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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th September 1876.

No. 264. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th August 1876, No. 2,094 :—

Read the following letter from H. S. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vallam, 24th May 1876, No. 2,000.

Some of my officers having in their zeal outrun instructions and rapidly planted more than was arranged for, it follows that my careful calculations for maintenance have been deranged, and so it has come about that funds for the upkeep, through at least two dry seasons, of about five lacs or more of now promising Casurinas cannot hold out; indeed we have only enough to carry us through the remainder of this dry season of about three months; for our regular income from Jungle Conservancy Funds will not be equal to the demand, and they have been considerably reduced by the action of G.O., dated 19th November 1874, No. 3,278, and not only this but conservancy arrangements in all other taluqs have been paralysed by the over-activity above shown, and I have had to cut down watchmen in every direction possible so as to provide watermen for the Casuarinas. This I have done with the greatest regret, because watchmen can, as shown in my letter No. 1,590, dated 25th April 1876, be used in a very advantageous and economical manner. I am also arranging to obtain relief by handing over one Casuarina Plantation to the Forest Department if they will recoup expenditure and buy it as it stands as a railway reserve, and it is close to the Negapatam Railway Station, and I understand flourishing.

2. Besides being in the presence of expected difficulties in about three months, I am also tied down in the interim; and I am anxious to apply the watchman principle above alluded to and explained in my other letter to the valuable iron-wood tree which grows in so few localities, which might be grown in great quantities near the Vadarniem Canal extension and from thence down to Point Calimere, but which has by no other means any chance against the numerous cattle that always graze in that jungle.

3. While we are thus not only in emergent need of funds to stave off difficulties in the maintenance of about five lacs or more of now healthy young promising Casuarinas, and while we could also do much more that is useful if we were not hampered and brought to a standstill for want of funds, there is a balance of Rupees 85,000 of Jungle Conservancy for which no use can be found in other districts, and from which a loan could, I hope, be made to us; there are also our own Pound Funds going out of this district, where they could be used to such advantage, to the Sydapet Farm, where it seems there is a plethora.

4. The Surplus District Pound Funds are Rupees 11,600, of which half goes to the Local Fund Board for roads and half to the Sydapet Farm under G.O., dated 10th October 1871, No. 544. If we can have the whole of that Rupees 11,600 for Jungle Conservancy purposes, it will suffice; but if we can only have the Sydapet Farm contribution or the major part of it, say Rupees 5,000, then we should be glad of a loan of Rupees 5,000 a year for three years from the surplus of other Jungle Conservancy Funds repayable in ten years. But I would rather have our own money than go into debt.

5. I enclose a memorandum of receipt and expenditure to show how we stand.

6. I should add that the undue activity in certain directions was so rapid that I could not possibly moderate it more than I did, but for which an immense quantity more would have been planted, and it was not wilful or reckless, but done with the best intentions. In one place I even went so far as to allow a number of the latest excess plantations to die out at once rather than be further involved, but I could not do so in all, and I was obliged to maintain beyond my calculations.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Memorandum showing the Actual State of Funds under Jungle Conservancy in the District of Tanjore and the Amount required for 1876-77.

	As per Budget Estimate.	As per Actual Requirements
	Rs.	Rs.
Balance on the 1st April 1876	6,720	6,380
Expected receipts during 1876-77	2,100	2,100
Total ...	8,820	8,480
Estimated Expenditure.		
Maintenance of old jungles, &c.	2,950	2,950
Do. of new jungles, &c.	2,470	2,470
Total ...	5,420	5,420
Expected Balance ...	3,400	3,060
Deduct.		
Amount due for 1875-76 (expended since out of Rupees 4,400 sanctioned by the Board in their Proceedings, dated 9th December 1875)	...	2,999
Amount asked for by the Head Assistant Collector for Mayaveram and Shially Taluqs in addition to the amount provided in the Budget	...	4,241
Total ...	...	7,240
Deficit ...	...	4,180

24th May 1876.

(Signed) H. S. THOMAS,
Collector.

IN the foregoing letter, the Collector brings to notice the inadequacy of the Jungle Conservancy Fund of his district for the upkeep of about five lacs or more of promising young Casuarinas owing to some of his officers having exceeded instructions and planted a larger number than was intended, and to the operation of G.O., Public Works Department, dated 19th November 1874, No. 3,273. He accordingly requests that a loan may be granted from the sum of Rupees 8[illegible],000 shown in the abstract statement* of receipts and charges of Special Local Funds for the current official year as the available balance of the Jungle Conservancy Fund

* Appended to Board's Proceedings, dated 6th January 1876, No. 25, recorded in G.O., Revenue Department, dated 25th January 1876, No. 104.

appertaining to other districts, or that sanction may be accorded to the transfer of the whole, or at least of a moiety, of the Surplus Pound Fund of his district, Rupees 11,600, to the Jungle Conservancy Fund.

2. Care should have been taken not to plant in excess of the limit up to which funds for maintenance were available. Some of the plantations have, it is stated, been allowed to die out, and there has consequently been a great waste of money. The Collector should issue such orders as will prevent a recurrence of these mistakes.

3. With regard to the reduction in the income of the Jungle Conservancy Fund stated to have been caused by the action of the Government Order, Public Works Department, quoted above, the Board observe* that in his reply to the Board's Proceedings, dated 10th March 1875, No. 619, the Collector stated that the only item affected by the Order in question was nanul grass. He is now requested to report on the subject in detail.

* Dated 17th May 1875, No. 182, recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 1st October 1875, Miscellaneous No. 8,901.

4. In the current year's Budget provision is made for the upkeep of a large number of Casuarinas, and it is not clear whether these plants form a portion of the five lacs of plants mentioned in the Collector's letter. This should be explained.

5. As it appears from the Memorandum now submitted that additional funds are absolutely necessary to keep up the plantations already formed, and to prevent the fund from running into debt, the Board recommend the transfer to the Jungle Conservancy Fund of the moiety of the Surplus Pound Fund ordinarily credited to Government Farms, viz., Rupees 5,800, as the latter can spare the money; but the Collector must see that operations are at once restricted within such limits as available funds require. It is out of the question that any portion of the moiety of the Surplus Pound Fund due to Local Funds can, under present circumstances, be spared.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 265. ORDER THEREON, 25th September 1876, No. 1,334.

Miscellaneous.

UNDER the peculiar circumstances stated, the Government sanction the transfer of the moiety of the Surplus Pound Fund usually credited to Government Farms, as recommended by the Board of Revenue. The Collector will warn his subordinates against an improvident outlay of funds. The planting operations should be proportioned to the means at disposal.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of India, Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c, &c, &c.

Dated 25th September, 1876.

Read

G.O. 25th September 1876, No. 1,334.

SEPTEMBER
Nos. 261-265.

Proposal for grants of Surplus Pound Fund
Jungle Conservancy Fund — Sanctioning;
remarks, Board's recommendation for the —

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 3414.

From Govt. Madras

Dated 16 Sept. 1876.

FOR ORDERS.

I see no reason
to sanction the proposal to withdraw
funds from important Agricultural
objects — We have already invited
the Secretary of State to send out a
Veterinary Surgeon on the Guarantee
of the Surplus Pound Fund, whose
Salary is not secured by our
deposit — to enable the Collector
of Tanjore to plant Casuarina
Gardens in his District. The
Pound Fund has enough to do
in respect to its proper functions

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The Jungle Conservancy Fund is practically a heavy and growing tax levied under I fear much vexation and without any law - on the people on the plea, apparently, of Conserving their jungle & planting topes, avenues, and the like for popular convenience and comfort; and in the last 10 or 12 years £ 150,000 have been raised in this manner with the Presidency. The expenditure of this large sum is unfortunately left to many much to the unexpected discretion of Collectors and some at least are making an ill-judged use of it. So far as can be gathered from results. Among other things they are investing the proceeds in planting speculations, some of which will I fear be found on investigation anything but satisfactory in the long run. I am inclined to hold that this application of the popular burden is wrong in principle. But passing this position by for the present, I am satisfied that the practical question requires investigation prior to ratification

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The (Meeting of Municipal Commissioners has been completed to confess that he has thrown away £1000 in this way as recruit reported. Planting Speculations Even under the professional Dept. have not everywhere been encouraging — witness the North Arcot Cauvarina fiasco. Recessions in Turnool, Cuddapah &c. In respect to the planting Speculations of (Meetors and their Establishment to the Jungle Conservancy Funds, I fear that when Carefully investigated it will be found that the Country is not getting its money's worth, when

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The annual Jungle Conservancy Fund of Tanjore District is small (Rs. 2,100) but it appears that with an opening balance on the 30th April of more than 3 years' accumulations (Rs. 6720,) Mr. Thomas

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and others, whom he calls zealous, have managed to run themselves into prospective debts to the extent of two years' simple Conservancy revenue of the whole District on account of Casuarina planting speculation. He cannot carry on the speculation through half the current year and apparently does not look beyond to the annual upkeep of his investments and not only this, but Conservancy arrangements in all other things are paralyzed by

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"by the over activity above "shown and I have had "to cut drive watchcuts "in every direction to "go to provide watermelons "for the Casuarinas". He has other devices on hand which he holds important & must restrain. All this indicates as it appears to me inherent bad management and thoughtlessness - such as must shake further confidence in this matter and call for full investigation. It is not final or wholesome actually to such as should encourage Government to obtain relief

Mr

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vice

Mr Thomas tells us that he is negotiating the sale of one of his speculations to the Imperial Department if worth their money - this requires more than casual mention - I confess that the whole tone of this letter inspires and confirms distrust in Mr Thomas's judgment while I appreciate his (perhaps impossible) objects.

I submit that Govt: should direct a full statement of the cost of each Casuarina speculation upto date and careful Estimates of prospective outlay

Sent to this Board 13-2-76 R 22d Sep. before

If we do not give Govt money we risk the whole money already expended on what are described as promising Casuarina plantations - I wd. have the whole question investigated as proposed but I think it had economy not to maintain the existing plantations I have therefore initialled the orders embodying the Bd's recommendations

before Entrusting with Mr Thomas with further funds and that the Conservator be directed to inspect and report fully on their Condition & prospect. - with observations on the Estimates - and that the Board be again called on to report on the whole subject of the Jungle Conservancy of the Presidency.

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Memo shewing the actual state of Funds under Jungle Conservancy in the District of Tanjore, and the amount requried for 1876-77.

	As per Budget Estimate	As per actual requirement
Balance on the 1st April 1876	672	6380.
Expected Receipts during 1876-77	2100.	2100.
Total	8820	8480
Estimated Expenditure.		
Maintenance of old Jungles &c	2950	2950.
Do of new Jungles &c	2470	2470.
Total	5420	5420
Expected Balance	3400	3060
Deduct		
Amount due for 1875-76, (expended since out of Rs 4400 sanctioned by the Board in their Proceedings, dated 9 Dec 1875		2997
Amount asked for by the Head Assistant Collector for Mayaveram & Shealy Taluqs in addition to the amount provided in the Budget		4241
Total		7240
Deficit		4180.

(True copy) H. Thomas
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Ag Secretary

Ex Sheet

Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 16th August 1876.

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(True copy forwarded)

I.O.

Yours &c.
Offg. Secretary

The Secretary to Government
Rev. Deptt. with copy of Statt.

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