

No. 43. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Department of Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce, (Forests,) dated Simla, 21st June 1872, No. 11-689—699 :—

Read again—

The Budget-estimates for 1872-73 of the Forest Department throughout India, including Haidarabád and Mysor.

Read also—

The orders passed thereon by the Government of India.

RESOLUTION.—It seems necessary to draw attention to the unpunctuality with which the Forest budgets have been submitted for the consideration of the Government of India by some of the Local Governments. It has been distinctly ruled that these documents ought to reach the Government of India on the 1st October. In the North-West Provinces and the Panjáb there may be some difficulty with reference to the Hill Divisions, but in all other provinces the 1st October is certainly by no means an unreasonably early date. The dates on which the several budgets

Burma, 28th September 1871.
Haidarabád, 6th October „
Khurg, 10th „ „
Mysor, 12th „ „
Bombay, 1st November „
Bengal, 11th „ „
Madras, 13th „ „
Panjáb, 18th „ „
Oudh, 22nd „ „
Central Provinces, 11th January 1872,
North-Western Provinces, 13th „

were received this year are quoted in the margin, and His Excellency the Governor-General in Council trusts that the several Local Governments will in future hold their Conservators responsible for the punctual submission of their budgets at the appointed time. In the North-West Provinces and the Panjáb a month's delay will (if considered

absolutely indispensable by the Governments of those Provinces) be admitted.

2. The several estimates have been reviewed separately, but the figures have now been combined in the annexed table for convenience of comparison and in order to exhibit the aggregate amounts involved.

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ABSTRACT of the Provincial Budget-estimates of the Forest Department

Governments.	RECEIPTS.				CONSERVANCY AND WORKING.			
	Actuals, 1870-71.	Budget estimate, 1871-72.	Regular Estimate, 1871-72.	Budget estimate, 1872-73.	Actuals, 1870-71.	Budget estimate, 1871-72.	Regular Estimate, 1871-72.	Budget estimate, 1872-73.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Government of India...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. Madras ...	3,30,762	4,95,000	4,50,000	4,50,000	1,56,779	2,14,500	2,00,000	2,00,000
Do. Bombay ...	9,73,180	10,00,000	8,82,432	11,26,700	2,67,548	4,59,000	2,27,695	4,62,177
Do. Sind ...	2,04,245	2,40,000	2,05,540	2,73,300	1,17,090	1,03,500	99,810	1,28,300
Do. Bengal ...	1,19,678	1,65,000	1,25,000	1,25,000	24,174	80,000	55,000	59,000
Do. N. W. Provs....	3,65,076	12,70,000	8,00,000	13,63,000	5,41,957	9,50,000	8,49,408	9,54,000
Do. Panjáb ...	10,40,368	11,46,000	10,56,340	10,68,000	10,30,005	9,29,700	6,30,814	7,52,000
Do. Oudh ...	60,181	1,46,200	1,20,000	1,20,000	52,873	87,000	66,000	65,000
Do. Central Provs...	6,58,120	4,20,000	4,00,000	4,50,000	1,95,251	1,49,000	1,49,000	2,80,000
Do. Burma ...	8,18,124	7,70,000	7,70,000	7,50,000	2,80,445	2,95,000	2,95,000	2,54,000
Do. Khurg...	74,067	80,000	80,000	84,000	14,822	19,000	25,200	19,000
Total...	46,52,801	57,32,200	48,89,312	58,10,000	26,89,943	32,86,700	25,97,927	31,73,477
Total British net rev.	8,66,954	12,16,508	11,36,343	13,35,700	...	...	...	...
Mysor ...	3,37,669	3,14,000	13,13,900	2,87,800	81,061	1,15,000	1,11,200	94,510
Haidarabád ...	1,77,329	2,00,000	1,30,545	1,50,000	43,034	71,552	71,080	56,620
Total...	5,14,998	5,14,000	4,44,445	4,37,800	1,24,095	1,86,552	1,82,280	1,51,130
Net revenue ...	2,87,584	2,14,954	1,48,237	1,57,534				

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throughout India for 1872-73, passed by the Government of India.

CHARGES.

ESTABLISHMENTS.				TOTAL.				
Actuals, 1870-71.	Budget estimate, 1871-72.	Regular Estimate, 1871-72.	Budget estimate, 1872-73.	Actuals, 1870-71.	Percentage on Receipts.	Budget estimate, 1871-72.	Regular Estimate, 1871-72.	Budget estimate, 1872-73.
RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	AS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
41,262	41,492	26,000	24,300	41,262	...	41,492	26,000	24,300
1,38,081	1,72,500	1,08,620	1,81,000	2,94,860	86	2,87,000	3,68,620	3,81,000
1,76,653	1,94,300	1,65,801	2,47,343	4,44,201	45	6,53,300	3,93,496	7,09,520
61,472	54,300	65,090	62,180	1,78,562	87	1,57,800	1,64,900	1,90,480
60,186	83,100	55,000	78,000	86,458	70	1,63,100	1,10,000	1,37,000
1,33,928	1,60,000	1,54,905	1,57,000	6,75,885	185	11,10,000	10,04,313	11,11,000
2,03,951	2,10,800	2,13,476	2,34,000	12,33,956	118	11,40,500	8,44,290	9,86,000
47,119	45,000	44,000	45,000	99,991	166	1,32,000	1,10,000	1,10,000
1,12,182	1,19,000	1,14,000	1,20,000	3,07,433	45	2,68,000	2,63,000	4,00,000
1,11,293	1,37,000	1,37,000	1,41,000	4,00,738	49	4,32,000	4,32,000	3,95,000
9,777	11,500	11,150	11,000	24,563	33	30,500	36,350	30,000
10,95,904	12,28,992	11,55,042	13,00,823	37,85,847	81	45,15,692	37,52,969	44,74,300
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
64,381	71,600	71,803	87,056	1,45,442	43	1,86,600	1,83,003	1,81,566
38,938	40,894	42,125	42,080	81,972	46	1,12,446	1,13,205	98,700
1,03,319	1,12,494	1,13,928	1,29,136	2,27,414	44	2,99,046	2,96,208	2,80,266

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3. The total amounts, omitting Mysor and the Berars, since 1863-64 are—

	Receipts.	Charges.	Surplus.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
1863-64, Actuals	30,44,430		
1864-65 „	35,02,022	18,62,461	16,39,561
1865-66 „	35,63,382	21,36,387	14,16,995
1866-67 (11 months)	30,44,183	20,51,145	9,93,038
1867-68 „	33,15,884	22,44,564	10,71,320
1868-69 „	42,00,737	26,02,845	15,97,892
1869-70 „	45,80,953	31,32,833	14,48,120
1870-71 „	46,52,801	37,85,847	8,66,954
1871-72, Regular Estimate	48,89,312	37,52,969	11,36,343
1872-73, Budget-estimate	58,10,000	44,74,300	13,35,700

4. The comparison between the estimates and actuals of 1870-71 are as follow:—

	Budget-estimate.	Regular-estimate.	Actuals.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Receipts... ..	58,87,800	46,82,708	46,52,801
Charges	43,67,306	39,20,491	37,85,847
Surplus	15,20,494	7,62,217	8,66,954

5. It will be seen from the above table that the actual revenue realized in 1870-71 was about three-fourths of a lakh higher than that realized in 1869-70, while the charges were $6\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs higher; the net revenue being less by $5\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs in consequence. This deficit is, however, only apparent, being due mainly to the operations undertaken for the supply of timber for the State railways, which were not adjusted during the year, pending a reference to the Government of India in the Public Works Department as to price to be paid for the material. These sums will appear in the current year's accounts. In Oudh only there is a small real deficit from unfavourable timber sales.

6. It was said last year that the operations for supplying timber and fuel to the State railways will affect to a large extent both the income and charges of the department for some years to come. In addition to the works already in progress in the North-West Provinces and the Panjáb for supplying material to the Rajpútana and Northern State railways, the Forest Department in Sindh and the Panjáb have been called upon to provide for the wants of the Indus Valley Railway, and those of Bombay and the Central Provinces for the wants of the State Railways in Western and Central India. These demands have caused a considerable expansion of the estimates for 1872-73, the charges for which year provide for an expenditure for this purpose of about $12\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs. It is to the advantage of the State that the services of its officers should be utilized to the utmost for the early completion of these important works; and though it is possible that the forest-revenues might occasionally be increased by throwing the available timber into the market in place of supplying it to the State railways, yet there can be no doubt that the interests of Government are best served by the utilization of material, which is its own property, on the latter works.

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7. In addition to the expenditure incurred on the extraordinary sleeper works above referred to, and for ordinary purposes of conservancy and working, considerable sums have been estimated for the extension of fuel reserves, the formation of plantations (chiefly connected with the railways), the demarcation of forests, and the construction of roads. These works being necessary not only for facilitating forest-operations, but for increasing the productiveness of the forests, may be classed among works of a remunerative character, which will, in course of time, by increasing the revenues, repay Government for the outlay incurred.

8. There has been an expansion of establishment charges, which have been above three-quarters of a lakh higher than those of 1869-70: this has been caused by the ordinary promotions of officers in the department, the increased establishments required for the sleeper-operations, and the increase in travelling charges necessitated by these operations. Tables are annexed in which the establishment charges of the department in each of the Local Administrations are compared, from which it will be seen that the percentage on receipts has been highest in Oudh and Bengal, namely, 78 and 50 per cent.

9. The constant increase of establishments demands the close attention of all Local Governments; and His Excellency the Governor-General in Council trusts that in all cases where proposals for increases of establishments are made to the Government of India, Local Governments and Administrations will carefully consider the bearing of the proposals from a financial point of view, as well as its necessity in regard to improved forest administration.

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Governments and Administrations.	ACTUALS.						ESTIMATES.		
	1864-65.	1865-66.	1866-67.	1867-68.	1868-69.	1869-70.	1870-71.	Percent- age on Receipts.	1871-72.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Government of India ...	43,615	10,163	30,680	32,234	35,387	34,348	41,262	...	26,000
Do. of Madras ...	95,300	1,17,054	1,02,920	1,26,223	1,37,779	1,39,870	1,38,081	40	1,68,620
Do. of Bombay ...	1,67,464	1,62,791	1,72,017	1,70,049	1,98,056	1,72,828	1,76,653	18	1,65,801
Do. of Sind ...	42,888	49,196	38,956	44,913	41,655	42,983	61,472	30	65,090
Do. of Bengal ...	6,604	16,232	14,881	24,223	30,676	34,870	60,186	50	55,000
Do. of North-West Provinces ...	65,740	84,558	83,711	85,139	1,01,475	1,27,441	1,33,928	36	1,54,905
Do. of Panjáb ...	84,665	77,968	78,680	97,955	1,15,828	1,58,279	2,03,951	19	2,13,476
Do. of Oudh ...	27,154	19,883	21,371	23,065	29,615	42,090	47,119	78	44,000
Do. of Burma ...	86,081	90,327	80,544	1,03,339	99,191	1,10,058	1,11,293	13	1,37,000
Do. of Central Provinces ...	61,946	74,994	81,041	99,031	1,07,730	1,08,445	1,12,182	...	1,14,000
Do. of Khurg ...	4,201	8,654	7,127	8,610	9,301	10,231	9,777	13	11,150
Total..	6,85,658	7,11,880	7,12,128	8,14,781	9,06,693	9,81,443	10,95,904	23	11,55,042
Do. of Mysor ...	53,018	54,768	53,823	57,725	60,677	59,998	64,381	19	71,803
Do. of Haidarabád ...	478	8,991	13,718	16,157	27,553	58,692	38,938	22	42,125
Grand Total...	7,39,154	7,75,639	7,79,669	8,88,663	9,94,923	11,00,133	11,99,223	23	13,38,970
									13,00,823
									87,056
									42,080
									14,29,959

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CLASSIFICATION of the Establishment Charges of the Forest Department during 1870-71.

Governments.	Salaries.	Travelling Allowances.	Contingen- cies.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Government of India ...	29,167	10,800	1,295	41,262
Do. of Madras ...	1,15,365	15,166	7,550	1,38,081
Do. of Bombay ...	1,20,625	36,168	19,860	1,76,653
Do. of Sind ...	56,756	...	4,716	61,472
Do. of Bengal ...	47,464	9,243	3,479	60,186
Do. of North-West Provinces...	95,185	18,461	10,282	1,33,928
Do. of Panjáb ...	1,53,189	38,587	12,175	2,03,951
Do. of Oudh ...	38,158	5,863	3,098	47,119
Do. of Burma ...	96,859	8,463	5,971	1,11,293
Do. of Central Provinces ...	86,221	11,272	14,689	1,12,182
Do. of Khurg ...	7,252	2,020	505	9,777
Total...	8,56,241	1,56,043	83,620	10,95,904
Do. of Mysor ...	51,951	7,395	5,035	64,381
Do. of Haidarabád ...	26,328	7,650	4,960	38,938
Grand Total...	9,34,520	1,71,088	93,615	11,99,223

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations noted in the margin for information and guidance and to the Financial Department for information.

Ordered also that this Resolution be published in the Supplement to the Gazette of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. O. HUME,

Secretary to the Government of India.

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ORDER THEREON, 4th July 1872, No. 1,031.

Forests, No. 4.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of
Revenue and to the Conservator of
Forests.

(True extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
REVENUE, AND COMMERCE.

[Forests.]

To

The Local Governments and Administrations.

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No. 689-699.

Dated 21st June.

Recd 3rd July/72

SUBJECT.

General Resolution on the Budget Estimates of
the Forest Department for 1872-73.

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of the Forest Dept.
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