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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 25th October 1872.

No. 237. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th October 1872, No. 1,985, Forest No. 5 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 6th September 1872, No. 1,200, Revenue Department:—

ABSTRACT.—*Re-organization of the Forest. Department.*—Papers relating to certain proposals connected with this subject, with orders thereon.

WITH reference to the last paragraph of the Government Order above recorded, the Board beg to observe that they will see,

(1). That no new works are undertaken without their previous sanction.

(2). That the Budget Estimate of charges is not exceeded.

(3). That every expenditure is authorized and supported by vouchers.

(4). And that the money expended is accounted for without unnecessary delay.

2. The Board will also instruct the Collectors to watch that the money expended is properly spent upon the work, that the work actually done is worth the sum spent thereon, that the work is done in time and judiciously, and that the rates allowed to workmen and contractors are fair and reasonable. Beyond this, the Board do not see how the *bonâ fide* control of the money expenditure can be retained in their hands, and they consider that it is the Collector who must take the place of the Conservator and without whose orders or knowledge no expenditure is to be incurred.

No. 238. ORDER THEREON, 25th October 1872, No. 1,483.

Forest, No. 12.

THE Governor in Council concurs in the view expressed by the Board as to the extent of their control over the pecuniary working of the Forest Department under the new system, and desires that the Board will instruct Collectors to keep in their own hands the *bona fide* control of the money-expenditure of the department in their districts. The Board of Revenue will dispose of questions of transfers of funds from one district to another as occasion arises.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.
,, the Inspector of Forests.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

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FOREST No. 5.

Forest Expenditure.—Remarks submitted to Government, regarding the control of expenditure in the Forest Department.

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