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that the District

Officers shall supervise the

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the 6th December 1875.

your letter No. 1260, dated
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follows:—

Rs.	per mensem.
9,003	
6,890-8	"
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Rs.	Increase.	Decrease.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
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Travelling allowance

The following is a list of the
 names of the persons who
 are to be placed under
 the name of the
 Government of Madras
 in the year 1900.

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No. 1262.

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 reorganization 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.	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		43.
V.—" " Guriattum	27		
VI.—" " Godaveri	93		
VII.—" " Nilgiris	178		
Travelling allowance	30		
TOTAL	208		
Deduct less entry	513		
	43		
Net increase	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

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. III 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. 143 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	Goleondah	Forest establishment	68	57
Godaveri	{ Badrachellum Rakapilly }	Forest establishment	93	68
Cuddapah		Office establishment	87	93
		Forest Rangers' office	42	
		" " establishment	315	
Kurnool		Office establishment	87	444
		Rangers' office	42	
		Forest establishment	285	
North Arcot		Office establishment	87	414
		Rangers' office	42	
		Forest establishment	293	
South Arcot		Office establishment	87	422
		Rangers' office	21	
		Forest establishment	195	
Trichinopoly		Office establishment	60	303
		Rangers' office	21	
		Forest establishment	20	
Madura		Office establishment	87	101
		Rangers' office	42	
		Forest establishment	300	
		Fixed travelling allowance to a Forester	10	
Tinnevely		Office establishment	87	439
		Rangers' office	42	
		Forest establishment	800	
Annamallai or South Coimbatore		Office establishment	125	429
		Rangers' office	42	
		Forest establishment	245	
North Coimbatore	{ Metapolium. Bolumputty Collegal Bhowani. Sattimangalum }	Office establishment	125	412
		Rangers' office	88	
		Forest establishment	225	
Nilgiris		Office establishment	134	438
		Rangers' office	44	
		Forest establishment	199	
		Fixed travelling allowance to a Forester	10	
Salem		Office establishment	125	387
		Rangers' office	66	
		Forest establishment	335	
South Canara		Office establishment	87	526
		Rangers' office	42	
		Forest establishment	210	
Palghat	{ Rangers' office Forest establishment }		21	339
			35	
Malabar	{ Wynaad Nilambur }	Office establishment	100	56
		Rangers' office	22	
		Forest establishment	126	
		Office establishment	125	248
		Depôt establishment	50	
		Forest establishment	96	
			271	
Total				9,008 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	4,24,184	2,88,260	1,35,924
1868-69	3,91,179	2,70,472	1,20,707
1869-70	4,95,789	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	4,78,147 deficit	59,380
1873-74	4,64,194	3,53,184 surplus	1,11,010
1874-75	3,64,326	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.

14 To the Board of Revenue
15 To the Secretary to the Government
16 To the Secretary to the Financial Department

No 4807

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

In S. G. P. No. 291

Revenue Department

To
The Secretary to the Government of India
Financial Department.

Sir,

22nd December 1875
H. 11208 Ind.

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

Yours faithfully
Officially

No 39
Communicated to
the Board of Revenue
for consideration of Forest

2. The principle
enunciated in para
13 has already been
laid down by
Government (No. 38 July
74 No 959 para 2)

It is to be understood that
the D. Forest Officer is to be
available for the supervision of
the Forest Officer in the
Forest Officer's District
in the District
in the District

11 January 1876
But the discrepancy in
the statement should
be explained to the
Govt of Madras
See Sep. paper

5 Jan 76. R. & Jan 76

to those forwarded
with the Financial
Circular of the Govt.

of India dated 12th

July 1871 No 1821

Accounts.

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