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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
5th March 1874.*

No. 42.- Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd January 1874, No. 441 (Miscellaneous):—

Read the following letter from J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Salem, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Karipathi, 3rd December 1873, No. 393:—

With reference to paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th July last, No. 1221, calling for proposals to utilize the balance in favour of the Jungle Conservancy Fund in this district, I have the honour to state that I do not think it would be advisable to spend the balance under this head on other purposes than the maintenance of the topes now existing or in progress. Our expenditure has always exceeded our income by some five or six thousand Rupees, and as most of the topes in the district are young, five years at the least must elapse before they can be left to take care of themselves, until then money will be required to maintain them. Under any circumstance, it will not be possible to send a Supplemental Budget for utilizing the balance until it is decided what items are hereafter to form the sources of income of the Jungle Conservancy Fund. The subject is now under the consideration of the Board, and until it is settled it would be premature to make any proposals for expending the balance in hand.

2. The Jungle Conservancy Fund stands at present as follows:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Balance on the 31st October 1873	50,267	14	3
Amount of probable collections from November 1873 to March 1874	8,000	0	0
Total	58,267	14	3
Amount required for remaining portion of the current year	15,000	0	0
Estimated balance on the 1st April 1873	43,267	14	3 or 43,000
Amount required for 1874-75 as per Divisional Officer's Budget	30,000	0	0
Expected balance on the 1st April 1875	13,000	0	0

3. From the above it will be seen that the probable balance at the end of the next official year will only amount to Rupees 13,000, to which will have to be added the income of the year, and what this will be it is not possible now to say; it will in all probability be much less than it is at present, in which case there will be all the more reason for nursing the balance now in hand so as to meet the necessary outlay of the next four or five years. The expenditure each year will, in all likelihood, exceed the income by some thousands of Rupees, and unless there is a balance in hand to draw upon for a few years, most of the topes that are now young will have to be abandoned, and the money already spent on them will be so much thrown away.

Submitted to Government, with reference to G.O., dated 14th June 1873, No. 841, paragraph 3.

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5th March 1874.

2. The Board think the Collector is right in husbanding his balances at present.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 43. ORDER THEREON, 5th March 1874, No. 365.

The Governor in Council does not understand how the balance of the Jungle Conservancy Fund in Salem can have accrued, if, as stated by the Acting Collector, the expenditure has always exceeded the income; but he agrees with the Board of Revenue in considering that the Acting Collector shows reason for husbanding his resources.

2. The Government desire to know when they may expect to receive the report on the general working of this fund, called for in G. O., dated 20th April 1871, No. 713, Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

By Michael

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

Revenue Department. ✓

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G.O., 5th March 1874, No. 365.

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Special Funds.—Information called for as to how any balance of the Jungle Conservancy Fund in which can have accrued, if, as stated by the Collector, the expenditure has always exceeded the income; but the Revenue Board agreed with that the Collector shows reason for husbanding his resources.

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