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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th January 1876.*

No. 107. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 25th November 1875, No. 706 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd October 1875, No. 2,932.

Read the following letter from G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd September 1875, No. 2,560 :—

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings, dated 21st July 1875, No. 2,034, passing orders on the Jungle Conservancy Budget for 1875-76.

2. Adverting to paragraph 5, I beg to state that, in the Casuarina Plantations under the superintendence of the Wood Overseer, there are five Maistries employed

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1 At Dugarazupatam on.....	7	margin, while the gardeners are paid
1 At Kottapatam on.....	6	Rupees 4 per head per month, a deduc-
1 At Tammenapatam on.....	7	tion of 8 Annas being made when the
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5 Total.		superintendence of the Salt Department

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3. With reference to paragraphs 6 and 20, I observe that the Board's calculation of the balance of the Jungle Conservancy Fund at the beginning of the year, viz., 1st April 1875, as Rupees 37,302-0-2, is based on the Special Fund return, dated 23rd idem. This however is not the real balance. A sum of Rupees 20,120-4-6 paid into the District Treasury of Chingleput from the collections at the Firewood Depot at Madras during the months of February and March 1875 was transferred to, and credited in, the accounts of this district after the close of the official year. The actual balance is thus Rupees 57,422-4-8, which nearly tallies with my estimate of Rupees 60,000 given in paragraph 2 of my letter, dated 16th March last, No. 740. Moreover, the successful results of the cutting operations at Sriharikotta in 1874-75 will (when fully realized, which will be soon) raise the funds available for the current official year still more as will be seen from what follows.

4. As will be seen from Enclosures marked A. and B., the sale proceeds of the ordinary firewood and of the naraduwood amount to Rupees 96,000 in round numbers. The charges already incurred up to the end of last month for cutting, carting, boating, and establishment, &c., amount to Rupees 37,864-12-3. The cutting and carting operations have been completed, and I expect that the quantity of wood remaining unsold will be completely disposed of by the end of December at latest; so that the only expenditure to be incurred till then consists of boat charges and cost of establishment, and will not exceed Rupees 5,000. The aggregate charges will not I calculate exceed Rupees 43,000, and the net profit will then be Rupees 53,000.

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5. The Special Fund return alluded to in paragraph 3 gives the collections and expenditure of Jungle Conservancy Fund during 1874-75 at Rupees 12,980 and Rupees 53,148, respectively. The former includes Rupees 8,522 and the latter Rupees 18,910 on account of the Sriharikotta jungle-cutting. Taking into account the Rupees 20,120 referred to in paragraph 3 as not credited to the accounts of 1874-75, the actual collections and expenditure on account of the Sriharikotta Jungle within the official year 1874-75 would be Rupees 28,620 and Rupees 18,910, respectively, or in round numbers 28,600 and 19,000. There will thus be an addition of Rupees 43,000 to be made to the balance of 57,422-4-8 shown as available at the beginning of the current official year, as will be seen from the following figures:—

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Total estimated collections.....	96,000
Actual collections up to the end of the official year 1874-75.	28,600
Remainder ...	67,400
Total estimated expenditure.....	43,000
Actual expenditure within the year.....	19,000
Remainder ...	24,000
Net remainder ...	43,400 or 43,000

6. So far the funds available for the official year 1875-76 would then be about the sale of wood in kandam No. 3, the cutting of which is now in progress, and these will amount probably to not less than Rupees 25,000, so that instead of a deficit there will be a considerable surplus actually.

7. From Enclosure C. it will be seen that the total estimate for casuarina planting amounts to Rupees 1,31,960, of which Rupees 22,091 were spent up to the end of 1874-75, and an allotment of Rupees 48,971 was proposed in the Budget of 1875-76. Out of this latter, only Rupees 9,672 relate to new plantations, while the remaining sum of Rupees 39,299 appertains to plantations undertaken prior to 1874-75. Deducting from the total estimate of Rupees 1,31,960 the sum already spent, and the proposed allotment for 1875-76, there would remain Rupees 60,893 to be laid out in the course of four years. I see no difficulty in providing for this expenditure. By cutting the Sriharikotta Jungle under the Amani system, we may confidently look for an average annual profit of Rupees 40,000, that from the kandam now being cut will hardly be less than Rupees 60,000. Moreover, I have good reason to believe that our departmental cutting is so conducted—in contrast to that of past renters—that the permanent value of the jungles will not suffer thereby. The planting of seeds has also been ordered.

• Enclosures Nos. 1 to 3.—Statements.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department with reference to paragraph 4 of the order in that department, dated 7th October 1875, No. 1,466.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 108. ORDER THEREON, 13th January 1876, No. 53.

Miscellaneous.

THE Board's Proceedings are
approved.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Financial Department.
„ the Board of Revenue.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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no Maistries are employed, and the gardeners are paid Rupees 4, 4½, or 5, as noted in the Budget under each item. The difference of pay to the gardeners is owing to the difficulty of obtaining coolies at Rupees 4 per month.

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THE FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

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G.O., 13th January 1876, No. 63.

JANUARY.
Nos. 107-108.

Jungle Conservancy Budget for 1875-76.
Approving the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue on report of the Collector of Nellore on certain points referred in their review of the —

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department,
with three original statements, to be returned
to the Collector of Nellore.

Received by Mr. [unclear] 2-43
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Transferred to the Rev. Department
with reference to p. 4 of his order in that
Department of 7th October 1875. No 1466.

To the Revenue Dept.
with 3 Encls.
For Mr. [unclear]
25 Nov. 1875

And the
Chief Secretary

Order on the [unclear]

Received by Mr. [unclear]
(Revenue Dept.)

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Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 22ND OCTOBER 1875, No. 2,932.

Copy to Mr. [unclear]

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OCTOBER.
No. 2,932.

Jungle Conservancy Budget—for 1875-76.—
Submitting to Government report of Collector
of Nellore on certain points noticed in Board's
review of —; authorizing the proposed excess
expenditure of Rupees 5,603; and passing
remarks regarding the Amami system of manage-
ment introduced in Sirkharotta Jungles.

with order
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The Board's Proceedings are approved
13th January 1876

To the Revenue Dept. Secy
14.1.76 (Board Secy Dec 25)

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