing in this
Range

Range ever since it has been placed under the care and supervision of Mr. Sheffield, as the actuals of the Estimate shew an increase of Rupees 2566 over those of the official year 1869-70. The Assistant Conservator in charge is now preparing departmentally Sandalwood, Redwood Stumps and posts. The felling of which was not undertaken by his predecessors. It is expected therefore that the Receipts noted both in the Regular and Budget Estimates will be fully realized.

10. Expenditure. An additional grant of Rupees 5000 has been sanctioned by Government in their Pro: dated 1st June 1871 No. 971. for the purpose of clearing scrub jungles, planting and reserving fuel in blocks adjacent to the Harbour stations and Manmundoor. This amount has therefore been included under items No. 1 and 6 — II. Establishment. In item No. 4 under B "Establishment" in the Regular and Budget Estimates the salary and Travelling allowance of one of the three 3d Class Overseers sanctioned by Government in their Pro: dated 15th August 1870 No. 1258 for the Railway fuel

Range ever since it has been placed under the care and supervision of Mr. Sheffield, as the actuals of the Estimate shew an increase of Rupees 2566 over those of the official year 1869-70. The Assistant Conservator in charge is now preparing departmentally Sandalwood, Redwood Stumps and posts. The felling of which was not undertaken by his predecessors. It is expected therefore that the Receipts noted both in the Regular and Budget Estimates will be fully realized.

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Fuel Reserves are included as well as the pay of 10 Gardeners authorized by Government for forming Plantations at the Ambore Station and Mammundoor in the North West District.

12. Salem - Expenditure. The estimated expenditure in this Range has been inserted at Rupees 13,000, which includes the cost of collecting Tamarind fruits from the tracts of the Coimpen Saghuer leased by this Department under the orders of Government conveyed in their Proc: dated 10th Novr 1869, No 2942 as also for

+ G.O. dated 1st June 1871. No 971.

felling sandalwood and other kinds of wood on the Dindigul Cottah and Javady Hills for meeting local demands.

13. Establishment - Captain Gowling, 2d class Deputy Conservator temporarily placed in charge of this Range being absent in Europe on Furlough the salary of the 2d class Deputy Conservator permanently attached to this Forest has been exhibited both in the Regular and Budget Estimates in lieu of that of the 2d class Deputy Conservator which has been transferred to the Animalley Range, though the Assistant Conservators at present in charge

charge of three Asst Rangers
draw each only the Pay
and allowance of the 3rd
Class Assistants Grade.

14. The salary of one of the
three Railway Sub Overseers
sanctioned by Government
in their Pro: dated 15th August
12. 1870 Rs 1258 has been
included in the Estimate of
this Range; the usual Sanc-
tion of fresh charges for
all the Railway Sub Overseers
and for the newly created
appointments of an Assistant
Conservator and Sub Assistant
for Trichinopoly, Tanjore and
Timnevelly Plantations has
already been transmitted

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for the approval and
confirmation of the Govt
of India.

15. South Arcot. There is no
improvement in the Revenue
of this Forest. A separate Officer
having been placed in charge
of this District it is highly
desirable that the charge of
the jungle Conservancy now
under the management of
the Collector should be annal-
gamated with that of the
Forest Department and thereby
ensure a larger amount of
Receipts so that the outlay
incurred on account of the
fixed establishment and
planting operations may
not prove a loss to the State.

16. Madura - The salary &c hitherto drawn by Captain Walker was provided for in the Tinnevelly Range but the amount has now been transferred to it in the Regular and Budget Estimates of the Madura Forests, to which that Officer has been permanently posted vide Pro: of Government dated 17th January 1871 No: 115: whilst the Pay of the Assistant Conservator has been shewn in lieu thereof in the Estimates of the Tinnevelly Range.—

17. The Cost of the establishment authorized by Government in their Pro: dated 31st May 1871. No 966 for the conservancy of the Lower Pulneys subject to a report after the expiration of six months regarding the resources of the Forests &c has been shewn in the Regular and Budget Estimates.

18. Tinnevelly - As the Railway line will extend to this District it is expected that the sale of timber &c at the Depot will yield a revenue of Rupees 24,000. It is in contemplation to discontinue the working of the Licence system and to introduce in lieu thereof Departmental felling operations.

19. Expenditure :- Mr Wayne has estimated Rupees 20,000 under this head nearly three fourths in excess of the actuals

of

of the Budget Estimates. The amount has therefore been reduced to Rupees 15,000 — which provides for felling and carting of Timber and collecting Cardamums as also for planting Babool Trees for Railway Fuel within the waste water spread of the Governments Tanks in the Salem and Tirunnamalaum Taluqs of this District.

20. Establishment — As stated in para 16 of this Report the Estimates of the salary of the 2d Class Deputy have been As transferred to the Madura Range, whilst the Pay and Travelling allowances of Mr. Hayne have been provided for in the Estimates of the Tinnevelly

Tinnevelly Range, agreeably to G. O. dated 17th January 1871 No. 115.

21. The Salary of the Sub-Assistant Conservator recently sanctioned by Government for the formation of Railway Fuel Plantations as well as that of the Overseer obtained, agreeably to G.O. dated 17th January 1871, No. 115, have been provided for both in the Regular and Budget Estimates.

+ G.O. No. 1064 dated 15th June 1871.

22. Ammanally Forests — Revenue — The income of this Range was small last ... Year ...

year as the timber was landed over to the Bombay Marine so late that credit could not be given during that year, it is estimated at Rs 9,000 for the current year which includes Rs 4,000 which should have been credited last year.

23. Deccan Belt Forests. This Forest is being worked under the Licence system, departmental felling not having yet been introduced in consequence of extensive clearing now being carried out by the Ryots on free passes obtained from the Monegar of each village.

24. Chinnatoor Forests. Formerly given

given in para 22 of this Report, the Revenue in this Range has been considerably diminished.

25. Madumallai - Revenue. The Revenue of this Range has been considerably decreased owing to there having been very little demand for Teak Wood in the market and to restrictions having been placed on Public Works by the reduction in the Establishment of the Financial deficit. It is proposed hereafter to open a Depot at Mysore to ensure a speedy sale for the timber by tendering it on Contract from the Madumallai Forests

Expenditure

26. Expenditure. In the reasons given in the foregoing paragraph the expenditure for felling has been restricted.

27. Sirsir & Sattiammangalum. The Revenue and Expenditure of these Forests have been estimated according to the actuals of the Budget estimates.—

28. Bohwany Forests. Expenditure. In the Regular Estimate Rupees 20,000 have been entered which includes Rupees 12,000 sanctioned by Government in para 4 of their Pro: dated 12th October 1870 No. 1554 for improving the Navigation of the Cauvery and Bhwany Rivers. Pending the completion of the works a further sum of Rupees 8000 has been allotted in the Estimate.

29. Establishment. The Salary of a 2d Class Overseer sanctioned in G.O. dated 15th August 1870 No. 1258 as well as the double travelling allowance authorized for Mr. Overseer Grant, whilst on special duty in felling wood in the Bhwany Forests for the reconstruction Department of the Railway have been estimated for

† G.O. dated 23d March 1871 No. 536.

for both in the Regular and Budget Estimates.

30. As the extension of the construction of the South West Line of the Railway from Pothanore to Mattoopalliem has been determined upon, the Government are desirous* that the Tracts of the Mattoopalliem Jungles should be utilized for meeting the requirements of the Public and Locomotive Department of the Railway. The cost of the small establishment proposed by the Conservator of Forests for the conservancy of these Tracts, as shown in the accompanying

*Vide Proc. of Govt. dated 16th July 1870 No 1097.

*In para 4 of his letter No 2413 dated 11th Nov. 1870 recorded in G.O. dated 2nd March 1871 No 378.

accompanying scale of the establishment of the Forest Department has been estimated for in the Budget of the Bombay Presidency in anticipation of the sanction of Government.

31. Collegal Trees. Revenue. The Income of this Range has been slightly raised over the actuals of the Budget Estimates as Colonel Morgan expects to realize the sum of Rupees 13,500 by the sale of sandalwood.

32. Wynaad. A Depot is being formed at Sopeur by giving up that at Anter. kanah, a distance of 20 miles from the former station. It is proposed to hold periodical

+G.O. dated 8th Oct. 1870 No. 1523.

periodical auctions sales of Timber Removed from the Wynaad Forests on account of the income having largely decreased for want of a better market.—

33. Nellumboor. Certain tracts of Forests leased by this Department agreeably to G.O. dated 1st November 1870. No. 1683 will in future be worked departmentally by the Officer in charge of the Nelumboor Plantation of Teak Trees in 600 Cawnies of land selected

G.O. dated 8th July 1871 No. 1177.

selected from those Forests.

34. Establishment. Mr. Ferguson's salary has been estimated at Rupees 300 per mensem, his promotion to the grade of 2d. Class Assistt. Conservator having been authorized by the Govt. of India in Secret Pro: dated 14th December 1870. No. 765 E communicated in G.O. No. 83 dated 12th January 1871.

35. South Canara:— The Assistt. Conservator in charge of this Range has been permitted to draw the pay of an Acting 2d. Class Deputy Conservator but the increased expenditure will be met from the savings of the salary of the 2d. Class Deputy

Deputy Conservator of the Chemmalai Range who is relieved at present in Cochin for Furlough.

36. Sruchimpoly, Sanpore & Madura Fuel Plantations } No Revenue should for the present be expected to be realized from the Plantations and Reserves now being formed between the Sruchimpoly and Madura Districts.

37. Expenditure. On the Regular Estimate under A Conservancy and working Rupees 5000 are exhibited the amount having been sanctioned by Government in Para 3 of their Proc. dated

dated 15th June 1871. No. 1064 for 4 Peninsular Sq. Miles containing Acacia & superior irrigated Lands in which an area of not less than 50 acres in extent near the Chambore Station nine miles to the north of the Sruchimpoly District Rupees 10,000 have been estimated for meeting the expenditure of the Fuel Plantations and Reserves referred to.

38. Establishment. An Assistt Conservator having been placed in charge of these valuable Plantations, his Salary and Travelling allowance have been provided for

for both in the Regular and Budget Estimates. The Pay and Travelling allowance of 1st class + Overseer and 2, 3d class Overseers sanctioned by Government for employment on Plantations and Reserves between Suchindrum and Madura have been included in the Estimates under submission.—

+ Vide G. O. dated 15th June 1871 No. 1064

39. Office Contingencies. A small sum of Rupees 200- has been estimated for Office Contingencies required by the Officer in charge for purchasing Office Furniture and for the payment of

of Official Postages &c.

Compr. Periakulam
18th Sept. 1871

A. Brandis Major
Conservator of Forests

Forest Department.

Return on the contemplated Operations for the Official year 1872-73.

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Memorandum explanatory of the variations in the Forest Budget Estimate for 1872-73 compared with that for 1871-72, under the Sub head "A Establishment".

Amount proposed for 1872-73 ——— Rs 178.000.
Sanctioned Grant for 1871-72 ——— " 172.500.

Excess in the former. Rs. 5.500.

		Salary for the month allowed per annum	Rs
Additional writer for the Tinnevelly Range sanctioned in G. O. No 115 dated 17th January 1871. as per statement of Fresh Charges for that Month			30.
Amount sanctioned by Government in their Orders Nos 1258 and 502 dated respectively the 15th August 1870 and 21st March 1871 on account of the reservation of the Railway Fuel Reserves as per statement of Fresh Charges for March 1871.			
Trichinopoly Tanjore and Madura	1. 3d Class Asstt Conservator	240	60.
do	3. 3d Class overseers	180	45.
do	2. Maistries on 20 and 10.	30	"
North Arcot.	1. 3d Class overseer	60	15
Salem.	1 do do	60	15
Bhowany	1 do do.	80	"
Amount sanctioned for a 1st Class overseer for the Fuel Reserves from Trichinopoly to Madura in Government Order No 1064 dated 15th June 1871. as per statement of Fresh Charges for that month		100	30.
Amount sanctioned for a Sub-Assistant Conservator for the Tinnevelly Range as per do do do.		150	30
	Carried forward	890	195

	Salary per mensem	Travelling Allowance per mensem
	Rs	Rs.
Brought forward	890	115
Additional Allowance to the 1st class Overseer Blunt of Range, while in charge of the Calvary fuel plantations sanctioned in Government order No. 936 dated 25 March 1871 as per statement of Fresh Charges for that month	"	30
Pay of 10 Gardeners for the Fuel Reserves in Hoshangabad sanctioned in Government Order No. 77 dated 14th June 1871. as per statement of Fresh Charges for that month	80	"
Pay of two Accountants for the Central Office sanctioned in Government Order No. 1087 dated 19 June 1871 as per do do	90	"
Amount sanctioned by Government in their order No. 968 dated the 31st May 1871 as per experimental Measure, for the Conservancy of the Lower Railways, not included in the statement of Fresh Charges pending final sanction	82	10.
Amount provided in the Budget for 1872-73, for the formation of fuel Reserves in Mella follieu to meet the requirements of the Railway Company, not included in do do	112	30
	1254	265
Deduct Amount saved by the abolition of the appointment of a First Class Deputy Conservator for the Central Office, as per Financial Resolution of the Government of India No. 640 dated 25 May 1871	890	150
Carried forward	454	115

	Salary per mensem	Travelling Allowance per annum
	Rs	Rs.
Brought forward	454	115
	454	
Total amount of Salary and Travelling Allowances per mensem	569	
or per annum	6828	
Add increased provision for 1872-73 on account of Travelling Allowances of the Conservator for	400.	
	7228	
Deduct decrease in the provision for Contingencies	1728.	
Net excess provision in the Estimate for 1872-73 under B Establishment	Rs. 5500.	

Comparison with the last scale of Establishment.

Total amount of the Conservator's last scale of Establishment dated 16 September 1871. Rupees 13646-6-6 per mensem or per annum say Rupees 163745

Travelling Allowance of the Conservator of Forests and his Office establishment, not included in the above Return 4200

Pay and Batta of a Dresser for the Annamallay Forest, not included in do. 333

Contingencies not included in do. 9722

Total amount provided in the Budget Estimate for 1872-73 under sub-head "B Establishment" Rs. 178000

S. Reynald
Offg Accountt General.

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Budget Department

Fort Saint George.
Accountt Genls Office.
No 275. 27 September 1870.

From
The Offg Accountant General,
Madras.

To
The Secretary
to Government
Revenue Department

Sir,

I have the honor to submit, for the consideration and orders of Government, the Budget Estimate of the Forest Department for the Official year 1872-73, which has been examined in this Office, together with a Memorandum Explanatory of the variations between the sums sanctioned for the Current year and those proposed for 1872-73, under the head of Establishment.

2 I have further to transmit to you, the documents noted in the margin, furnished to me by the Conservator of Forests, and Copy of his letter No 485 dated the 18th Instant to my address.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obdt Servt

J. Fitzgerald
Offg Accountant General

× I Last sanctioned scale of Establishment.
II Report on the contemplated operations for 1872-73.
III Annual abstract of the Cash transactions of 1870-71.
IV Annual Administration Report for 1870-71.

Compared

months, and the generally dull state of the timber market. The Estimate is accepted.

3. The estimate for working charges amounts to Rs. 2,00,000, the same as the Regular estimate for the Current year based on the Actuals of 5 months. The details of this part of the Budget show that the allotments for the several Forests have been fixed with much care, and that reduction is not practicable. The estimate (Rs. 6,000) for North Arcot, though less than the Regular Estimate, exceeds the Current year's Budget estimate by Rs. 3,000. The increase consists of the

Expenditure

A. Conservancy and working

	Rs.
Actuals of 1870-71	1,56,779
Estimate for 1871-72	2,14,500
Regular Estimate for 1871-72	2,00,000
Proposed —do- for 1872-73	2,00,000

outlay on new fuel reserves of upwards of 11 sq. miles in extent approved in the Order of Govt. dated 1st June 1871, No. 971. The Estimate (Rs. 15,000) for Immanelly exceeds both the Budget and regular Estimate by Rs. 2000, and the Conservator considers this provision necessary not only for felling and carting timber but also for collecting Cardamums and planting Babool trees for Railway fuel within the watershed of the Govt. Tanks in the Salem and Tennangalum Taluks. The sum of Rs. 10,000 entered for Trichinopoly and Tanjore is a new item, and consists of the probable expenditure on fuel plantations

plantations and reserves recently undertaken. The Estimates for the other ranges require no remark. They are on every scale either equal to or less than the Regular Estimate On the whole the estimate of two lacs is moderate considering the large fuel reserves and plantations commenced in several parts of the Presidency

4. The Budget provision of Rs: 1,78,000 under this head exceeds the sanctioned grant for 1871-72 by Rs: 5,500 and the excess is clearly explained in the Memorandum attached to the Offg: Accountant General's letter The increase is almost entirely owing to the extensive fuel Reserves and Plantations formed in several Districts. An addition of Rs: 3,000 will be made

Establishment		Rs:
Actuals of 1870-71		1,38,081
Budget Estimate for 1871-72		1,72,500
Regular — do — for	— do —	1,68,620
Proposed — do — for	1872-73	1,78,000

made for the trained Forest Assistant to be employed in this Presidency (Vide Order of Govt: dated 30th September 1871 No: 1708)

5. The estimate under "Contingencies including Official postage viz: Rs: 9722 is less than the sanctioned grant for the Current years by Rs: 1728.

6. Under the circumstances above stated the Conservator in charge of the Budget is pressed with the addition of Rs: 3000 already alluded to. The ground to ask for the Budget is Rs: 3,81,000, (as per abstract statement appended) against the estimated revenue of Rs: 4,50,000. The net estimated revenue will be Rs: 69,000.

The charges now being incurred will be an calculated to produce highly valuable results hereafter

Abstract Statement of the Forest Budget for 1872 – 73 as revised and passed by Government.

	Central Office	Guindy and Saidapet	Tirumala	Cuddalore & Bellary	Nellampatty	Chingleput & Vellore & Porto Novo	South Arcot	Tanjore & Trichinopoly	Madura	Tinnevelly & Kattabomman Kalkad	Anamallai	Palamcottah	Chinnatanai	Malabar & Wynaad	Sagoor and Sathiamangalam	Nilgiris	Coimbatore	Salem	South Canara	Wynaad	Nellimalais	Total
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	As.	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	As	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
Receipts	—	5,000	200	58,000	40,000	15,800	3,500	—	10,000	21,000	80,000	4,000	3,000	46,000	16,000	15,000	13,570	6,000	35,000	11,000	15,000	4,52,000
Charges																						
Conservancy & Working	—	500	500	15,000	14,000	6,000	3,000	10,000	15,000	15,800	30,000	1,000	3,000	25,000	5,700	18,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	7,000	12,000	2,00,000
Establishment	31,640	2,750	800	9,000	7,700	8,160	4,500	3,000	13,000	10,900	14,900	1,000	1,900	17,800	2,900	5,560	2,470	14,570	9,570	5,870	8,880	1,81,000
Total	31,640	3,250	1,300	24,000	11,700	14,160	7,500	13,000	23,000	25,900	1,14,900	2,000	1,900	42,300	7,000	23,560	12,500	27,570	21,570	12,870	20,880	3,81,000
Net Revenue	31,640	1,750	1,100	26,000	28,300	1,640	4,000	13,000	13,000	1,900	35,100	2,000	1,900	3,700	9,000	8,560	0,000	32,430	13,430	1,130	5,880	69,000

Note: The figures marked with an asterisk denote excess of expenditure over Receipts.

1. To the Offg Accountant General ... with 3 enclosures 30 Oct 71
13. The Conservator of Forests
14. The Board of Trade

Feb 6
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