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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 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. 284, 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 had the loan now under objection. This was adjusted in the account for J.

2. Requesting early instructions on the question of releasing the Budgets, I have, &c.

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.

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

(The Extract.)



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(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 pt in the the com.
perfectly. The pt in the the com.
currence of the same pt have
any piece determined as forming
fuel plantations & reserves - for
local & training purposes - and be
the Govt merely say how these
are to be classed. These in-
tended for local purposes only
are to be considered as Village
reserves & plantations. These intended

And I want to know
how these fuel reserves
and plantations - of
these

1873.
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

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

Copy to the Secretary.

Received

OCTOBER.
Forest No. 70.

Fuel Reserves - of South Arcot District. -
Instructions issued to Collector regarding classi-
fication of - and funds from which they should
be maintained. Opinion expressed to Govern-
ment 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.

and by the Govt.

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,

for Railways & Unimproved Lands are to be classed as "Forest" reserves & plantations - the former being formed & maintained out of Jungle Conservancy & the latter out of "Forest" Reserve.

I cannot agree with my honorable colleague Mr. Berlin in that the latter is probably in right to form reserves for the supply of Railways &c. I maintain on the contrary - that having first

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as it always does - set aside enough waste for the pasturage & other privileges of the villagers - it can in the best of right & justice supply the remainder to any public works - just as it can & does assign it to irrigation for cultivation &c. But the latter says: I do not raise this question at all - I am quite unable to understand how the latter can have the answer - recorded every where I have - yet challenged - of

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

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OCTOBER.

Forest No. 70.

of South Arcot District - to Collector regarding classification of funds from which they should be paid. Opinion expressed to Government 10,000 should be added to account of these reserves; and to report what portion of the same is borne by Jungle Conservancy.

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 Fuel Reserves were to be credited to the Jungle Conservancy Fund,

Wanting ^{waste} land for cultivation
 I get not have the power of taking
 it for any other of such the ^{public} ~~land~~
 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 pot out
 of all the waste in the out buy-
 -ing a few things for it.

I believe.

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 inside
 informed when this
 orders on this
 paper have been
 sent & signed
 (sent & signed)
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I think the Govt. has a right to make
 "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
 if at all roads without giving full
 compensation for their rights. Among
 these rights (for instance) is the right
 of the villagers to cut wood, without
 charge, for their own use; and I presume
 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

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 Revenue,
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 OCTOBER.
 Forest No. 70.
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 and from which they should
 pation expressed to Govern-
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 to report what portion of
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 duced the Fuel Reserves were to be credited to the Jungle Conservancy Fund,

about, - some for the benefit of villages, -
 some for the supply of fuel to the temples.
 And I do not see that the Board is
 very in directing that the charges
 for the first stage be a separate "Jungle
 Conservancy" of the record to the Forest
 Department. I have therefore prepared the
 Draft.

But I wish to know see a statement showing
 an account of the "Jungle Conservancy Fund"

- (1) the sources of revenue and (2) the
 objects on which the revenue is expended
- (3) the objects on which the surplus is
 expended (4) from whom the fund is

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 Draft No. 70.
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 R.A.S.

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administered.
 Also, in reply to Mr. Wilson's suggestion to
 have full information about these Reserves
 in S. Arcot - & especially whether they
 have interfered to any extent, & if so, to
 what extent, with the rights & privileges of
 villages.

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 how these fuel reserves
 and plantations - if
 there

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the Fuel Reserves were to be credited to the Jungle Conservancy Fund

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

The Government has
probably no right
to attempt to make
reserves for the supply
of Railways &c 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 fuel reserves
and plantations - of
these

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District -
the classi-
they should
to Govern-
added to
reserves; 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 bootless
as well as mischievous.
and I want to know
how far it is being
carried out; and whether
any real Conservancy
(beyond buying fuel &c)

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

The sound principle
for the Government to adopt
is that carried out in
European respect to
Communal Woodlands
viz to enable the proprietors
to conserve for their
own benefit or to
undertake that is
Conservancy 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
near the jungle
Conservancy (a mission)
Fund.

As regards para 5
the Board's original
distribution

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

Otherwise the proceeds
clearly belong to the
Local Fund as the
Reserve must be
deemed a grant trust
for the Village -

19/11. ~~Mr. Robinson~~ Mr.

I change this into a
note. The matter comes
up in another form
Mr.

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Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Under date the 16th ~~January~~ July 1873

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.

(H.E. 28 October 1873 No. 70.)

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

~~Order will be placed~~
~~on para 4 in the~~ Forest
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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Mr. Robinson

To Mr. Robinson
Under Secy. to Govt.

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

EJL

To B. K. M.
Secretary of the Board
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Fuel Reserves in
South Arcot -

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Revenue Department

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

No. 356. Read the following

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

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

Sir,

In acknowledging the Board's
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revision both of Forest and Jungle
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attention to para 3 of my letter
dated 27th September 1872, N^o 284,
submitting the Forest Estimate
for 1873-74, and to para 3 of my
letter dated 18th December 1872, N^o 446,
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

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maintaining and supplementing ex-
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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.

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Collector's Office } by H. E. Sullivan
Cuddalore } 24th Sept 1873 } Collect or

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tations in South credt should be
divided into two classes viz: 1
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the wants of the Villagers 2 those
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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 25th 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.

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True Bp. & Co.
D. Broe
Secretary

For the Secy. Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

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S. de Wakkappay

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Leaving instructions to
the Col^l of the North West
regarding fuel reserves
and transportation; in
particular for the fact that
no more much be added
to fuel stock-changes on the
account of these. Measures
to be suggested to the
British Station of the
East should be taken
by the single convenience
of the

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