No. 88. Read the following letter from J. R. COCKERELL, Esq., Commissioner of the Nilgiris, to the Hon. R. A. DALYELL, Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 5th November 1873, No. 57 :—

I HAVE the honour to submit herewith the budget-estimate for the Botanical Gardens on the Hills for 1874-75 for the sanction of Government.

2. By G. O., No. 1,124, dated 17th October 1873, the salary of the Superintendent is raised, from 31st ultimo, to Rs. 250 a-month, so that the estimate on this head is Rs. 3,000 against Rs. 2,400, estimated for the current year, but which estimate will, with reference to the Government order noted, be exceeded by Rs. 50 a-month for four months. The actuals for 1872-73 on this head represent the salary of the Superintendent at Rs. 200 a-month, with Income-tax, etc., deducted.

3. The succeeding four items in the budget-estimate are the same as usual. The Government contribution is Rs. 1,200 a-year, but out of it the peons are paid. The contribution is, therefore, entered, less the pay of the peons which is the preceding item.

4. The sum granted for contingencies in G. O., No. 2,035, dated 1st December 1871, was Rs. 1,560. The amount has been retained in succeeding budgets.

5. Rs. 3,500 were sanctioned by Government in the budget passed for the current year in G. O., No. 24, dated 9th January 1873, towards the cost of a new conservatory. In G. O., No. 1,025, dated 22nd September 1873, the Government sanctioned the diversion of these funds to an orchard house, to alterations in the propagating house, and "to putting the present conservatory in repair as far as funds will permit," on my representation, in a letter in the order, that the erection of a conservatory would be costly.

6. The orchard house has been estimated to cost Rs. 1,705, and will be begun so soon as the weather permits of building operations.

7. Alterations in the propagating house have been estimated at Rs. 773, but they will cost double that amount in consequence of improvements that have been suggested. The estimate, indeed, merely provides for putting the house in substantial repair.

8. The Government are aware that the propagating house is on the site which was selected for the new conservatory. It would be a pity to spend money on it if, as I understand, the intention of erecting a conservatory shortly is not quite abandoned.

9. Thus the orchard house and the alterations, if made in the propagating house, will cost about Rs. 3,200 of the Rs. 3,500 available. The balance of Rs. 300 will not suffice to repair the conservatory, and yet that building must be repaired to keep it standing, even if a new conservatory should be built; because the new building will take at least two years to complete, and, until it is ready to receive the stock of plants in the present conservatory, the plants must remain where they are.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th November 1873.

No. 89. ORDER THEREON, 19th November 1873, No. 1,273.

Miscellaneous.

THE budget-estimate of charges for the Government Botanical Gardens on the Nilgiris for 1874-75 amounts to Rs. 7,280 against Rs. 10,000, the grant for the current year, and Rs. 6,083, the actuals of 1872-73.

2. The decrease of Rs. 2,720 on the whole below the grant for the current year is the combined result of an increase of Rs. 600 on account of the Superintendent's salary, recently raised from Rs. 200 to 250 per mensem, and of Rs. 180 for apprentices, and a decrease of Rs. 3,500 owing to the absence of provision for erecting new buildings in the coming year. There is, however, no explanation in the Commissioner's letter as to the necessity for the increase under Apprentices. The item of Rs. 180 will, therefore, be struck out, and the sum entered for contingencies will be reduced from Rs. 1,560 to Rs. 1,460, the actuals of 1872-73 having been Rs. 1,368. The sum of Rs. 5,000 will be provided for the new conservatory. The total estimate of Rs. 12,000 is passed.

3. The Commissioner is not correct in excluding from "actuals of 1872-73" the deductions on account of Income-tax. The entire charge should have been shown.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner of the Nilgiris.
,, the Accountant-General.
,, the Financial Department.

Commissioners Office
No. 54 Ootacamund 5th November 1873

From
J. B. Cockerell Esqre
Commissioner Nilgiris
To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Ootacamund

Sir

I have the honor to submit herewith the Budget Estimate for the Botanical Gardens on the Hills for 1874/75 for the sanction of Government.

2 By Government Order No 1124 dated 7th October 1873 the salary of the Superintendent is raised from 200 to 250 Rs a month so that the Estimate on this head is Rs 3000-- against Rs 2400 estimated for the current year but which estimate will with reference to the Government Order noted be exceeded by 50 Rs a month for 4 Months. The Actuals for 1872/73 on this head represent the Salary of the Superintendent at 200 Rs a month with Income tax deducted &c

3 The succeeding 4 Items in the

the Budget Estimate are the same as usual The Government Contribution is 1200 Rs a year but out of it the Rents are paid The Contribution is therefore entered less the pay of the Peons which is the preceding Head.

4 The sum granted for Contingencies in Government Order No 2035 dated 1st December 1871 was Rs 15-60 The Amount has been retained in succeeding budgets.

5 Rupees 3500 were sanctioned by Government in the Budget passed for the Current Year in Government Order No 24 dated 9th January 1873 towards the cost of a New Conservatory. In Government Order No 1025 dated 22nd September 1873 the Government Sanctioned the diversion of these funds to an Orchard House to alterations in the Propagating House, and to putting the present Conservatory in repair as far as funds will permit" on my representation in a letter in the Order that the erection of a Conservatory would be costly.

6 The Orchard House has been estimated to cost Rs 1705 and will be begun so soon as the weather permits of building operations.

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7 Alterations in the Propagating House have been estimated at Rs 773 but they will cost double that Amount in consequence of improvements that have been suggested. The Estimate indeed merely provides for putting the House in substantial repair.

8 The Government are aware that the Propagating House is on the site which was selected for the New Conservatory. It would be a pity to spend money on it if as I understand the intention of erecting a Conservatory shortly is not quite abandoned.

9 Thus the Orchard House and the alterations if made in the Propagating House will cost about Rs 3200 of the 3500 Rs available. The balance of 300 Rs will not suffice to repair the Conservatory and yet that building must be repaired to keep it standing even if a New Conservatory should be built because the new building will take at least two years to complete and until it is ready to receive the stock of plants in the present Conservatory the plants must remain where they are.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

H. H. Cockerell
Commissioner

Revenue Department.

No. 1273

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 19th November 1873.

Read the following letter from the Commissioner of the Nilgiris

Submitting for sanction the Budget Estimate of the Botanical Gardens on the Nilgiris for the year 1874/75

(R.C. 5th November 1873 No. 57)

The Budget Estimate of charges for the Government Botanical Gardens on the Nilgiris for 1874/75 amounts to Rs 7280 against Rs 10,000 the grant for the current year and Rs 4083 the actuals of 1872/73.

2. The decrease of Rs 2720 on the whole below the grant for the current year is the combined result of an increase of Rs 600 on account of the Superintendent's salary recently raised from Rs 200 to 250 per

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To The Secretary to Govt. Revenue Dept. Revenue

Commissioner's Office, Ootacamund.

Enclosures. 1 Estimate of Gardens

SUBJECT.

Submitting for the sanction of Government the Estimate of the Budget Charges of the Botanical Gardens on the Nilgiris for 1874/75

Dated 5th November 1873

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per mensem and of Rs 180 for apprentices and a decrease of Rs 3500 owing to the absence of provision for erecting new buildings in the coming year. There is however an explanation in the Commissioner's letter as to the necessity for the increase under apprentices. The item of Rs 180 will therefore be struck out and the sum entered for contingencies will be reduced from Rs 1560 to Rs 1460, the actuals of 1872/73 having been Rs 1368. The other items need no remark and the Estimate of Rs 7000 is passed.

3. The Commissioner is not correct in excluding from "actuals of 1872/73" the deductions on account of income tax. The entire charge should have been shown.

4. The Government have no intention of building a

The sum of Rs 5000 will be provided for the new Conservatory.

Taken from Hon Mr Lewis remark on a previous paper

It was withdrawn by

decided I think a new and expensive Conservatory at present.

JL

Conservatory after a design by Chabot might primary should be erected. I think it is to cost Rs 5000. the kind letter Hon for Lewis (Treas) free Rs 1016 - the amount Rs 5000 for it.

J. W. S.

3, 5 Comm. Revenue, Accts. General, Public Dept

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Secretary