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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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Memorandum on the existing organization
and staff of the Madras Forest Department
submitted in accordance with L.O. No 913
dated 15th June 1875. of the officiating
Inspector of Forests to the Gov^t of Madras dated
25th June 1875

1. The general rules for the Conservancy of Forests
in this Presidency, a copy of which I have
the honor to submit, were framed some
ten years ago, and it is under consideration
to revise or re-draft them under the authority
of a legislative enactment which is found
necessary to give them the force of law —
2. There are special or local rules based on the
General rules for each Revenue District, but,
as they vary greatly according to circumstances,
and ~~contain~~ ^{consist} more of instructions to the revenue
and forest servants than of general principles it
is not considered necessary to submit them —
3. The existing arrangements for the administration
of the Department date only from 1872 in
which year the Department was reorganized,
the Revenue Collectors of Forest Districts being
made ex officio Conservators of Forests, acting

under the orders of the Board of Revenue who have the entire control of forest operations & expenditure, the district or divisional forest officers being placed immediately and entirely under the orders of the Collector and the designation of the professional head of the Dep^t, formerly known as "Conservator of Forests" being changed to "Inspector" and his duties limited to those of inspection & advice conveyed, either direct to Collectors, or to the Board of Revenue. He is not at liberty to correspond officially with forest officers but must address the Collector or Revenue Board who, as a rule, refer professional points for an expression of his opinion. He has no control over the expenditure, interior economy, or appointments, promotions, transfers &c of the forest subordinates but may of course state his opinions and views on any of these subjects in his periodical inspection reports which are submitted to Government through the District Collector and Board of Revenue.

4. This system has not been found altogether

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Successful though it possesses advantages over that of an entire district and comparative weak Dep^t with only one administrative officer for the whole Presidency. The Government have now under their consideration proposals from the Revenue Board and Inspector of Forests for the introduction of certain modifications which it is hoped will bring the professional head of the Dep^t more "en rapport" with its officers, promote efficiency & assimilate the system of forest management in this Presidency more closely with that of Bombay and the Provinces under the direct control of the Government of India.

5. The Forest Staff consists of 1 Inspector on Rs 1200 per mensem. and 17 Deputy or Assistant Conservators on scales of pay varying from Rs 800 to Rs 150 per mensem. These 18 officers constitute what is known as the Controlling Establishment.

Below them there is an executive staff consisting of Overseers or Masters on from Rs 100 to Rs 50 a month. Sub-overseers on 40 to 20 and about 150. Forest guards or watchers on from Rs 15 to 4 a month. These constitute the

Permanent staff of subordinate or temporary establishments, working establishments for felling, carting, planting & being employed as required and paid from an annual allotment for the purpose -

6. There is an officer of the controlling grade in charge of each forest division under the supervision of the District Collector. Each division consists of one or more forest ranges under charge of a forest officer, who it is proposed in future to style "Forest Ranger", which are again divided into sub-ranges and beats. This system has not, however, been fully worked up to, but as demarcation and settlement of State and communal forests progresses, it will be more closely adhered to, as affording a chain of responsibility and clear definition of the duties of the respective employees -

7. No forest officer is allowed to receive money on account of forest revenue which is paid into the District or "Taluk" treasuries and the receipt sent to the forest officer in support of his accounts -

8. The more valuable forests are worked departmentally and the timber made available at fixed rates for public works. In the smaller or less valuable forests timber, bamboos, firewood &c are removed by the public in payment of a fee payable to the Forest Officer as the British & Revenue system.
 Cautioned against the system of forest

Office of Inspector of Forests
Ootacamund 30th June 1875

N^o 223.

From Captain Campbell Walter
Officiating Inspector of Forests

To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Sir,

In accordance with G.O. N^o.
913 dated 15th June 1875, I have the honor
to submit a corrected copy of the "general
rules for the Conservancy of Forests in
the Madras Presidency", together with a
brief Memorandum on the system of
administration and staff employed which
I trust may be found of use to the Madras
Government

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

Campbell Walter Captain
Off. Inspector of Forests.

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Enclosure in a letter
from the officiating
Inspector of Forests to
the Secretary to Govt.
R.D. dated 30 June
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on the Administration and

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