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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th July 1874.*

No. 132. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th October 1873, No. 2,203, Forest No. 70:—

Read the following letter from H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 20th September 1873, No. 356.

In acknowledging the Board's Proceedings, dated 17th instant, No. 195/6,113, Forest Miscellaneous, I have the honor to state that the ~~Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th October 1869, No. 7,920~~, had escaped my notice. On referring to them it would seem as if it was intended that the whole cost of the formation of fuel reserves and plantations in this district should be debited to "Forests." I can hardly think that this was meant, as it would leave nothing for Jungle Conservancy Funds to be utilized on. I presume the Board merely had in view the cost of conservancy and supplemental planting of existing jungles being charged to "Forests" and not the cost of forming new plantations; but I should feel obliged by distinct instructions on the point being given at an early date, as in either case a revision both of Forest and Jungle Conservancy Budgets will have to be made. In connection with this point I would invite the Board's attention to paragraph 3 of my letter, dated 27th September 1872, No. 231, submitting the Forest Estimate for 1873-74, and to paragraph 3 of my letter, dated 18th December 1872, No. 416, submitting the Jungle Conservancy Budget for the same year. It will there be seen that I, unaware of the instructions conveyed in the Board's Proceedings of 1869 above quoted, made provision for relieving Forest revenues of, and for debiting Jungle Conservancy Funds with, the cost of maintaining and supplementing existing fuel reserves, the proceeds of which are credited to the last-named funds. As these proposals were not commented on by the Board, I concluded that they were accepted, and I ~~proceeded~~ and the loan now under objection. This was adjusted in the account for J.

2. Requesting early instructions on the question of re-considering the Budgets, I have, etc.

THE fuel reserves and plantations in South Arcot should be divided into two classes, viz, (1) those which are intended to supply the wants of the villagers; (2) those intended for the supply of the Railway, of Pondicherry, of the Public Works Department, etc. The first class should be registered as belonging to Jungle Conservancy, and made and maintained from Jungle Conservancy Funds; the second class belong to the Forest Department.

2. It may be that in some cases a reserve or plantation is intended for both local and other purposes, so that it does not fall entirely under either class. If so, a portion of the expense should fall on the Local Fund.

3. On re-consideration, the Board are of opinion that the dictum in their Proceedings of the 25th October 1869, No. 7,920, that the proceeds of a plantation or reserve should be credited to Local Funds "in any case," is wrong. So long as the reserve is made and maintained out of Forest Funds its proceeds must be credited to Forest revenue.

4. In preparing his Forest Budget the Collector assumed that, as the proceeds of the fuel reserves were to be credited to the Jungle Conservancy Fund, their cost, amounting, the Board gather, to Rupees 10,000, must be excluded from the Forest Budget, and the assumption escaped the Board's attention when the Budget was reviewed. They now resolve to inform Government that, in their opinion, Rupees 10,000 must be added to Forest charges on this account. Putting aside other considerations the Jungle Conservancy Fund is not rich enough to bear the charge. The Collector will report, as soon as possible, what portion of the cost should be borne by the Jungle Conservancy Fund in accordance with the principles herein laid down.

No. 133.

ORDER THEREON, 16th July 1874, No. 887.

Forest No. 5.

The Government approve of the instructions issued by the Board of Revenue in paragraphs 1—3 of the foregoing Proceedings.

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16th July 1874.*

2. The recent revision of the Forest Budget for the current year renders it impossible to comply with the Board's suggestion in paragraph 4.

3. In submitting their next annual report the Board will report at length on the mode in which the fuel reserves and plantations in South Arcot have been acquired, and specially if there has been interference to any extent, and if so to what extent, with the rights and privileges of the villagers.

(Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue,
the Inspector of Forests.

Edw. F. R. Bantam.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

4. In preparing his Forest Budget the Collector assumed that as the proceeds of the Fuel Reserves were to be credited to the Jungle Conservancy Fund, their cost amounting, the Board gather, to Rupees 10,000 must be excluded from the Forest Budget, and the assumption escaped the Board's attention when the Budget was reviewed. They now resolve to inform Government that in their opinion Rupees 10,000 must be added to Forest charges on this account. Putting aside other considerations the Jungle Conservancy Fund is not rich enough to bear the charge. The Collector will report as soon as possible what portion of the cost should be borne by the Jungle Conservancy Fund in accordance with the principles herein laid down.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

J. G. Goble
Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" the Collector of South Arcot.
Copy to the Inspector of Forests.

Ed. G. A. Turton.

The order of the Govt. seems true & unquestionable. The fact is that the current value of the same plot have been since determined as being for fuel plantations & to be used for local & travelling purposes - and the Govt. merely say that these are to be classed - I have intended for local purposes only are to be considered as village reserves & plantations - (these intended for)

and I want to know how these fuel reserves and plantations - if there

1873.
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 28TH OCTOBER 1873, No. 2,203.

Copy to Secretary.

Received

OCTOBER
Forest No. 70.

Fuel Reserves - of South Arcot District. - Instructions issued to Collector regarding classification of - and funds from which they should be maintained. Opinion expressed to Government that Rupees 10,000 should be added to Forest charges on account of these reserves; and Collector requested to report what portion of the cost should be borne by Jungle Conservancy Fund.

4. In preparing his Forest Budget the Collector assumed that as the pro-
 of the Fuel Reserves were to be credited to the Jungle Conservancy Fund,

for Rail way & General purposes
 are to be classed as "Forest" re-
 serves & plantations - the former
 being formed & maintained
 out of Jungle Conservancy &
 the latter out of "Forest" Reserve.

I cannot agree with the
 honorable member who states that
 the Forest Reserve is right to
 form reserves for the supply of
 Railways &c. I maintain on
 the contrary - that having first

as it always does - set aside enough
 waste for the pasturage & other re-
 privileges of the villagers - it
 can in the best of right & picture
 supply the remainder to any
 public purpose - just as it can
 & does assign it to any other
 for cultivation &c. But the Hon. Mem.
 says: I do not raise this question
 at all - I am quite unable to
 understand how the Forest Reserve
 has the honor - exercised every
 where & here - yet challenged - of

and I want to know
 how these forest reserves
 and plantations - of

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of South Arcot District - to Collector regarding classi- fication of funds from which they should be paid. Opinion expressed to Govern- ment that 10,000 should be added to account of forest reserves; and as borne by Jungle Conservancy				

4. In preparing his Forest Budget the Collector assumed that as the pro-
 Fuel Reserves were to be credited to the Jungle Conservancy Fund,

Waste
 planting land for cultivation
 I get not have the power of taking
 it for our use of such the land
 public utility as the growth of fuel? Now
 can I understand how it can
 be that a village cannot take
 up an acre of land in the
 the permission of the govt. and
 without regularly buying for it -
 and yet can keep the govt. out
 of all the waste in the out buy-
 -ing a few things for it -

L. A. B. M.

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 OCTOBER.
 Forest No. 70.
 of South Arcot District -
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 lands from which they should
 opinion expressed by Govern-
 10,000 should be added to
 account of these reserves; and
 to report what portion of
 done by Jungle Conservancy

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 mistake
 informed order
 order on this
 paper have been
 so, but delayed
 (usual & usuals.)
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I think the govt. has a right to create
 "Fuel Reserves," for whatever purpose it
 please, provided that it can do so
 without in any way interfering with
 the present rights of the people, - a
 right at all events without giving full
 compensation for those rights. - Hence
 those rights for instance for the right
 of the villagers to cut wood, without
 charge, for their own use: and hence
 that this right has been respected.

It appears that there are Fuel Reserves

and I want to know
 how these fuel reserves
 and plantations - if
 there

4. In preparing his Forest Budget the Collector assumed that as the proceeds of the Fuel Reserves were to be credited to the Jungle Conservancy Fund,

street, - some for the benefit of villages, -
some for the supply of fuel to factories, &c.
And I do not see that the Board is
wrong in directing that the charges
for the first stage be assigned to "people
convenience," of the second to the Forest
Department. I have therefore passed the
Draft.

But I wish to have see a statement showing
assigned to Temple concerning fund.
(1) the sources of revenue and (2) the
objects in which the revenue is expended
(3) the objects in which the surplus is
expended (4) from whom the fund is

administered.
Also, in reply to Mr. Holman's suggestion to
have full information about the Revenue,
in S. Annot. & especially whether the
same interfered to any extent, & if so, to
what extent, with the rights & privileges of
villagers.

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and I want to know
how these free reserves
and plantations - if
there

4. In preparing his Forest Budget the Collector assumed that as the pro
~~posed~~ ^{the} ~~Forest~~ ^{Forest} Reserves were to be credited to the Jungle Conservancy Fund

I do not see under
 what legal sanction
 the classification is
 directed to by the Board
 can be maintained.

The Government has
 probably no right to
 attempt to make
 reserves for the supply
 of Railways & within
 Village properties except
 under the formalities
 and legal compensation
 provided by the Draft
 Law (not yet passed)
 and I want to know
 how these forest reserves
 and plantations - if
 there

Revenue,
 S.

1873, No. 2, 203.

Encl.

District -
 being classi-
 fied as Govern-
 ment Forests;
 and portion of
 Conservancy

there are any - have
been obtained in South
Arabia.

It is clear that
it is not the business
of government to engage
in the futile business
of making fuel reserves
and plantations for the
supply of villages. Indeed,
this is not the object
on which jungle Conservancy
Funds are being spent.
They are being spent on
travellers, wayside huts
and the like - such a
direction of government
expenditure is the true boot-
as well as mischievous.
and I want to know
how far it is being
carried out; and whether
any real Conservancy
(beyond taxing fuel, &c.)

and restoration of
Ntham
woodlands is going on
in South Arabia and where.

The sound principle
for the funds is that carried out in
Europe in respect to
Communal woodlands
viz to enable the proprietors
to encourage for their
own benefit or to
undertake that is
concerning for them
and apply the funds
absolutely to this purpose
as a special village or
Communal fund and
devote the surplus if any
to village uses. No money
is, I fear, ever spent
more than the jungle
Conservancy (a mission)
Fund.

As regards para. 3
the Board's original
distribution

dictum is right unless
the appropriation of
lands for reserves for
- under Forests - has
the sanction of Law
or under ~~dated~~ right.

Others in the present
clearly belong to the
Local Fund as the
Reserve must be
demanded a grant. I trust
for the Village -

M. W. ~~Mr. W. W. W.~~ M.

I have this in a
note. The matter comes
up in and the ~~from~~
M.

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Revenue Department.
1887.
Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Under date the 16th ~~January~~ July 1874

Read the following Proceedings of
the Board of Revenue.

issuing instructions to the
Collector of South Arcot regarding
fuel reserves and plantations &
informing Govt. that Rs. 10,000 must
be added to Forest charges on
account of these reserves.

(A.C. 28 October 1873 Forest
No. 70.)

The Government approve
of the instructions issued by
the Board of Revenue in paras
1-3 of the foregoing Proceedings.

Orders will be passed
on para 4 in the Financial
Department

The recent H.
revision of the Forest
Budget for the cur-
rent year renders
it impossible to
comply with the
Bds suggestion in
Paragraph 4 ~~of the~~

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M. W.

1887

In submitting
their next Annual
Report the Board
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length on the
mode in which
the fuel reserves & plantations
in South Arctic
have been ac-
quired and
specially if
they had ^{which} interference
freed to any
extent, and
if so to what
extent, with the
rights and
privileges of
the villagers.

EJL

To B. R. R. R.
Inspector of the
1877

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Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 28. October 1873.

Read the following

From,

H. E. Sullivan Esq.,
Collector of
South Arcot.

To,

H. E. Stokes Esq.,
Secretary,
Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir,

In acknowledging the Board's
Proceedings dated 17. Instant, No. 125
Forest Miscellaneous, I have the honor
to state that the Proceedings under
date 25. October 1873, No. 7920, had
escaped my notice. On referring to
them it would seem as if it was
intended that the whole cost of the
formation of Fuel Reserves and
Plantations in this District should
be debited to "Forests", I can
hardly think that this was meant
as it would leave nothing for
Jungle

Dr

Recd 9th July 1874 RLB

Jungle Conservancy Funds to be utilized
 on. I presume the Board merely had
 in view the cost of Conservancy and
 supplemental planting of existing
 Jungles being charged to Forests
 and not the cost of forming new
 plantations, but I should feel
 obliged by distinct instructions
 on the point being given at an
 early date as in either case a
 revision both of Forest and Jungle
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 be made. In connection with this
 point I would invite the Board's
 attention to para 3 of my letter
 dated 27th September 1872, No 284,
 submitting the Forest Estimate
 for 1873-74, and to para 3 of my
 letter dated 18th December 1872, No 416,
 submitting the Jungle Conservancy
 Budget of the same year. It will
 there be seen that I was aware of
 the instructions conveyed in the Board's
 Proceedings of 1869 above quoted,
 made provision for relieving Forest
 Revenues of, and for debiting Jungle
 Conservancy

Conservancy Funds with, the cost of
 maintaining and supplementing ex-
 isting Forest Reserves the proceeds
 of which are credited to the last
 named funds. As these proposals
 were not commented on by the Board
 I concluded that they were accep-
 ted and therefore sanctioned the
 loan now under objection. This was
 adjusted in the account for July
 last.

2. Requesting early instructions
 on the question of recasting the
 Budgets.

South C. & C. } Have + in
 Collector's Office } my H. C. Sullivan
 Addalore } 20th Sept 1873 } Collect-
 20th Sept 1873 } or C.

The Forest Revenues and Man-
 tations in South C. & C. should be
 divided into two classes viz: 1
 those which are intended to supply
 the wants of the Villagers 2 those
 intended for the supply of the Rail-
 way, of Pondicherry, of the Public
 Works Department &c. The first
 class

class should be registered as belonging to Jungle Conservancy and made and maintained from Jungle Conservancy Funds. The second class belong to the Forest Department.

It may be that in some cases a Reserve or Plantation is intended for both local and other purposes so that it does not fall entirely under either class. If so a portion of the expense should fall on the Local Funds.

On reconsideration the Board are of opinion that the dictum in their Proceedings of the 25. October 1879, No 7920, that the proceeds of a Plantation or Reserve should be credited to Local Funds, "in any case" is wrong. So long as the Reserve is made and maintained out of Forest Funds its proceeds must be credited to Forest Revenue.

In preparing his Forest Budget the Collector assumed that as the proceeds of the Fuel Reserves were to be credited to the Jungle Conservancy Fund, their cost amounting, the Board

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gather, to Rs 10,000 must be excluded from the Forest Budget, and the assumption escaped the Board's attention when the Budget was reviewed. They now resolve to inform Government that in their opinion Rs 10,000 must be added to Forest charges on this account. Putting aside other considerations the Jungle Conservancy Fund is not rich enough to bear the charge. The Collector will report as soon as possible what portion of the cost should be borne by the Jungle Conservancy Fund in accordance with these principles herein laid down.

Yours Obedtly

W. H. Cole
Secretary

For the Secy Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Ch. H. H. H.
Ch. H. H. H.

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Leaving instructions to
the City of Toronto West
regarding fuel reserves
and plantations; in
summing up that the
Board much to add to
the fuel reserves and
which is more necessary
to be made up of 10/100
which is more in the
West which is raised
by the public Commission
fund.

SO 16 July 1904 No 837