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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th July 1873.

No. 116. Read the following Endorsement of the Officiating Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce, dated Simla, 7th August 1873, No. 926, (Forests):—

Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Financial Department, dated Simla, 31st July 1873, No. 2,029.

Read the under-mentioned papers on the subject of the grant made forexpenditure on account of the Madras Forest Department in 1873-74:—

Financial Resolution No. 1,074, dated 17th February 1873.

Endorsement of the Department of Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce, No. 864 (Forests), dated 12th July 1873, on a letter from the Government of Madras and its enclosures.

RESOLUTION.—The grant asked for the Madras Forest Department in 1873-74 was £45,760. This sum was very largely in excess of the expenditure in any earlier year, and, the surplus of the department having of late been greatly reduced, it was considered by the Government of India inexpedient to allot more than £40,000 for expenditure in 1873-74. The Government of Madras was accordingly requested to re-consider their Forest estimates, in order to reduce the expenditure within this sum.

2. The Government of Madras now submits a detailed statement of the distribution of the grant of £40,000, from which it appears that, in order to carry out the retrenchment of £5,760, an over-estimate of £900 under establishment has been struck out, and the provision for "Plantations" reduced from £8,015 to £3,155, or by £4,860.

3. Referring to this latter retrenchment the Government of Madras requests a full consideration of the effect which so large a reduction in planting operations will have on the revenues of the department.

4. The Governor-General in Council observes that it is not satisfactory that of a grant of £40,000 only £3,155 should be appropriated to "Plantations." The Government of Madras is at liberty to add to this appropriation any sum that they can save in the year under other minor heads of the grant, and the Government of India hopes that this will be found practicable, inasmuch as the expenditure of the Forest Department in the Madras Presidency has never before exceeded £35,000 a-year.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of the above be forwarded to the Department of Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce, for information and for communication to the Government of Madras.

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras, with reference to its letter, No. 660, dated 25th June last.

(By Order,)

(Signed) C. J. LYALL,
Offg. Under-Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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No. 117.

ORDER THEREON, 15th August 1873, No. 856.

Forests, No. 4.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue, with the request that, after communication with the Inspector of

Forests, they will report whether there are likely to be savings under any of the minor heads of the Forest grant, which can be transferred to "planting operations" as proposed by the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
the Inspector of Forests.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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