Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 23rd October 1873.

No. 206. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th October 1873, No. 2,053 :—

Read the following letter from C. G. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chetterpore, 20th August 1873, No. 2,167 :—

I HAVE the honour to submit the accompanying letter from the Deputy-Collector in charge of the Salt Department, reporting on the state of the topes of the different salt-pans in this district, and asking sanction for the continuance of the nine gardeners at present employed for another year.

2. The Board, in their Proceedings of the 26th September 1872, No. 1,912, sanctioned the retention of these gardeners for the last (fasli) year. In confirming this sanction, the Government, in their Proceedings, dated 23rd October 1872, No. 1,470, Revenue Department, communicated with Board's Proceedings, dated 4th November 1872, No. 2,130, considered that these topes might fairly be maintained from the Village Jungle Conservancy Fund.

3. I would beg to point out that the receipts of this fund have of late so decreased and the expenditure so increased, as shown in the margin, that it does not appear possible to saddle the fund with the additional charge.

	Receipts.	Disbursements.
1869-70	675	34
1870-71	262	68
1871-72	75	321
1872-73	189	240

4. The decrease in the receipts is owing to the fact that no firewood licenses have been lately taken by the Aska Factory, the sugar-works having been recently at a stand-still, and the increase of expenditure to the employment of a larger number of gardeners for the preservation of topes, the number of which has lately increased.

5. The resources of the Jungle Conservancy Fund will still further fall off when the principle inculcated by Government in their order, dated 6th December 1872, No. 1,648, Revenue Department, embodied in the Board's Proceedings, dated 17th February 1873, No. 219 (on which I have yet to report) comes into operation, because several of the topes, rents of which are now credited to the Jungle Conservancy Fund, are situated quite outside the jungles. It will also be reasonable, according to the principle abovementioned, that charges connected with the maintenance of topes such as those under reference and situated quite apart from jungles should not be debited to the Jungle Conservancy Fund, irrespective of the fact of the resources of this fund being crippled.

6. Under all these circumstances, I request that the Board will be pleased to move the Government to permit the charge to continue to be met from the Salt revenue as heretofore.

7. I request that, under the circumstances stated in paragraph 7 of the Salt Deputy-Collector's letter, the Board will be pleased to sanction the retention of the gardeners for another year.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.— Copy of Salt Deputy-Collector's letter.

THE trees are valuable to the salt manufacture in many ways. It is clear that no funds for the maintenance of the topes are available from Village Jungle Con-

servancy Fund. The Board submit the Collector's letter to Government, with the recommendation that the gardeners should be retained for another year, the cost being charged to Salt.

No. 207. ORDER THEREON, 23rd October 1873, No. 1,152.

Miscellaneous.

SANCTIONED as a temporary and special arrangement. Casuarina trees flourish so well in sandy tracts to the southward that they should be more extensively planted in Ganjam.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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Board of Revenue, MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 9TH OCTOBER 1873, No. 2,053.

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No. 2,053.

Topes at Salt-pans—in Ganjam District.—Report from Collector on state of — submitted to Government, and sanction requested for continued employment of tope gardeners for another year, cost being charged to Salt Revenue as heretofore.

With Order
No 1152 - 23 Oct 73.

No 1152.
Issued as a temporary arrangement
Grant - Commissioner Ganjam
Indents for 4 Salt Inspectors
to work in
Salt Agency
Ganjam
Ed. F. R. Bangleman.
23 Oct 73

c. 17 Oct 73 & 22 Oct

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