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with reference to paragraph
22 - of 1844 - of 3 July
1875 - should it not be
made clear in sanctioning
that the District Officer
shall be responsible for
the amount of the

the 6th December 1875.

your letter No. 1260, dated
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follows:—

Rs.	per mensem.
9,003	
6,890-8	
2,112-8	
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10,667	
24,943	

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This amount is made

Rs.	Increase.	Decrease.
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Travelling allowance

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FROM "A. O. HUME, Esq., C.B.,
Secretary to the Government of India,
To THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Department of Revenue,
Agriculture, and Commerce.
Forests.

Calcutta, the 6th December 1875.

SIR,

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1260, dated the 21st August last, forwarding proposals by Captain Campbell Walker, the Acting Inspector of Forests, for the re-organization of the entire subordinate forest establishments of the Madras Presidency, together with a tabular statement in which the cost of the scheme is set down as follows:—

Proposed scale	Rs. 9,003	per mensem.
Present scale	6,890-8	"
Increase	2,112-8	"
Add charge for batta	855	"
Total	2,967-8	"
or per annum	35,610	"
Deduct cost of present temporary establishments which are to be absorbed into the proposed scale	10,667	"
Net annual increase	24,943	"

2. I am directed in the first place to bring to the notice of His Excellency the Governor in Council, that the scale of subordinate establishments sanctioned by the Government of India for the Madras Presidency amounts to Rs. 6,420-8 per mensem, or Rs. 470 per mensem less than the scale entered in the tabular statement received with your letter. This amount is made up as follows:—

	Rs.	Increase.	Decrease.
		Rs.	Rs.
I.—1 Overseer—Salary	60		
Travelling allowance	15		
II.—1 Overseer—Salary		75	
III.—Travelling allowance to another Overseer		80	
IV.—Forest establishment—Bhowani—Less entry		30	
V.—" " Guriattum			43
VI.—" " Godaveri		27	
VII.—" " Nilgiris	178	93	
Travelling allowance	30		
TOTAL		208	
Deduct less entry		513	
Net increase		43	
			470 per mensem.

3. In consequence of the re-distribution of the Overseers among the several ranges, it is not possible to say in which range the excess shewn under the first item occurs, but the total sanctioned number of Overseers on Rs. 60, with

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a travelling allowance of Rs. 15 per mensem, is 13, whereas the number entered in the tabular statement is 14.

4. With regard to items Nos. II to IV, I am to refer you to the statement of fresh charges and alterations in establishments sanctioned by the Government of Madras during the month of October 1874, and to point out that the former, instead of the revised establishment for the Bhowani range, has been entered in the present tabular statement. The appointment of one Overseer on Rs. 80 per mensem was abolished by that revision, and the travelling allowance of another Overseer was reduced from Rs. 60 to Rs. 30 per mensem. These should, therefore, now be omitted, while the difference (Rs. 43 per mensem) between the cost of the previous establishment, amounting (exclusive of Overseers) to Rs. 70 per mensem, and the revised establishment amounting to Rs. 113 per mensem, should be included under the column of present scale.

5. Item No. V.—No sanction can be traced for the Guriattum forest establishment, amounting to Rs. 27 per mensem, which is included in that for North Arcot. Indeed, in the letter from the Government of Madras, No. 2016, dated the 27th November 1871, it was said that the proposal to transfer these forests to the Forest Department had been abandoned, and that a watching establishment had been introduced in connection with the Jungle Conservancy Department. Apparently, therefore, this establishment was sanctioned under the orders of the Madras Government, and included under forests without the matter being reported to the Government of India.

6. Item No. VI.—A portion of the Godaveri forests was transferred from the Central Provinces to Madras in 1874, but no report has been received of the transfer of any portion of the forest establishments to that Presidency. The sanctioned establishment of the Central Provinces remains unchanged, and it would therefore appear that the establishment now included under Godaveri is a fresh charge.

7. Item No. VII.—The Nilgiri Sholas and Plantations were in 1869 transferred from the Forest to the Jungle Conservancy Department, and their re-transfer to the Forest Department was sanctioned in the letter from this Department, No. 3, dated the 2nd January 1875, but no report has been received in regard to the establishments transferred.

8. Whether the sanctioned scale is set down at Rs. 6,890-8 or Rs. 6,420-8 per mensem, the scheme now proposed will entail a very large addition to the permanent outlay on account of forest administration, and it has been seriously considered whether the circumstances of the forests in the Madras Presidency justify so large an increase of expenditure. His Honour the President in Council has accorded his sanction to the scheme, which appears to have been drawn up with care and system, in the hope that it will serve to improve the productive powers of the Madras forests and will eventually ensure from them an increasing surplus revenue.

For convenience of reference, I am directed to specify the establishments now sanctioned (which do not, however, include the salaries of the superior officers, the Office of the Inspector of Forests, or the Central Office of Accounts), and to request that any changes that may be made in this scale subsequent to the sanction now given, may be separately reported to the Government of India, it being essential that a correct record of the establishments entertained should be at all times available for reference in this Department,—

	Rs.
2 Sub-Assistant Conservators, at Rs. 200 each	400
2 " " " " 150 " "	300
5 Rangers, 1st class, at Rs. 100 each	500
Fixed horse allowance, at Rs. 25 per mensem each	125
5 Rangers, 2nd class, at Rs. 80 each	400
Fixed horse allowance, at Rs. 20 per mensem each	100
17 Rangers, 3rd class, at Rs. 60 each	1,020
Fixed horse allowance, at Rs. 15 per mensem each	255
6 Probationary rangers, at Rs. 5 per mensem each	300
Office establishment for the Sub-Assistant Conservators	156
Carried over	3,556

			Rs.	Rs.
		Brought forward		3,556
Ganjam	{ Gumsur Suradah }	Forest establishment	57	
Vizagapatam	Golcondah	Forest establishment	63	57
Godaveri	{ Badrachellum Rakapilly }	Forest establishment	93	68
Cuddapah	{ Office establishment Forest Rangers' office " " establishment		87 42 315	93
Kurnool	{ Office establishment Rangers' office Forest establishment		87 42 285	444
North Arcot	{ Office establishment Rangers' office Forest establishment		87 42 293	414
South Arcot	{ Office establishment Rangers' office Forest establishment		87 21 195	422
Trichinopoly	{ Office establishment Rangers' office Forest establishment		60 21 20	303
Madura	{ Office establishment Rangers' office Forest establishment Fixed travelling allowance to a Forester		87 42 300 10	101
Tinnevely	{ Office establishment Rangers' office Forest establishment		87 42 800	439
Annamallai or South Coimbatore	{ Office establishment Rangers' office Forest establishment		125 42 245	429
North Coimbatore	{ Metapolium. Dolampatty Collegal Bhowani. Sattimangalum }	{ Office establishment Rangers' office Forest establishment	125 88 225	412
Nilgiris	{ Office establishment Rangers' office Forest establishment Fixed travelling allowance to a Forester		134 44 199 10	438
Salem	{ Office establishment Rangers' office Forest establishment		125 66 335	397
South Canara	{ Office establishment Rangers' office Forest establishment		87 42 210	526
Malabar	{ Palghat Wynaad Nilambur }	{ Rangers' office Forest establishment Office establishment Rangers' office Forest establishment Depôt establishment	21 35 100 22 126 125 50 96	339 56 248 271
Total				9,003 p.m.

9. The financial results of the Forest Department in the Madras Presidency for the three years from 1867-68 to 1869-70 were as follows:—

	Receipts. Rs.	Charges. Rs.	Surplus. Rs.
1867-68	4,21,184	2,88,260	1,35,924
1868-69	3,91,179	2,70,472	1,20,707
1869-70	4,93,759	2,86,691	2,09,098

While those of the last three years have been—

	Receipts. Rs.	Charges. Rs.	Surplus. Rs.
1872-73	4,18,767	4,73,147 deficit	59,380
1873-74	4,61,194	3,53,184 surplus	1,11,010
1874-75	3,01,326	3,97,872 deficit	33,546

It will thus be seen that the administration of the last three years has not been financially prosperous, and in sanctioning the large increase to the permanent establishment charges now proposed, the Honourable the President in Council does so in reliance upon the assurance given by the Government of Madras that the revenue of the forests will be increased, and that steps will be taken to improve their capital value.

10. His Honour in Council believed that in the re-organization now sanctioned, all will be done that can at present be effected by a systematic arrangement of the superior and subordinate staff to promote an efficient administration of the public forests in the Madras Presidency. Whether this organization will result in securing a permanent supply of timber, wood and other forest produce to the people, and other advantages to the country, will, in the opinion of the President in Council, mainly depend on the steps which may be taken to effect a gradual demarcation of the public forests, whether the property of Government or of village communities, which shall be permanently maintained and steadily improved. His Honour in Council is aware that much progress has already been made in the formation of plantations and fuel reserves in the vicinity of the railway, but the area of these is obviously insufficient to provide a permanent supply of forest produce for a territory measuring 142,000 square miles, and inhabited at present by 31 millions of people, whose numbers are sure to increase.

11. In all other provinces of India considerable progress has been made in the demarcation of the public forests which are intended to be maintained as the permanent resources of forest produce for the country. The aggregate area of these reserves in the different provinces of the Empire, excluding the Presidencies of Madras and Bombay, now amounts to about 13,000 square miles. Some of them are completely under the control of Government, in others the rights of Government are limited by the rights of third parties. But as far as the control of Government extends, the forest officers who have the charge of these estates are responsible for their protection and improvement, and to the extent of the future yield of these forest tracts the permanent supply of the surrounding country and the requirements of trade are secured.

12. It is obvious that the satisfactory state of forest administration in Madras, as in other provinces of the Empire, ought to manifest itself either in an increased surplus as the result of an augmented supply of forest produce to the country, or in the improved condition and augmented capital value of the forests. The surplus revenue has rather diminished than increased during late years, but it is confidently expected that the Madras Government will shortly be in a position to lay before the Government of India satisfactory proof that the capital value and the productive powers of the Government forest domains are steadily improving. All proposals lately made by the Government of Madras for the reorganization of the forest administration, and for its transfer to the Collectors and the Board of Revenue, have been sanctioned by the Government of India without hesitation, and the increased subordinate establishment now proposed has likewise been accepted without reduction. The Honourable the President in Council therefore confidently expects that the beneficial effects of the present organization will now commence to manifest themselves.

13. As regards the annual revenue of the Madras forests, it is believed that the revenue from minor forest produce and miscellaneous receipts are at present credited partly to the Jungle Conservancy Fund, and partly to Land Revenue.

This system does not approve itself to the Government of India, and it should certainly be modified as the demarcation of the reserves progresses. In demarcated forests, and probably in others also, it is presumed that those branches of forest revenue are administered by the forest officers, and the entire proceeds of the management of demarcated forests, which are the property of the State, should be credited to imperial forest revenue.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. S. S. S.

Secretary to the Government of India.

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1875.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE
FORESTS.

To
THE SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF MADRAS.

No. 1262.

Dated Calcutta, the 6th December 1875.

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SUBJECT.

REORGANIZATION of the Subordinate Establish-
ments of the Forest Department in the Madras
Presidency.

No 39- 11 January 1876
O S. G. P. - No. 291, R. A. & C. - 7-12-75 - 57.
in the order

No 39
Communicated to
the Board of Revenue
& Conservator of Forests.

2. The principle
enunciated in para
13 has already been
laid down by
Government (No 3874
of 1875 para 2).

It is the object of the
present order to place
the subordinate establish-
ments of the Forest Department
in the Madras Presidency
under the direct control
of the Secretary to the
Government of India.

11 January 1876
The Secretary to the
Government of India
has explained to the
Secretary to the
Government of Madras
the object of the
order.

4 Jan 76. R. & S. Jan 76

in separate

Revenue Department

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The Secretary to the Government of India
Financial Department.

Sir,

With reference to

the enclosed letter from
the Board of Revenue,

I am directed to request
that this Government

may be furnished with
lists of articles free,

and subject to duty,
on import and export

under the Indian Tariff
Act XVII of 1875, similar

to

22nd December 1875
No 11208 bis.

Yours faithfully
Secretary

to those forwarded
with the Financial
Circular of the Govt.
of India dated 12th

July 1871 No 1821
Accounts.

6 Jan 76

[Signature]

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