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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th March 1875.*

No. 167. Read the following letter from R. W. LODWICK, Esq., Accountant-General, Madras, to D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort St. George, 3rd March 1875, No. 682.—

WITH reference to G. Os., Nos. 28 and 313, dated 10th January 1873 and 26th February 1875, respectively, I have the honor to report that the present system of debiting advances for conservancy and working expenses to 5, "Forest," clearly leads to larger outstanding balances remaining unadjusted every month.

2. I enclose a statement showing the transactions of the forest conservancy and working expenses from January to September 1872, when accounts were rendered by the Conservator of Forests monthly showing the advances received by that department to the credit of Forest Remittances and the actual expenditure charged to 5 "Forest" supported by Bills; as also the transactions up to date from October 1872, from which date the advances were charged off at once and Bills subsequently received in adjustment. The figures from October 1872 are a summary of detailed statements periodically sent to the Board of Revenue.

3. It will be seen that the balances outstanding under the existing arrangements are large, and in addition a sum of Rupees 14,670 is with the forest officers as "Permanent Advances."

4. I would observe also that in the Bills received for adjustment the amount and date of each advance, as suggested by Mr. Taylor in paragraph 3 of his letter, dated 20th July 1872, No. 3,090, to the Board, is not noted in the Bills passed by them, the adjustments are consequently made upon the total outstanding advances.

5. Under these circumstances, I am of the same opinion as Mr. Lushington, that the old system is preferable.

6. This report would have been sent in at the right time had the fact of its having been called for been known to me. The G. O., No. 28, dated 10th January 1873 was received in this office when I was away in England, and at the expiration of a year from that time it appears a statement was prepared similar to that now forwarded, and everything was ready for the report when my Deputy, Mr. Cooke, took the papers from Mr. Donald, and has kept them ever since undisposed of. The first intimation, therefore, I received of the report being due was contained in G. O., No. 313, and I at once instituted inquiries which elicited the above facts. I very much regret the delay, but, as will be seen, I was in no way to blame for its occurrence.

No. 168. ORDER THEREON, dated 13th March 1875, No. 413.

Forests No. 10.

REFERRED to the Board of Revenue for their remarks.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Batlemarn.

Treasury DEPARTMENT.

No. 682

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
3 March 1875.

FROM The ACCOUNTANT GENERAL,

TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

TO THE Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

By, Secy. Secy.

Dated March 1875

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G.O., 13th March 1875, No. 413.

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Conservancy and Working Charges of the Forest Department.—Referring to the Board of Revenue for remarks letter from the Accountant-General, reporting on the present system of debiting advances for—

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Your Obedt. Servt.
M. H. Smith
Accountant General

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of debiting advances for
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charges of the Board of Directors
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