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No. 155. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th July 1873, No. 1317 :—

The Board resolve to review, in the order of the districts, the several detailed budgets of expenditure from the Jungle Conservancy Fund for the current Official year (1873-74) received from Collectors.

2. In the Vizagapatam District, the proposed expenditure is Rupees 1,000, of which Rupees 376 are for the wages of gardeners and for sundries, and Rupees 624 for an establishment consisting of Gumastahs, Overseer, and Shroff. The plantations are confined to five villages in the Palcondah Taluq, and the establishment is distributed between the five plantations as follows :—

	Plantations in														
	Chinnamungalapuram.			Toomarada.			Garoogoopilly.			Vonce.			Chittapootivalasa.			Total.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
1 Head-quarter Gumastah	1	9	7	1	9	8	1	9	7	1	9	7	1	9	7	8	0	0
1 Overseer	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	10	0	0
1 Shroff	0	12	9	0	12	10	0	12	10	0	12	10	0	12	9	4	0	0
1 Garden Gumastah ...	5	0	0	5	0	0	10	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	30	0	0
Total...	9	6	4	9	6	6	14	6	5	9	6	5	9	6	4	52	0	0
Cost per annum...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	624	0	0

3. The Collector will report in detail what work is done by the Head-quarter Gumastah, the Overseer, and the Shroff.

4. In the Kistna District, the cost of supervision by the Public Works Department is given as Rupees 2,000 at 28½ per cent. on the proposed expenditure of Rupees 7,078 by that Department. The right percentage is 26·0842.

5. In the Nellore District, there are several items for the excavation of wells, repair of wells, tanks, ponds, guntahs, konerus, and doroovus provided for, but no proposal is made for planting any trees in connexion with them. The Collector will report on this point. If the wells have nothing to do with jungles or plantation, the work is a sanitary work not properly chargeable to the Jungle Conservancy Fund.

6. In the same district, a sum of Rupees 9,000 is provided for providing safe means of access to and fencing wells, as hereunder particularized :—

Taluqs.	Rs.	Taluqs.	Rs.
Gudur...	900	Ongole	1,500
Rawpoor	500	Venkatagherry Division	200
Nellore...	1,000	Poluru...	200
Atmakur	1,000	Podile	400
Kavali	600	Darsi	400
Udayagiri	800		
Kundakur	800		9,000
Kanigiri...	700		

7. The authority quoted for the above provision is the G.O., Judicial Department, dated 15th July 1871, No. 959. The cost of such works can not be charged to the Jungle Conservancy Fund under existing orders; they should be undertaken out of the Local Fund under Act IV. of 1871, or out of Provincial Funds if the Local Fund is not in a position to meet the charge. The Board request the orders of Government on the subject.

8. In four of the taluqs of the Bellary District, only the number of trees and the cost of maintaining them are given but not their description. The reason assigned for this important omission is that the Head Assistant Collector does not know the particulars. The Collector should have obtained the information and completed the budget before submitting it to the Board. He will now ascertain the description of trees and furnish a list thereof.

9. In South Arcot, a large portion of the Conservancy and Planting operations, at a cost of Rupees 30,100, is proposed to be conducted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, who is to be assisted by two Overseers at 35 Rupees* each per mensem, including travelling allowance, one to supervise the plantations and the other the fuel reserves. Provision is also made for a Clerk on Rupees 25 for the Deputy Conservator's Office, as this assistance is very much needed.

	Rs.
* Salary	25
Travelling allowance	10
	35

10. In the districts marginally noted, provision is made for the planting of plantain trees as well as for the maintenance of the existing plantations, though in their† order reviewing the Jungle Conservancy Fund Budget of 1871-72, Government remarked that the expenditure on plantain trees, which are of a temporary character, was quite foreign to the object of the Jungle Conservancy Fund and should be discontinued. The Collectors concerned will, on the receipt of these proceedings, issue orders for stopping all further expenditure on the trees in question.

Kistna, Madura, Tinnevelly, and Coimbatore.

† Dated 18th October 1871, No. 1812, communicated with Board's Proceedings, dated 8th December 1871, No. 4960.

11. The following is an abstract showing the available funds and the proposed expenditure of the year. The actual balance of the fund on the 1st April 1873 was Rupees 2,73,160, and the expected receipts amount to Rupees 1,70,360, making a total of Rupees 4,43,520. The proposed expenditure is Rupees 2,49,290, leaving a balance of Rupees 1,94,230 :—

Districts.	Actual balance on the 1st April 1873.	Receipts estimated during the year.	Total.	Estimated Charges.			Balance.
				By P. W. D.	By R. D.	Total.	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Ganjam	1,300	120	1,420	...	720	720	700
Vizagapatam	250	1,200	1,450	...	1,000	1,000	450
Godavery	12,030	2,570	14,600	...	1,000	1,000	13,600
Kistna	6,880	17,000	23,880	7,080	12,570	21,650	2,230
				Cost of P. W. Supervision. 2,000			
Nellore	71,070	30,000	1,01,070	...	39,930	39 930	61,140
Cuddapah	18,200	6,000	24,200	...	3,250	3,250	20,950
Bellary	610	5,090	5,700	...	6,830	6,830	— 1,130
Kurnool	8,550	4,650	13,200	...	12,000	12,000	1,200
Chingleput	6,140	2,980	9,120	...	4,090	4,090	5,030
North Arcot	14,950	12,200	27,150	...	14,000	14,000	13,150
South Arcot	14,900	9,800	24,700	...	37,640	37,640	— 12,940
Tanjore	14,300	2,850	17,150	...	3,320	3,320	13,830
Trichinopoly	16,440	4,900	21,340	...	2,970	2,970	18,370
Madura	9,510	2,000	11,510	...	7,050	7,050	4,460
Tinnevelly	10,620	12,400	23,020	...	18,430	18,430	4,590
Coimbatore	9,750	13,100	22,850	...	12,250	12,250	10,600
Nilgiri	8,000	18,000	26,000	...	20,350	20,350	5,650
Salem	49,560	25,000	74,560	...	40,000	40,000	34,560
South Canara ...	100	500	600	...	2,810	2,810	— 2,210
Total ...	2,73,160	1,70,360	4,43,520	9,080	2,40,210	2,49,290	1,94,230

12. It will be observed that the proposed expenditure exceeds the available assets in the Districts of Bellary, South Arcot, and South Canara. In Bellary, the *minus* balance, Rupees 1,130,* is caused by the actual balance falling short of the anticipated balance. The Board disallow the excess, and request the Collector to submit a revised budget for the reduced amonut.

	Rs.
* Anticipated balance	2 600
Actual do.	610
	1,990
Balance expected to remain at the close of 1873-74	860
	1,130

13. In South Arcot, the expected receipts of the year are only Rupees 9,800, but the Collector has added Rupees 30,000 to it being the amount applied for by him to be transferred from the surplus funds of four districts in the proportions marginally noted. The Board inadvertently omitted to notice this fact when sending up to Government the Abstract Statement showing the Districtwar particulars of Receipts and Charges of the Special Local Funds.

	Rs.
Nellore	11,000
Cuddapah	5,000
Tinnevelly	4,000
Salem	10,000
Total	30,000

14. The average expenditure incurred out of the Jungle Conservancy Fund in South Arcot, during the four years noted in the margin, was only Rupees 7,611, while the sum provided for this year's expenditure is Rupees 37,640. It seems very unlikely that this large amount can be spent even with the help of the Assistant Conservator of Forests. The Board are of opinion that the most that can be done is to utilize, to the best possible advantage, the full amount of the available assets, viz., Rupees 24,700, including the actual balance, and they accordingly disallow the excess charge, Rupees 12,940. The Collector is requested to submit a revised budget.

	Rs.
1868-69	9,006
1869-70	7,066
1870-71	7,727
1871-72	6,646
	30,445
Average	7,611

15. In the South Canara District, the expenditure proposed is in excess of the expected income by Rupees 2,210, which is admitted with reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 1st May 1873, No. 690, in which an application was made to Government for granting loans to the district from the surplus funds of other districts.

16. With these remarks, the Taluqwar Abstract of expenditure from the Jungle Conservancy Fund will be printed and circulated to all officers concerned.

17. The Accountant-General is requested to place at the disposal of the Public Works Department Rupees 7,080 from the Jungle Conservancy Fund of the Kistna District.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 156. ORDER THEREON, 22nd September 1873, No. 1355.

The Governor in Council observes, from the foregoing Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, that the *actual* balance of the Jungle Conservancy Fund on the 1st April 1873 was Rupees 2,73,160, or Rupees 77,360 in excess of the amount† entered in the abstract embodied in the Board's Proceedings, dated 24th March 1873, while the estimated receipts‡ during 1873-74 fall short of the previous estimate§ by Rupees 30,000. The esti-

† Rupees 1,95,800.

‡ Rupees 1,70,360.
§ ,, 2,00,360.

mated gross assets amount to Rupees 4,43,520, or Rupees 47,360 in excess of the estimate* referred to.

2. The estimated charges† for 1873-74 exceed the estimate‡ passed in Order, dated the 14th June 1873, No. 841, by Rupees 2,310.

3. The balance§ also exceeds the balance‖ shown in that order by Rupees 45,050.

* Rupees 3,96,160.

† Rupees 2,49,290.

‡ ,, 2,46,980.

§ Rupees 1,94,230.

‖ ,, 1,49,180.

4. The assumed percentage on account of Public Works Supervision is, as shown in paragraph 8 of Order, dated the 14th June 1873, No. 841, and paragraph 7 of Order, dated the 24th June 1873, No. 885, twenty-five per cent., and not 26·0842, as stated in paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings.

5. The Governor in Council concurs in the views expressed by the Board in paragraphs 5 and 7, and observes that there is nothing in the Judicial Department Order, dated the 15th July 1871, No. 959, to warrant the assumption that funds for "providing safe means of access to and fencing wells" were to be provided from the Jungle Conservancy Fund. That fund should be indented on only for the construction or repair of wells connected with topes at halting-places and other plantations, and not for wells generally in towns and villages.

6. The Governor in Council approves and passes the revised estimate of the receipts and charges of the Jungle Conservancy Fund for 1873-74.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Accountant-General.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Public Works Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 22nd.

Recd. Read.

G.O., 22nd September 1873, No. 1355.

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 155-156.

Jungle Conservancy Fund Budget.—The revised estimate of the receipts and charges of this Fund for 1873-74, reviewed and passed.

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