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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th May 1874.*

No. 188. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Financial Department, (Accounts,) dated Fort William, 30th April 1874, No. 2,757 :—

Read again the under-mentioned papers relating to the audit and control of Forest Accounts :—

Financial Resolution No. 654, dated 31st May 1870.

Do. „ 1,093, „ 11th June „

Do. „ 4,138, „ 20th Oct. „

Financial Proceedings (Accounts), October 1871, Nos. 144 to 149.

Financial Resolution, No. 4,406, dated 18th October 1871.

Read also the following correspondence between the Government of the North-Western Provinces and the Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, on the subject of certain irregularities in the audit of Forest Accounts of the North-Western Provinces :—

Letter from the Government of the North-Western Provinces, to the Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, No. 204F, dated 4th August 1873.

Letter from the Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, to the Government of the North-Western Provinces, No. 1,024, dated 2nd September 1873.

Letter from the Government of the North-Western Provinces, No. 311F, dated 1st October 1873.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor-General in Council observes that before 1870 the duty of auditing and recording the forest accounts rested entirely with the provincial Accountants-General. But in 1870 it was said that the provincial Accountants-General were not, and could not be expected to be, sufficiently familiar with the detailed operations of the Forest Department, and it was, therefore, determined that the control and audit of forest accounts should be transferred to the Conservators. This was ordered by Resolution, No. 654, dated 31st May 1870.

2. The correspondence with the Government of the North-Western Provinces, however, shows that under the altered system there has been an insufficient audit in respect of forest expenditure in the North-Western Provinces, and it has also been brought to the notice of the Governor-General in Council that like failures have occurred in other parts of India. The Governor-General in Council is, therefore, doubtful of the expediency of continuing the existing arrangements, but before finally deciding whether the duty of auditing and recording the forest expenditure shall continue with the Conservators or be re-transferred to the provincial Accountants-General, His Excellency in Council directs that the forest accounts of Bengal, Madras, and Burmah, for the last quarter for which they have been furnished by the Conservators be re-audited by the Accountants-General of those Provinces, and the result of such re-audit reported for the information of the Government of India.

ORDERED that the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce,* and the Governments of Madras,

* Papers returned, a copy being kept.
Bengal, and British Burmah, for information, and to the Accountants-General,

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th May 1874.*

Bengal and Madras, and Deputy-Accountant-General, British Burmah, for the purpose above indicated.

Ordered, also, that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the Comptroller-General for information.

(Signed) D. BARBOUR,
Under-Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 189. ORDER THEREON, 19th May 1874, No. 610.

Forests, No. 5.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of
Revenue for their information and guid-
ance, with reference to the Proceedings

of this Government, dated 22nd November 1871, No. 1,990.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Obt. of {1874} Madras.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Rs. Rs. Rs.

Dated May 19th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 19th May 1874, No. 610.

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Nos. 188-189.

Forest Accounts.—Communicates to Revenue Board Resolution of Government of India directing that the — for the last quarter for which they have been furnished by the Conservator be re-audited by the Accountant-General, and the result reported.

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Obt. 15 July 1874 do 122 2nd.

22/7/74

No. 2757.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Accounts.

FORT WILLIAM, the 30th April 1874.

Read again the under-mentioned papers relating to the audit and control of forest accounts:—

Financial Resolution No. 654, dated 31st May 1870.
Ditto " 1093 " 11th June 1870.
Ditto " 4138 " 20th October 1870.
Financial Proceedings (Accounts), October 1871, Nos. 144 to 149.
Financial Resolution No. 4406, dated 18th October 1871.

Read also the following correspondence between the Government of the North-Western Provinces and the Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce, on the subject of certain irregularities in the audit of forest accounts of the North-Western Provinces:—

Letter from the Government of the North-Western Provinces, to the Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce, No. 204F, dated 4th August 1873.
Letter from the Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce to the Government of the North-Western Provinces, No. 1024, dated 2nd September 1873.
Letter from the Government of the North-Western Provinces, No. 311F, dated 1st October 1873.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor General in Council observes that before 1870, the duty of auditing and recording the forest accounts rested entirely with the provincial Accountants General. But in 1870 it was said that the provincial Accountants General were not, and could not be expected to be, sufficiently familiar with the detailed operations of the Forest Department, and it was therefore determined that the control and audit of forest accounts should be transferred to the conservators. This was ordered by Resolution No. 654, dated 31st May 1870.

2. The correspondence with the Government of the North-Western Provinces, however, shows that under the altered system there has been an insufficient audit in respect of forest expenditure in the North-Western Provinces, and it has also been brought to the notice of the Governor General in Council that like failures have occurred in other parts of India. The Governor General in Council is therefore doubtful of the expediency of continuing the existing arrangements, but before finally deciding whether the duty of auditing and recording the forest expenditure shall continue with the conservators or be retransferred to the provincial Accountants General, His Excellency in Council directs that the forest accounts of Bengal, Madras and Burmah for the last quarter for which they have been furnished by the conservators be re-audited by the Accountants General of those Provinces, and the result of such re-audit reported for the information of the Government of India.

ORDERED, that the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce,* and the Governments of Madras, Bengal and British Burmah for information, and to the Accountants General, Bengal and Madras, and Deputy Accountant General, British Burmah, for the purpose above indicated.

Ordered also, that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the Comptroller General for information.

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

4-0 22 November/71 N^o 231-32

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N^o 1544.

Ref 11th Dec

From
The Govt. of India,
Financial Dept.

Copy to

Communicated to
the Board of Revenue for their
information and guidance,
with reference to the Proceedings
of this Govt. dated 22nd November
1871 to 1890.

Dated 30 April 1874
Recd. 13 May
N^o 2757.

[Signature]
19 May 1874.

Resolution directing that the
forest accounts of Bungal, Madras
& Burmah for the last quarter
for which they have been fur-
nished by the Conservators & be
re-audited by the Accountants
General of those provinces,
the result reported -

To
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5 Inspectors of Forests }
6 Audit Genl. } Sept - Jan 74

With Order