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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department
25th April 1877

Read the following papers —

No 622 Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th December 1876, No 3,148, Forest No 108 —

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel P H BEDDOME Conservator of Forests to the Hon D F CARMICHAEL Secretary to Government Revenue Department dated Ootacamund 23rd October 1876 No 1 2[illegible]2 —

AGREEABLY to G O dated 5th ultimo No 1[illegible]9 I have the honor to submit herewith the statement therein called for

—	Actual [illegible] by the Government [illegible]	Actual [illegible] fied by the Accountant General
	RS.	RS
Receipt	4 11 [illegible]96	4 26 3[illegible]
Charges	4 [illegible]9 0	4 30 [illegible]83
Deficit	3[illegible]	3[illegible]4

G O dated 12th August 1[illegible]5 [illegible] 1[illegible]0

2 The financial results of this department for the past official year show only a small deficit of Rupees [illegible]7[illegible]4 and not Rupees 18 630 as intimated by the Government of India Had not the sum of Rupees 12 500 been paid for the purchase of the Chinna Kulroyen Hill Forests in the Salem Division and which the Government had refused to provide for in a supplemental budget or had the large sums realised by our department in North Arcot been credited to Forests instead of the Local Funds the net results would have been a surplus

3 From the Statement No 1 it will be observed that the total receipts of the Department from 1856 to 1876 compare favorably with the total charges under A Conservancy and Works and B Establishments as shown in the margin but excluding therein the receipts and charges on account of plantations and fuel reserves most of which have not yet commenced to pay as well as a proportionate share of the cost of fixed establishments the net surplus is very satisfactory as shown below —

—	Receipt	Working Charges	Establishment Charges	Total Charges	Net Surplus
	RS	RS			RS
From 1856 5 to 187[illegible] 6	67 [illegible]570	7 61 [illegible]	93 01[illegible]	4[illegible] 41	1[illegible] 3[illegible]

—	Receipt	Working Charges	Establishment Charges	Total Charges
	RS	RS	RS	RS
From all the forests plantations and fuel reserves	67 2[illegible] [illegible]70	27 61 225	21 93 01[illegible]	49,54,2[illegible]1
Deduct receipts and charges on account of plantations and fuel reserves	1 [illegible]8,[illegible]06	5 4[illegible] 9[illegible]	1,[illegible],[illegible]0[illegible]	7 10 564
Difference	65 [illegible]8 [illegible]	2[illegible] 18 26[illegible]	20 [illegible] 40[illegible]	42 [illegible]
Deduct Total Charges	42 4[illegible] 6[illegible]7			
Net Surplus	23 84 [illegible]87			

4 As remarked by the Government of India the working charge on account of plantations and fuel reserves have radually risen from Rupees 1 000 between 1859 and 1861 to Rupees 60 000 between 1871 and 1875 as shown below —

		R	
1859 60		1 046	Average 1 055
1860 61		641	
1861 62		723	
1862 63		297	
1863 64		431	
1864 65		3 095	
	Total	6 231	
1865 66		1 055	Average 18 413
1866 67		11 2 1	
1867 68		17 803	
1868 69		19 136	
1869 70		20 834	
1870 71		29 381	
	Total	1 10 178	
1871 72		19 934	Average 60 249
1872 73		60 970	
1873 74		51 624	
1874 75		65 020	
1875 76		73 689	
	Total	3 01 247	

5 From the above it will be observed that the average expenditure from 1865 66 to 1870 71 has increased to Rupees 18 413 This is chiefly owing to the formation fuel or reserves ordered by Government in their Proceedings dated 15th January 1867 No 159 and to the formation and extension of planting in certain districts

6 The formation and extension of planations and fuel reserves in Cuddapah North Arcot South Arcot Salem Coimbatore Trichinopoly Madura Tinnevelly and Nelambur have caused the increase of expenditure from 1871 72 to 1875 76 which averages Rupees 60 249

7 It is not possible at present to enumerate the permanent improvements effected by means of this large outlay and until the plantations and fuel reserves in the several forest divisions are all surveyed and their stock valued I will be not in a position to enter into details beyond stating that the results are good the capital value very large and that there can be doubt that the Nelambur Teak Plantations and all our Railway fuel reserves and the Trichinopoly Padugay Plantations will shortly begin to yield a handsome revenue and the same may reasonably be expected from the Nilgiri Eucalyptus and Australian Acacia Plantations and from the Sandalwood Plantations It is feared that some small sums expended on experimental plantations and in attempts to grow trees where both soil and climate were adverse will never be recouped but this expenditure has luckily been very limited as this department has been cautious on expenditure of this nature and has turned a deaf ear to much that has been urged on it in the matter of planting in unfavorable places or where the ultimate profit or advantage was not apparent experience has been gained and almost all outlay on works of an uncertain nature is now stopped

8 In paragraph 9 of their letter No 509 of the 12th of June last recorded in the Proceedings of this Government No 8 9 dated 1st July the Supreme Government view with alarm the rapid rise in our establishment charges and they point out that during the decade from 1862 to 1872 the annual average was Rupees 1 19 140 that from 1873 to 1875 it rose to 1 76 000 and that for the current year it is estimated at Rupees 2 16 000 Although a certain portion of this

increase is unavoidable as it is caused by the extension of conservancy generally and by promotions in the department the figures are alarming as the revenue does not show any increase the result of course being a very large deficit on the net revenue I was very unwilling to bring into play the very large increase proposed by Captain Campbell Walker for introduction from the 1st of April as I considered it injudicious and premature but it was sanctioned by the Supreme Government and I was directed to carry it out in its entirety so it was put in force from the 1st of April the Supreme Government now thinks it desirable that it should only be worked up to gradually and strike a large sum out of the budget so I have had the very disagreeable task of reducing almost all the increase after it had been in force for several months I have now thoroughly inspected eight of our divisions and find that as I expected much of the increase is uncalled for at present and in some cases not even wanted by the officers in charge and in others proposed without a knowledge of the requirements of the particular forest or tract it was intended for Captain Walker was I believe under the impression that large establishments would at once check all smuggling which is more than doubtful as long as we are without an Act and that he would get over all tracts hitherto under Local Conservancy I shall now shortly be able to send in a statement showing what the establishments have been reduced to in many cases these reductions may be permanent but in others where it can be shown that the increase is authorized and likely to result in increased revenue and more systematic conservancy it is hoped it may only be held in abeyance for a short time until however a Forest Act be passed and demarcation takes place and until we know what tracts are to be under the department and what under Local Conservancy it will not be possible to fix the establishment on anything like a permanent footing and economy should be the [illegible] day

9 In the statement of receipts and charges submitted herewith it will be seen that, in 1872 73 Rupees 1 00 000 were spent in the outright purchase of forests (in addition to upwards of Rupees 60 000 expended on plantations) when a large sum like this is debited against conservancy and working in one year a cash surplus can hardly be looked for and in 1873 74 Rupees 25 000 were laid out in similar purchases these are the only two years that any cash deficit of importance has occurred Last year there was as already explained a small deficit of Rupees 3 724 but 1 [illegible] 000 Rupees were spent in purchasing a forest tract in addition to Rupees 61 039 expended on the formation of fuel reserves and plantations

10 When it is seen that ½ lakh have been [illegible] on the purchase of forests and on the formation of large and valuable plantations and Railway fuel reserves which must shortly be returning a large revenue I think it must be acknowledged that our financial condition has hitherto been good we are however just now in a state of transition and there must be some exercise of economy in the matter of establishments until we have a Forest Act and a more permanent status or deficits may occur The department would however have much fairer play and be of much more value [illegible] State if all the forests in each district were put under it [illegible] so called Local Conservancy being done away with the Local Funds paying a percentage of our establishments and receiving the proceeds of such tracts as Government may delegate for that purpose or what would I think be better still a certain percentage on the profits in the district at present in South Arcot we are spending very large sums in the formation of plantations, but I need that nearly all the revenue from the surrounding jungles is credited to Local Funds, and the position of affairs in North Arcot in this respect is before Government all Forest revenue should I think first appear in the accounts of this department whatever proportions may afterwards be credited to the Imperial or Local Exchequers

ENCLOSURE No 1

STATEMENT showing the Annual Receipts and Charges and the Cash Surplus or Deficit of the Forest Department in the Madras Presidency from 1856-57 up to the end of 1875-76

Years	Receipts	Charges: Actuary and Working Sub-head No 1 — Expenditure on Production of Forests	Charges: Actuary and Working Sub-head No 2 — Expenditure on Improvements	Charges: Actuary and Working Sub-head No 2 — Expenditure on Establishment	Total	Charges: Establishment	Grand Total	Cash Surplus	Cash Deficit	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1856-57	2 48	73 443			73 443	32 204	10 647	131 92		
1857-58	1 0 69	4 2 5			45 9	31 450	7 405	3 164		
1858-59	1 19 61	48			48 987	40 537	80 524	80 237		
1859-60	5 03 441	52	232	1 049	63 853			3 93,790		
1860-61	448	1 0 1 9	2 0	641	1 10 458	2 8	1 68 716	1 83 73		
1861-62	1	1 36 3 9	1 600	7 3	1 38	4 89	2 13 451	3 8 3		
1862-63	1 82 44	7 6	3 8 9	9	81 518	94 59	1 5 7	6 6 2		
1863-64	2 43 42	1 914	3 541	484	1 11 919	93 334	04 303	39 39		
1864-65	3 30 569	9 1 0 0	3 303	3 035	1 02 487	94 0	1 96 657	1 33 912		
1865-66	3 1 681	1 24 93	937	12 0 3	1 43 933	2 5 80	61 779			
1866-67	3 38 607	1 00 31	9 093	11 271	1 20 8	1 04 1 0	24 015	1 14 592		
1867-68	4 24 185	1 206	18 3	17 03	1 48 31	1 1 059	2 840	1 51 345		
1868-69	3 91 1 9	1 00 3 8	12	19 136	1 31 9 9	1,3 781	60 00	1 21 4 9		
1869-70	4 9 89	1 12 519	13 5	2 824	1 40 90	1 30 7 3	2 56 691	09 093		
1870-71	3 39 76	1 11 172	13 5	3 351	56 9	1 38 081	2 94 850	44 902		
1871-72	4 18 8	1 0 364	11,516	49 931	1 94 814	1,0 902	4 16	106		
1872-73	4 18 767	1 31 383	11 82	†1 60 9 0	3 03 3	1 4 112	4 8,14		59 380	
1873-74	4 4 541	1 10 216	1 530	61 624	1 53 0	1 814	3 3 84	9 3		
1874-75	3 64 3	1 3 40	8 104	‡ 90 020	21 864	1 6 103	3 8 8 2		33 546	
1875-76	4 6 5 9	1 2 68	43 64	633	30 115	1 19 133	4 0 083		4	
Total	67,86 5 0	20 72	193 7	5 42 9 6	61 95	1 93 1 10	49 1 41	18 68 3 9	6 6 0	A the ha ce accon t of pl t t d f l t t bl n th c unt f th y rs th col mn 4 d f blank † I Jud th n f R p 1 00 000 b th p e f j nd pu l d M l b r— L b a n of G rn t f I d re d d GO d d 12th A ust 18 2 N 1 194 d GO d ted 18th Oct be 18 N 1 41 I l d th pri f l d p rch sed M l b wh h m ts I n 2 000—v de Mi l GO d t d b h O tobe 18 4 N 53 a B rd Mi l ns P d gs d ted 16th Jun 18 No 129 18 6
Net Surpluses								17 2 329		

COTACAMUND
23rd October 1876

(Signed) R H BLDDOME Lieut Colonel
Conservator of Forests

ENCLOSURE No 2

STATEMENT showing the present Areas of the Government Forests Nuclei Reserves and Plantations in the different Districts of the Madras Presidency as well as the Receipts and Charges thereof from 1856-57 to 1875-76

District	Divisions or Subdivisions	Plantations: General Forest	Plantations: Special Plantations	Plantations: Total	Charges: Establishment	Charges: Plantations	Total	Area of Forests: General Forest	Area of Forests: Special Plantations	Area of Forests: Total	Remarks
Ganjam	Gumsur and Serampilly Range Boad cutting Ryots	Q t 0		Ac 3½	Rs		0			237	37	T f d f m th C t l P — le G O N 44 of 1th J 18 4 R D
Godavary								5 1	2 0 0	41 25	6 84	
Vizagapatam	Golconda	Do.		1 8						†10 90	10 79	T f d t J gl Con e v l d
Cuddapah	Cuddapah	2 0	16 830	10		2						G O No 643 d 5 h M 1875
Bellary	Ghuty											
				1 ½				6 19		1 9	9 4	
Kurnool	Kurnool	0		5				7 58	5 913	40 5 1	1 972	
North Arcot	North Arcot		65 140	8 540¾	5 1	33	C 9 1 346	t	18	0 658	4 593	
[illegible]	[illegible] Jamalegapatam			Not known						1 007	1 07	U d th ch go f th Coll ctc from 1873 4
Trichinopoly	Trichinopoly	N t	3 8 7	1 5 ½	1 7 7	3 0	1 860	27S	7 70	34 891	4 39	
Salem	Salem	k w D	N t g	303¾	1	1		2 8 9	450	5 314	8 5 8	
Madura	Madura							949	8 467		9 416	
Tinnevelly	Tinnevelly	D		I	1 53			41 083		3 7 9	41 81	
South Coimbatore	Anamalay	800		Sq y d 64				8 066		08	23 831	
	Periyar	400		64				2 791		16 718	10 09	
	Cullagal	00		9				583		14 704	17 87	
	Sathiamangalam	500										I l f pt d h g f the S g F rest (c) l th e n l tat cf th d) wl hh b p tte 18 7 — I G O N 3 8 f 16th M h d No 6 8 d t d 2 d J 1873 I t ly
North Coimbatore												
	Mettapolium	k wn	1 100	6	0	0	0	2 896	2 8	1 7	5 311	
		4									16 80	
	Bolampatty	300	1 010	10 8	1 10		1 10	2 867	13 933	2 49	10 6	V l m ks g i t Sathi m m
	Vadamullayangur	40		23				6 510 82		7 477	4 9	
Malabar	Nilgiri Shoal and Wynaad to Anamalay and Periyar	Not known		1 039		16 237	16 33	2 4 3		16 61	190 2	

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Statement showing the present Areas of the Government Forests Fuel Reserves and Plantations in the different Districts —(*Continued*)

District	Subdivisions	Present Area								Remark
		General Forests	Fuel Reserves	Plantations	Total	Cultivated Lands	Forest Reserves	Plantations	Total	
		Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	
Salem North Circle	Salem	Q M D D	A 360	AC 334	161	44 68 1 19	2 00	45 161	1 845 1 619	Transferred to Board's Proceedings dated 17th April 1863
		D 150 N t k w		109		5 814 2 863 48		9 71	15 565 2 863 48	Transferred to Mysore Government vide GO No 33 of 10th January 1865
South Circle	Coimbatore			3 400	1 603	54	48 961	11 308	2 32 0 3	
	Nilgiris						1 46 331	4 74 309	5 92 5	
	Shevaroy Hills					1 60	1 89 49	11 308	8 01 31	
Malabar	Calicut	D 21	4490 4	11 181	15 1541					
	Total	171 501	1 34 815	6 61						

Ootacamund
23rd October 1876

(Signed) R H BEDDOME Lieut Colonel
Conservator of Forests.

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No 1 229

FORWARDED to the Secretary to Government Revenue Department through the Board of Revenue with reference to paragraph 1 of G O dated 5th September 1876 No 1 229

Ootacamund
2nd October 1876

(Signed) P H BEDDOME Lieut Colonel
Conservator of Forests

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G O dated 5th September 1876 No 1 229

2 From the statements submitted by the Conservator it will be observed that the receipts from and expenditure on forests from the commencement up to the end of 1875 76 were as shown below —

	RS	RS
Receipts		67 97 000
Expenditure —		
For the production of Revenue	90 38 000	
For improvements of Government Forests including outlay on plantations and fuel reserves	7 23 000	49 94 000
Establishments	21 33 000	
Difference		17 73 000

—	Receipts	Expenditure
Total receipts and expenditure on 18 5 G Deduct do of plantations	4 26 59 426	4 0 083 1 03 36
Total	3 3 3	3 67 0

3 Although in 1875 76 there was on the whole an excess of expenditure over receipts still if the receipts from and expenditure on, fuel reserves and plantations which have not yet fully commenced to pay be left out of account the transactions show a surplus of Rupees 66 213

4 The Conservator states that it is not at present possible to ascertain the value of the existing plantations and fuel reserves but there appears to be no doubt that they will more than repay the expenditure incurred on account of them

5 The only plantations or forests on which money from Imperial Funds had been expended and which have been given up or transferred to Local Funds are those noted in the margin It may also be here observed that plantations in South Canara which about Rupees 22 000 had been received from Local Fund have been recently (1876 77) transferred to Imperial

GO dated 21st December 1874 No 1604

Districts	Amount expended from Imperial Funds	Transferred to Local Funds
Trichinopoly	RS 10 99	Transferred to Local Funds
Kurnool	1 28	Given up
Salem	434	Do
North Canara	1 619	Transferred to Bombay
Malabar	48	Presently transferred to Government

6 The Conservator states that the Forest Department would have much further employ if all the forests in the Presidency were put under it the local conservancy being done away with does not seem to the Board sound The entire charge connected with local jungles is borne by the Local Funds and the Forest Officers are only placed in charge of them where they can supervise them without prejudice to their work in the Imperial forests and plantations Forest Officers are as much the servants of Government paid from Imperial Revenue as the Collectors are, and the circumstance of the local forests being managed by them cannot give to the Forest Department any better claim to receipts than their management by Collectors can give to Land Revenue Imperial The true criterion is the character of the jungles and the rights accrued in them and not the nature of the agency

employed to manage them The Board do not a all approve of the Conservator s suggestion tl at the revenues of all the forcs s should in the first instance be credited to Forests Imperial a d then tran ferred to Local

(Tru Copies and Extract)

(Signed) H E STOKES
Actin Secretary

No 14

No 623

MEMORANDUM

[Board s Proceedings dated 19th December 1876 No 3148]

THE undersigned is directed to call upon the Cons rvator for information on the following p rts —

Referring to Enclo ure No 1 wh ther the sums state I in column 3 for the years 18 5) in lude all expenditure by or under the Department

2 In Enclosure No 2 the approximate areas of the Government forests in *all cases* where it is omitte l

3 How it has occurred that a plant tion in Bhowany measuring 61 yard s has cost Rupees 768 or Rupees 1 a yard exactly

4 I urther as regards the first note appended to Enclosure No 2 what are the amounts of receipts and expenditure not exhibited and eliminated and the reasons for exclusion

As regards the second note why travelling expenses have been excluded

whether all charge , such as military pay &c have been included from the first if not the reason for the omi sion and the approximate amount of such omissions

also how the amounts given in this tatement have b en verified by the Accountant General

20th January 1877

(Signed) H B GRIGG
Und r Secretary

No 624 From Lieutenant Colonel R H BIDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to H B GRIGG, Esq , Under Sec etary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St George, dated Chepauk, 3rd March 1877, No 1,689 —

WITH reference to your official memorandum dated the 20th Janua y 1877 No 11 I have the honor to submit the explanation called for therein

2 *Paragraph* 1 —All expenditure, such as actual timber expenses cost of cattle and tools for timber operations purcha e of forest land cost of roads and bridges and temporary s pervision charges are included under column 3

3 *Paragraph* 2 —Th subjoined statement shows the approximate area of all the Gove nm nt forests wher i was omitted n Enclosure No 2 Some of the Fore t Officers have expressed t eir inability to give the information though called upon to do so

Statement showing the Approximate Area of Government Forests in all Cases where it was omitted

District	Division	Approximate Area	Remarks
		Sq MILES	
Godavery	Buddrachellam and Packapilly	590	
Vizagapatam	Golconda	Unknown	Not given
Bellary	Ghooty		Transferred to the Jungle Conservancy (*vide* G O dated 5th May 1865 No 609)
Tanjore	Negapatam and Tanjore		Under the charge of the Collector
Trichinopoly	Trichinopoly		It is stated by the officer in charge of the range that there is no State Forest in the district but there is the Puchamallay worked under the Jungle Conservancy Rules which is about 30 square miles
Madura	Madura	400	
Tinnevelly	Tinnevelly	280	
Coimbatore	Mettapolium	200	
Nilgiris	Nilgiri Sholas		The Deputy Conservator states that unless the Sholas are surveyed he is unable to give the area
Salem	Salem	2,261	
Canara	North Canara	Unknown	Transferred to the Bombay Presidency (*vide* G O dated 17th April 1862 No 862)
	South do		Transferred to the Mysore Government under G O dated 10th January 1865 No 33
Malabar	Hoonsoor		

4 *Paragraph* 3 —With reference to paragraph 3 I beg to state th t the area of the Bhowany plantation was erroneously g n at 64 square yard the correct figures are 16 400 quare yards

5 *Paragraph* 4 —Th accompanying statement shows the receipts and charges f the Government Fore s omit ed in Enc o ure No 2 The reason for the omission is owing to the interpretation put by this office on para raph 4 of G O dated the 5th September 1876 No 1 29 Revenue Department, regarding the submi ion of a statement for judging the permanent improvements to fo est e tat When the improvements to forest es ate only are considered the charges incurred for feeling carting &c should be excluded and the corre ponding revenue should also be omitted

Statement showing the Receipts and Charges not exhibited and eliminated in Enclosure No 2 forwarded to the Secretary to Government Revenue Department with the Conservator s letter dated the 23rd October last No 1 22 as call a for in G ment Official Memorandum da ed the 20th January 1877 *No* 11

District	Division	Receipts	Charges incurred on account of the production of Revenue	Remarks
		RS	RS	
Ganjam	Gumsur and Surada	571 608	18 911	
Godavery	Badrachellam and Rajahmundry	39 246		
Vizagapatam	Golcondah	2 101		
Cuddapah	Cuddapah	3 99 784	47 552	
Bellary	Ghooty			
Kurnool	Kurnool	4 67 704	25 785	

District	Division	Receipts	Charges incurred on account of the production of Revenue	Remarks
		RS	RS	
North Arcot	North Arcot	1 43 472	14 70	
South do	South Arcot	55 07[illegible]	11 164	
Tanjore	Tanjore and Negapatam			
Trichinopoly	Trichinopoly	632	1 181	
Madura	Madura	1 46 995	68 630	
Tinnevelly	Tinnevelly	1 53 190	30 [illegible]37	
South Coimbatore	Anamallay	9 58 969	1 45 744	
North do	Bhowany	1 93 380	88 363	
	Collegal	2 07 608	53 440	
	Sattiamangalum	3 76 019	95 210	
	Mettapolliem	13 659	5 90[illegible]	
	Bolumputty	[illegible]8 [illegible]48	21,178	
Nilgiris	Mudumallay	6 76 911	4 08 068	
	Seegur		4 757	
	Nilgiri Sholas			
	Wellington and Australian Plantation	41 281	16 978	
Salem	Salem	8 26 [illegible]73	90 465	
North Canara	North Canara	8 67 782	2 69 139	
South do	South do	3 62 151	1 24 09[illegible]	
Malabar	Wynaad	1 75 927	87 781	
	Hoonsoor	20 184	10 942	
	Nelambur	1 16 30[illegible]	90 335	
	Sholakarry and Chenat Nair (Tulghat)	4 697	6 900	
Madras	Central Office	790		
	Total Rs	65 78 042	20 37 772	

6 *Paragraph* 5 —The travelling expenses of the Deputy Conservator were excluded because no portion of the permanent establishment expenditure was charged against plantations The figures entered in the statement referred to in paragraph 4 of your official memorandum under acknowledgment are only for working charge inclusive of the cost of temporary supervision

7 *Paragraph* 6 —The Enclosure No I include the military pay and allowances drawn by a few officers whose military and civil pay were subsequently consolidated

8 *Paragraph* 7 —As regards the concluding paragraph of your memorandum I beg to state that the gross receipts and charges of the Forest Department were examined and passed by the Board of Revenue (*vide* paragraph 33 of their Proceedings * dated the 18th February 1860 No 886 and G O dated 4th August 1863 No 1 415) The accounts are now examined by the Accountant General to whom an annual statement of receipts and charges is furnished for verification agreeably to G O, dated 12th June 1874 No 725 It will be thus seen that the receipts and charges given in Statement No 1 appended to the Board s Proceedings dated the 12th December 876 No 3 148 have been verified by those departments

Recorded in E M C, dated 20th March 1860 No 4 8

9 There are other alterations which are necessary to be shown here

10 A sum of Rupees 78 278 the cost of the temporary establishment employed on the fuel reserves and plantations having erroneously been included in the expenditure on production of revenue Enclosure No I embodied in the Board's Proceedings dated the 12th December 1876 No 3,148 it should now be excluded therefrom It is necessary therefore to enter the correct

figures under receipts and expenditure as well as the apportionment of the cost of establishment under Plantations and Fuel Reserves as per table given hereunder —

—	Receipts	Working Charges	Establishment Charges	Total Charges
	RS	RS	RS	RS
From all the forests plantations and fuel reserves	67 26 570	27 61 225	21 93 016	49 54 241
Deduct receipts and charges on account of plantations and fuel reserves	1 48 528	6 21 234	1 89 237	8 10 471
Difference	65 78 042	21 39 991	20 03 779	41 43 773
Deduct Total Charges	41 43 770			
Net surplus	21 34 [illegible]72			

11 A sum of Rupees 2 639 spent on the Tanjore and Ghooty plantations was not included in the item of Expenditure on Plantations and Fuel Reserves shown in the statement a page 7 of the Forest Administration Report for 1875 76 as these Forests were transferred to 'Jungle Conservancy but found a place in Enclosure No 2 appended to the Board s Proceedings dated the 12th December 1876 No 3 148 as it exhibits expenditure on all the forests under the special department hence the difference

12 The total amount of expenditure for the formation and maintenance of fuel reserves and plantations is given below —

	Formation	Establishment
	RS	RS
1 Fuel Reserves	1 46 931	44 757
2 Plantations	4 74 303	1 44 480
Total	6 21 234	1 89 237

13 I regret the delay that has taken place in furnishing the information required as the area of the Godavery forests has reached this office only on the 26th ultimo

No 625 ORDER THEREON, 25th April 1877 No 1,552

Forest No 12

RESOLVED that the following letter be forwarded to the Government of India —

(Here enter No 1,553, dated 25th April 1877)

(True Extract)

(Signed) F D CARMICHAEL,
Offg Chief Secretary

To the Board of Revenue
the Co[illegible] to o[illegible]

Exd J W Fisher —

TOPFST No 108

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE dated 12th December 1876, No 3148

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel R H BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to the Honorable D I CARMICHAEL, Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 23rd October 1876, No 1,222 —

AGREEABLY to G O, dated 5th ultimo No 1,229, I have the honor to submit herewith the statements therein called for

—	Actuals given by the Government of India	Actuals verified by the Accountant-General
	Rs	Rs
Receipts ..	4,11 290	4 26 309
Charges	4 29 920	4 30 083
Deficit	18 630	3 724

G O dated 19th August 1875 No 1 210

2 The financial results of this department for the past official year show only a small deficit of Rupees 3,724 and not Rupees 18,630 as intimated by the Government of India Had not the sum of Rupees 12,500 been paid for the purchase of the Chinna Kulroyen Hill Forests in the Salem Division and which the Government had refused* to provide for in a Supplemental Budget, or had the large sums realized by our department in North Arcot been credited to forests instead of the Local Funds, the net results would have been a surplus

3 From the Statement No I it will be observed that the total receipts of the department from 1856 to 1876 compare favorably with the total charges under A "Conservancy and Works" and B, "Establishments" as shown in the margin, but excluding therefrom the receipts and charges on account of plantations and fuel reserves, most of which have not yet commenced to pay, as well as a proportionate share of the cost of fixed establishments the net surplus is very satisfactory as shown below —

—	Receipts	Working charges	Establishment charges	Total charge	Net Surplus
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
From 1856-57 To 1875 76	67 26 570	27,61,225	21 93 016	49 54,241	17,72 329

—	Receipts	Working charges	Establishment charges	Total charges
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs	Rs
From all the forest plantation and fuel reserves	67 26 570	27 61,225	21 93 016	49 54 241
Deduct receipts and charges on account of plantations and fuel reserves	1 48 506	5 42 956	1 6 608	7 10 564
Difference	65 78 064	22 18 269	20 26 408	42 43 677
Deduct total charges	42 43 677			
Net Surplus	23,34,387			

4 As remarked by the Government of India the working charges on account of plantation and fuel reserves have gradually risen from Rupees 1 000 between 1859 and 1864 to Rupees 60,000 between 1871 and 1875 as shown below —

1859 60	1,016	
1860 61	611	
1861 62	723	
1862 63	292	Average 1 038
1863 64	464	
1864 65	3 095	
Total	6 201	
1865 66	12,093	
1866 67	11 871	
1867 68	17 803	
1868 69	13,136	Average 18413
1869 70	20 831	
1870 71	29 381	
Total	1 16,478	
1871 72	49 934	
1872 73	60,970	
1873 74	1,694	Average 60 249
1874 75	65 020	
1875 76	63 699	
Total	3 01,947	

5 From the above it will be observed that the average expenditure from 1865 66 to 1870 71 has increased to Rupees 18,413 This is chiefly owing to the formation of fuel reserves ordered by Government in their Proceedings, dated 15th January 1867, No 159, and to the formation and extension of planting in certain districts

6 The formation and extension of plantations and fuel reserves in Cuddapah, North Arcot, South Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore, Trichinopoly, Madura, Tinnevelly, and Nelambur have caused the increase of expenditure from 1871 72 to 1875 76 which averages Rupees 60,249

7 It is not possible at present to enumerate the permanent improvements effected by means of this large outlay, and until the plantation and fuel reserves in the several forest divisions are all surveyed and then tool valued, I will not be in a position to enter into details beyond stating that the results are good, the capital value very large, and that there can be no doubt that the Nelambur teak plantation and all our Railway fuel reserves and the Trichinopoly padugay plantations will shortly begin to yield a handsome revenue, and that an increase may reasonably be expected from the Nilgiri Eucalyptus and Australian Acacia plantations and from the Sandal wood plantation It is feared that these small sums expended on experimental plantations and in attempts to grow the where both soil and climate were adverse will never be recouped, but this expenditure has luckily been very limited as this department has been cautious on expenditure of this nature, and has turned a deaf ear to much that has been urged on it in the matter of planting in unfavourable places or where the ultimate profit or advantage was not

apparent experience has been gained and almost all outlay on works of an uncertain nature is now stopped.

8 In paragraph 9 of their letter, No 509, of the 12th of June last, recorded in the Proceedings of this Government No 889, dated 1st July, the Supreme Government view with alarm the rapid rise in our establishment charges, and they point out that during the decade from 1862 to 1872 the annual average was Rupees 1,19,140, that from 1873 to 1875 it rose to 1,76,000, and that for the current year it is estimated at Rupees 2,46,000 Although a certain portion of this increase is unavoidable as it is caused by the extension of conservancy generally and by promotions in the department, the figures are alarming as the revenue does not show any increase, the result of course being a very large deficit on the net revenue I was very unwilling to bring into play the very large increase proposed by Captain Campbell Walker for introduction from the 1st of April, as I considered it injudicious and premature, but it was sanctioned by the Supreme Government, and I was directed to carry it out in its entirety, so it was put in force from the 1st of April, the Supreme Government now think it desirable that it should only be worked up to gradually and strike a large sum out of the Budget, so I have had the very disagreeable task of reducing almost all the increase after it had been in force for several months I have now thoroughly inspected eight of our divisions, and find that as I expected much of the increase is uncalled for at present, and in some cases not even wanted by the officers in charge, and in others proposed without a knowledge of the requirements of the particular forest or tract it was intended for Captain Walker was, I believe, under the impression that large establishments would at once check all smuggling which is more than doubtful as long as we are without an Act, and, that he would get over all tracts hitherto under "Local Conservancy" I shall now shortly be able to send in a statement showing what the establishments have been reduced to, in many cases these reductions may be permanent, but in others, where it can be shown that the increase is authorized and likely to result in increased revenue and more systematic conservancy, it is hoped it may only be held in abeyance for a short time, until however a Forest Act be passed and demarcation takes place, and until we know what tracts are to be under this department and what under "Local Conservancy," it will not be possible to fix the establishment on any thing like a permanent footing, and economy should be the order of the day

9 In the statement of receipts and charges submitted herewith, it will be seen that in 1872 73 Rupees 1,00,000 were spent in the outright purchase of forests (in addition to upward of Rupees 60,000 expended on plantations), when a large sum like this is debited against conservancy and working of one year a cash surplus can hardly be looked for, and in 1873 74 Rupees 25,000 were laid out in a similar purchase, these are the only two years that any cash deficit of importance has occurred Last year there was, as already explained, a small deficit of Rupees 3,724, but 12,500 Rupees were spent in purchasing a forest tract in addition to Rupees 61,199 expended on the formation of fuel reserves and plantations

10 When it is seen that 5½ lakhs have been spent on the purchase of forests and on the formation of large and valuable plantations and Railway fuel reserves, which must shortly be returning a large revenue, I think it must be acknowledged that our financial condition has hitherto been good, we are, however, just now in a state of transition, and there must be some exercise of economy in the matter of establish

ments and we have a Forest Act and a more permanent status or definite may occur
The Department would however have much fuller play and be of much more value to
the State if all the forests in each district were put under it, the so called Local Con
servancy being done away with, the Local Funds paying a percentage of our establish
ments and receiving the proceeds of such tracts as Government may delegate for the
purpose, or what would I think be better still a certain percentage on the profits in
the district at present in South Arcot we are spending very large sums in the form
ton of plantations, but I find that nearly all the revenue from the surrounding jungle
is credited to Local Funds, and the position of affairs in North Arcot must be expected
before Government, all Forest Revenue should, I think, first appear in the accounts of
this department whatever proportion may afterwards be credited to the Imperial or
Local Exchequer

No 1,223

Forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, through the Board of Revenue, with reference to paragraph 1 of G O, dated 5th September 1876, No 1,229

Ootacamund (Signed) R H LLDDOML Lieut Col,
23rd October 1876 Conservator of Forests

ENCLOSURE No 1

Statement showing the Annual Receipts and Charges and the Cash Surplus or Deficit of the Forest Department in the Madras Presidency from 1856 57 up to the end of 1875 76

Year	Receipts	Charges — Establishment	Charges — Contingencies	Charges — Buildings	Total	Deficit	Grand Total	Cash Surplus	Cash Deficit	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1856 7	8 430	3 513			3 44[illegible]	94	10 647	1 31 92	R	As the charges on account of plantations to the end of the year [illegible] began in the year [illegible] and as the Collector has not furnished the Conservator with the figures for 1875 76 the Madras Presidency from 1856 57 to 1875 76 Mr [illegible] the Government Order dated 18th October 1872 No 1,172 Mr [illegible] Government Order dated 16th June 1875 No 120 1 76
1857 58	1 50 5	4 0			43 9[illegible]	31 1 0	77 10[illegible]	8 164		
185[illegible] 59	1 19	1 87			48 8	40 537	89 24	30 2 7	--	
18[illegible] 9 60	5 0 144	6 7	3	1 01	63 8 3[illegible]	938	1 09 9 1	3 3 590		
1860 61	6 14	1 67 1 9	6 9	64[illegible]	1 10 4 9[illegible]	5 2[illegible]	1 [illegible] 1G	1 8 3		
1861 62	9 17 84	1 [illegible] 330	1 003	28	1 38 6 3[illegible]	47 9	2 13 4 1	8 833	--	
1862 63	1 8 44[illegible]	56	3 8 0	3	1 518	2 259	1 75 7	6 672		
18[illegible] 3 64	2 43 612	1 01 9[illegible]4	[illegible] 41	434	1 10 910	95 384	2 01 0	9 339		
1864 65	3 [illegible] 56	96 [illegible]3	[illegible] 363	3 01	1 02 487	91 1 0	1 93 657	1 33 912		
18[illegible] 66	3 2	[illegible] 84		1 [illegible] 3	1 43 [illegible]33	11 46	2 39 80	[illegible] 17 J		
1866 7	8 66	[illegible]	083	11 71	1 20 9[illegible]	1 03 1 9	2 24 [illegible]	1 14 592		
186[illegible] 68	[illegible]		18 7	17 80	1 48 81	[illegible] 40 9	2 [illegible] 10[illegible]	1 61 345	---	
1868 69		01 [illegible]8	1 40	15 13	1 31 919	1 81	2 6 00	1 1 179		
186[illegible] 0		1 519	1 55	0 934	1 46 008	1 [illegible] 78	2 8 91	090		
1870 71		[illegible] 1 2	1[illegible] 6	9 81	1 5[illegible] 9	1 80 1	2 94 8[illegible]0	44 02		
[illegible] 1 2	4	[illegible] 64	14 16	19 934	1 91 914	1 60 [illegible]	2 4 1	73 166		
187 73	1 18	1 [illegible]88	11 8	†1 00 970	3 03 73	1 [illegible]412	4 7 14		59 330	
18[illegible] 74	1 [illegible] 17	0 216	13 [illegible]30	[illegible]1 6 1	17 [illegible]7	1 77 814	3 [illegible] 1[illegible]	96 7		
1874 75	3 [illegible]	3 90	8 104	0 0 0	21 8 4	1 [illegible] 088	3 92,87		35 546	
187[illegible] 76		[illegible] 2 [illegible]	43 64	3 699	39 9[illegible]	1 [illegible]18	4 30 [illegible]53		3 724	
	6 [illegible]6	1 2 [illegible] 7	1 [illegible]9 49	[illegible] 4 9 6	61 2	21 [illegible]16	49 4 2[illegible]	15 [illegible]9 979	96 80	
	Nt[illegible]							1 2 8 9		

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23rd October 1876

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No 1,223

I CONTINUED to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, through the Board of Revenue, with reference to paragraph 1 of G O, dated 5th September 1876, No 1,223

(Signed) R H TEDDOMT, Lieut Col,
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Ootacamund
23rd October 1876

Enclosure No 1

Statement showing the Annual Receipts and Charges and the Cash Surplus or Deficit of the Forest Department in the Madras Presidency from 1856 57 up to the end of 1875 76

	Receipts	Charges: Accounting Working: Establishment			Charges: Establishment	Charges: Grand Total	Cash Surplus	Cash Deficit	Remarks
		Salaried Establishment	Subordinate Establishment: Department of Conservancy	Subordinate Establishment: Miscellaneous	Total				
1	2		4	5	6		9	10	11
1856 7	37 439	3 113			44	94	1 31 792		As the charges on account of plantations and forest surveys are not separately shown in the accounts for the years 1856 57 to 1860 61, the figures for those years are not strictly comparable with those for subsequent years
18 7 58	1 50 5	4 95			4 J	31 4 9	1 0 647	3 1 1	
1858 59	1 19 7 1	48 87			48	0 37	7 40	0 2 7	
18 9 60	0 14	6 7	32	1 015	63 8 3	998	83 24	3 J 590	
60 61	5 44	1 07 1 J	6 8	611	1 10 4 9	92	1 09 b 1	18 32	
1861 62	2 17 54	1 P 339	1 600	3	1 38 2	4 789	13 4 1	3 8 3	
1862 63	1 8 439		3 70	9	81 518	2 9	1 7 7	072	
1863 64	43 12	1 00 14	41	434	1 10 919	9 384	2 04 303	9 339	
1864 6	3 30 6	9 0	9 963	3 01	1 02 487	91 1 0	1 03 657	1 83 912	
1865 66	3 2	24 5	8	1 3 3	1 43 333	1 15 9	2 9 802	fl 7 9	
186 6	3 8f		93	11 71	1 20 89	1 03 1 0	24 01	1 14 392	
1867 68	4 81 1	8 7		1 503	1 48 781	1 40 9	2 2 0	1 51 4	
1868 69	1	01 348	1 40	19 13	1 31 919	1 81	2 6 00	1 1 179	
18 9 7	4 3	19	18 5	20 834	1 46 909	1 30 782	2 36 691	030 8	
18 0 71		1 2	1	9 831	1 6 79	1 8,0 1	2 94 860	44 10	
18 1 7	1	0 64	14 16	4 034	1 94 811	1 60 0	3 45 16	73 166	
187 3	1	1 8	31 9	† 1 60 070	0 735	1 1 41	4 28 14		69 3 0
1873 4	4 1 54	70 416	1 530	1 6 1	1 3 0	1 14	3 3 1 1	96	
1874 7	8 1 10	3 40	8 104	0 0 0	91 894	1 b 009	3 7 87		33 546
1875 76	1 39	2 652	43 0	3,690	2 39 015	1 30 13	4 30 6 3		3 724
	37 6 0	7	1 60 1	4 936	61 2	21 93 016	49 1 241	1 0 9 9	96 50
								17 829	

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Conservator of Forests

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3rd October 1876

ENCLOSURE No 2

Statement showing the present Areas of the Government Forests Fuel Reserves and Plantations in the different Districts of the Madras Presidency as well as the Receipts and Charges thereof from 1856-57 to 1875-76

Districts	Divisions or Subdivisions	PRESENT AREA			RECEIPTS			CHARGES THEREAGAINST				Remarks
		Government Forest	Fuel Reserves	Plantations	Fuel	Poles	Total	Government Forest	Fuel Reserves	Plantations	Total	
		Sq miles	ACRES	CHS	Rs	RS	RS	Rs	RS	RS.	Rs	
Ganjam	Gumsur and Surpal	600										Transferred from the Civil Department — vide GO No 14 of 17th June 1864 R D
Cuddapah	Bodhan mandalam	Not known		31							37	
Vizagapatam	Chodavaram	Do										
Cuddapah	Cuddapah	250	680	1 8 4		5		74	500	41 5 10 9	6 919 10 99	Transferred to Civil Department — vide GO, No 693 dated 1st May 1861
Bellary	Ghooty											
Kurnool	Kurnool	200		1 4				6 195		1 7 9	1 7 9 4	
Nellore	North A	30	6 400	1 51		7 639	639	1 503	913	40 51	47 2	
Salem	Coimbatore	77	6 140	3 54 4	7	99	346	3	132	9 58	24 593	
Tanjore	Tanjore Nilgiris			Not known						1 007	1 00	Until the close of the Colombo Lunar 1873 74
Trichinopoly	Trichinopoly	Not known	38	1 52½	1 7	3 0	4 8 0	2 8	7 5 0	34 801	42 739	
Madura	Madura	Do	Not given	63		15	15	2 9	450	14	8 59	
Tinnevelly	Tinnevelly	Do			1		1 53	643	8 4 7		9 11	
South Coimbatore	Anamalay	800		19				4103		3 59	44 812	
	Bhavani	400		Sq yds 64 Acres 64				6		708	3 834	
	Coimbatore	500						731		16 18	19 5 9	
	Nattukal	00		589				253		14 0	1 7	Transferred to the Salem Collectorate from the Coimbatore Collectorate — vide GO No 1 dated 3rd January 1873
North Coimbatore												
	Mudumalai	Not known	13 160	6	0		0	896	2 8	177	5 311	
	Palamalai	4	1 0 0		1 18		1 0	2 6	139 8		16 0	
	Singara	500		1 0 8				6		22	4 6	
	Sirumalai	40		3						7 7	7 4	Remarks gamtee thinning
Nilgiris	Nilgiris and Wellington Cantonment	Not known.		1 039		16 37	16	4		16 619	16 67	
Salem	Salem											
North Canara	North Canara	Do	1 369	39½	2 11		2 161	44 68 1 19	2 002	5 161	1 91 1 619	Transferred to Bombay Presidency in 1861 vide GO No 863 of 17th April 1863
								5 814		9 1	15 5	
South Canara	Upper			109				6			2 86	
	Wynaad	1 0						48			48	Transferred to Mysore Commissariat — vide GO No 33 of 10th January 1865
Malabar	Nilgiris	Not known		3 190						27 71	0 3	
	Nilambur (Shoolakurray and Chetlat Nedungha)	59										
Malabar		21	4 002½	181	1 6	1 11,614	1 11 614	1 603	86	48 061	3 908	5 2 5
	Total	5 801	34,315½	15 984 & 61 sq yds	9 706	1 33 8	1 43 8	1 80 137	1 46 031	4 71 303	8 01 31	

The exception for Government Forests at Kurnool Nellore Salem Tanjore Trichinopoly Madura Tinnevelly and North Canara will be found explained in the Statements for those Districts

Total of the amounts spent on the Stations of Plantations and Fuel Reserves and Nurseries in the different Districts as shown in Column 5 of the Statement

‡ Including the cost of Rs 433 14 4 spent on Chodavaram plantations which was given up

§ Including Rs 80 00 spent on Chodavaram plantations which was given up — vide GO 1 dated 2nd January 1868 from the Chief Engineer for Irrigation

‖ Including the amount spent on Nilambur plantations which has been transferred to the Civil Department — vide GO No 33 of 10th January 1865

Including Rs 45 000 for purchase of land — vide GO No 144 of 15th October 1874 from the Board of Revenue

June 1875 respectively

†† The total area of Government Forests and Plantations does not include the areas of Bodderchellum Gloodah Tholpoly Mudumalai Tengumarahada Salem South Canara and North Canara as the figures given for these are only approximate estimates

(Signed) H H BLDDOMF Lieut Colonel
Conservator of Forests

OOTACAMUND
23rd October 1876

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G O, dated 5th September 1876, No 1,229

2 From the statements submitted by the Conservator, it will be observed that the receipts from, and expenditure on, forests from the commencement up to the end of 1875 76 were as shown below —

	Rs	Rs.
Receipts		67 27,000
Expenditure—		
For the production of revenue	20,38 000	
For improvements of Government Forests including outlay on plantations and fuel reserves	7 23 000	49 54 000
Establishments	21,93 000	
Difference		17,73 000

	Receipts.	Expenditure.
	Rs	Rs
Total receipts and expenditure in 1875 76	4,26 356	1 30 083
Deduct do of plantations and fuel reserves	33 426	1 03 363
Remainder	3 92 933	3,26 720

3 Although in 1875 76 there was on the whole an excess of expenditure over receipts, still, if the receipts from, and expenditure on, fuel reserves and plantations which have not yet fully commenced to pay be left out of account, the transactions show a surplus of Rupees 66,213

4 The Conservator states that it is not at present possible to ascertain the value of the existing plantation and fuel reserves, but there appears to be no doubt that they will more than repay the expenditure incurred on account of them

G O dated 21st December 1874 No 1 601

Districts	Amount expended from Imperial Funds	Transferred to Local Funds
	Rs	
Bellary	10 799	Transferred to Local Funds
Kurnool	1 728	Given up
Salem	404	Do
North Canara	1 619	Transferred to Bombay Presidency
Malabar	48	Transferred to Mysore Government

5 The only plantations or forests on which money from Imperial Funds had been expended, and which have been given up or transferred to Local Funds, are those noted in the margin It may also be here observed that plantations in South Arcot on which about Rupees 22,000 had been expended from Local Funds have been recently (1875 76) transferred to Imperial

6 The Conservator's remarks that the Forest Department would have much fairer play if all the forests in the Presidency were put under it, the local conservancy being done away with, does not seem to the Board sound The entire charge connected with local jungles is borne by the Local Funds, and the Forest Officers are only placed in charge of them where they can supervise them without prejudice to their work in the Imperial forests and plantations Forest officers are as much the servants of Government paid from Imperial Revenues as the Collectors are, and the circumstance of the local forests being managed by them cannot give to the Forest Department any more claim to receipts than then

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management by Collectors can give to Land Revenue, Imperial The true criterion is the character of the jungles and the rights possessed in them, and not the nature of the agency employed to manage them The Board do not at all approve of the Conservators suggestion that the revenues of all the forests should, in the first instance, be credited to Forests, Imperial, and then transferred to local

(True Copies and Extract)

Acting Secretary

To the Secretary to Government Revenue Department
„ the Conservator of Forests

Exd W J Lewis

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Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.
No 5927

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Forest No 108

Madras Forest Department—Submitting to Government with Board's [illegible] from Conservator [illegible] forwarding statement showing [illegible] of—[illegible] the time of its formation.

No 14

Revenue Dept

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Memorandum

Board's Pres: 12th Dec: 1876 No. 3148

The undersigned is directed to call upon the Conservator for information on the following points.

Referring to enclosure No 1, whether the sums stated in column 3 for the years 1856-59 include all expenditure by or under the Department.

2. In enclosure No 2 the approximate areas of the

the Govt. Forests in all cases where it is omitted

3 How it has occurred that a plantation in Bhowany measuring 64 yards has cost Rs 768 or Rs 12 a yard exactly

4 Further, as regards the first note appended to Enclosure No 2, what are the amounts of receipts and expenditure "not exhibited" and "eliminated" and the reasons for exclusion

As regards the second note, why travelling expenses have been excluded

whether all charges such as military pay, &c have been included from the first

If not the reason for the omission and the approximate amount of such omissions 1552/13

Also how the amounts given in this statement have been verified by the Accountant General

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20th January 1877

To The Conservator of Forests Dec 20

[illegible]
Receipts [illegible]
Inc [illegible]

[illegible]
So [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

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Enclosure No. 1.

1 do the sums stated in column 3 for years 1856 — 59 — include all expenditure by or under the department?

2 Enclosure No. 4

Fill up the approximate areas of Government Forests in all the cases?

3 What is explanation of entry of a plantation as 6 square yards in Bhowany — costing ~~[illegible]~~ 12 Rupees a yard exactly?

4 Note * What are the amounts of receipts & expenditure "not exhibited" & [illegible]

5-
Note † why are travelling expenses not included?

Note †± see my remark & query No 2.

The department must surely have an approximate idea of the cost of Forest-under its charge — only an approximate altho detail statement was asked — & that must be given in each case

Do I correctly understand that every charge or payment whatever either ~~[illegible]~~ disbursed by or under the Forest Dept or debited against it is brought into these

2 statements — ?

Let the Conservator reply at once to these observations completing the statements and reconciling the totals of expenditure column in the Encl No 1 & 2 — which do not seem to me quite to agree —

What the Conservator was required to do was to supply the information asked — which were simply facts which must be within the knowledge of the department — & can should have been taken to complete them as much as possible — to make them as clear

as possible —
this will now be done —
& when done — which
should be by the end
of this month — the
remarks which the Cons
has thought right to
make will be considered

Ad 7/1

Forests

Statement of Receipts
& Expenditure at intro

The Govt to Mr Bohmer

It is submitted that
whole report should be
referred to the Govt thro'
Bd for submission of
the statement & referring
Agreeable to this Force

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Forests

Statement of Receipts
& Expenditure at intro

The Govt to [illegible]

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From B.R.

Dated 12th Dec. 76 No 3148/1876

FOR ORDERS

In their letter 18th Aug 76 No 791 (printed in G.O. 5 Sep 76) the Govt. of India called for a detailed statement of Expt & Receipts of the Madras Trust Dept from its formation — together with other details — & requested that this Govt. would favour them with their remarks on "the future prospect of the Forest Administration both financially & as regards maintenance, improvement and extension of the Govt Forest Estates".

The Conservator submits the information used — The Board remarks thereon.

Attention is called

Let Beddome's answers are very unquest & disagreeable. I wd not furnish to G of India his letter but take only if it the facts only when preparing our report — [illegible]

I think we should furnish all the information regarding the past & state that no forecast regarding the future can be given with any certainty until the many important questions involved in Forest legislation are solved — [illegible]

Hardly I think — He says it is impossible to do [illegible]

Sent forward — [illegible]

I wd not send Gov. 18th letter, unless accompt by reproduction of his grasping theory that all Village jungles managed locally for the benefit of the parties in trustee, viz the Villagers. Shd be made over to his Dept. as State forests. He is insane on the point & incapable of understanding that the people of the country have rights. [illegible]

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I would have prepared & forward a statement corrected by the figures & particulars now given prepared & sent to G.O. without anything more than is asked — I think however the Cons. would be ashamed to allow that statement to go with the vituperation that he is utterly ignorant of the Probable area of Nilgiri under his charge — If such be the case in truth & in fact — it would go far to show the incapacity for their duties of all concerned — but I cannot believe that the amount is not known as approximately as several others — When the necessary statement has been completed & sent these papers shd be again circulated to other Forests. [illegible] 22/3

to para 6 of the Bis
Proceedings –

It [illegible] hardly
advisable in the present
transition state of Forest
Administration to give
the exhaustive report
in the prospects of the
Dept. as required by the
Gov. India – until a
Forest Bill is passed,
it is submitted, that
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In Para 2 Colonel Beddome says practically if we had been allowed to confiscate the proceeds of our partial (in some Districts) Trust (of the local & popular jungles and property) we should have shewn a surplus. Herein lies the danger of the permission in some Districts given to the Imperial Department to manage the popular property of the Country (Village forests). And unless great care be taken we shall find the whole jungle property of the Country practically annexed by the Imperial Department. I would point out that the forests managed under Local Conservancy are the Village & popular property of the Country and not State property and it should be firmly set out that Government have no intention of yielding to the advice of the Conservator in this respect.

Colonel Beddome's observations on the revised (by Colonel Walker) Estimate is most spiteful & mischievous. If it be possible I would defer submission of the report but I fear there is no help for it

FOR ORDERS

No 592/1

No 15-5-20 25-4-77

Read his Proceedings 15-5-20

12 Oct 76 No 3148.

— Official memo for ag under Pr RD to commutation of Trusts 20th July 1877

— Letter for Conservator March 30. 1877 No 1689

Order

Resolved that the following letter be forwarded to the [illegible]

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14 To the Bd of Revenue 14-5-77
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No 1689

Office of Conservator of Forests
Cleopatra 3rd March 1877

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From,
Lieut-Col R A Beddome
Conservator of Forests

To,
The Under Secretary,
to Government, Rev Depart,
Fort St George

Sir,

With reference to your Official Memo dated the 20th January 1877, No 14, I have the honor to submit the explanation called for therein

2 Para 1 All expenditure, such as actual Timber expenses, cost of cattle and Tools for timber Operations, Purchase of forest land, Cost of Roads and Bridges, and temporary supervision charges are included under Column 3

3 Para 2 The subjoined Statement shews the approximate area of all the Government Forests, where it was omitted in enclosure No 2, Some of the Forest Officers have expressed their inability to give the

the information though called upon to do so.

Statement shewing the approximate area of Government Forests in all cases where it was omitted

District	Division	Approximate area	Remarks
Godavery	Buddrachl[illegible] and Rachapilly	520 Sqr Miles	[illegible]
Vizagapatam	Golcondah	Unknown	Not given.
Bellary	Ghooty	"	Transferred to Jungle Conservancy (Ord. G.O. d/3 May 75 No 69)
Tanjore	Nagapatam and Tanjore		Under the charge of the Collector
Trichinopoly	Trichinopoly	"	It is stated by the Officer in charge of the Range, that there is no State Forest in the District, but there is the Puchamalla work & under the Jungle Conservancy Rules, which is about 30 Sqr Miles
Madura	Madura	400	
Tinnevelly	Tinnevelly	280	
Coimbatore	Matoopalam	200	
Nilgiris	Nilgiri Sholas		The Dpty Cons. states that unless the Sholas are surveyed he is unable to give the area
Salem	Salem	2261	
Canara	N. Canara S. Canara	" "	Transferred to the Bombay Presidency (Ord. G.O. d/17 April 1862 [illegible])
Malabar	Tinnevelly	"	Transferred to the Mysore Govt. under G.O. d/10th January 1865, No 33

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4 Para 3 With reference to para 3, I beg to state that the area of the Bhawany Plantation was erroneously given at 64 Sqr Yards, the correct figures are 16,430 Sqr. Yards.

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5 Para 4 The accompanying Statement shews the Receipts and Charges of the Government Forests omitted in enclosure No 2 The reason for the omission is owing to the interpretation put by this Office on para 4 of G.O. dated the 5th September 1876, No 1229 R.D., regarding the submission of a Statement for judging the permanent improvements to forest Estate When the improvements to forest Estate only are considered the charges incurred for felling, carting &c should be excluded, and the corresponding Revenue should also be omitted

Statement

Statement shewing the Receipts and Charges not Exhibited "as Eliminated" in Abstract 2 forwarded to the Secretary to Govt RD, in the Conservators letter Dated the 23rd October last, No 1222, and called for in Govt Official Memn, Dated the 20th January 1871, No 14

District	Revenue	Receipts	Charges on account of the production of Receipts	Remarks
		Rs	Rs	
Ganjam	Gumsur & Surada	1,608	18,941	
Godavery	Buddacka Ra Rapelly	39246		
Vizagapatam	Golcondah	2,101		
Cuddapah	Cuddapah	5,96,184	11,552	
Bellary	Ghooty			
Kurnool	Kurnool	467154	25,185	
N Arcot	N Arcot	1,43472	14,105	
S Arcot	S Arcot	55,672	11,164	
Tanjore	Tanjore and Negapatam			
Trichinopoly	Trichinopoly	632	1181	
Madura	Madura	146995	68,630	
Tinnevelly	Tinnevelly	1,53198	30,237	
S Canbdore	Aramalay	958969	445,144	
N Combatore	Bhowany	193380	83,363	
	Collegal	207608	53,140	
	Sattiamangala	376019	95210	
	Metupollium	13659	5902	
	Bolumpatty	58548	21,178	
Nilgiris	Mudumallay	6,56911	108,068	
	Seegur		4131	
	Nilgiris Sholas			
	Wellington and Australian Plantation	41,281	1,978	
N Canara	Salem	526973	90415	
S Canara	N Canara	867782	219439	
	S Canara	362151	124095	
Malabar	Wynad	1,15792	87,701	
	Koonsoor	20,184	10942	
	Nelambur	116309	90,335	
	Ghatikar and Cheratalay	469	6,900	
Madras	Palaghat			
	Head Office	190		
	Total Rs	65,30,42	20,31,772	

Para

6 Para 5 The travelling expenses of the Deputy Conservator were excluded because no portion of the permanent Establishment expenditure was charged against plantations The figures entered in the Statement referred to in para 4 of Your Official Memorandum under acknowledgment are only for working charges exclusive of the cost of temporary supervision

7 Para 6 The enclosure No I includes the Military pay and allowances drawn by a few Officers, whose Military and Civil pay were subsequently consolidated

8 Para 7 As regards the concluding para of your Memo, I beg to state that the gross receipts and charges of the Forest Department were examined and passed by the Board of Revenue, (Vide Rule 2 Section 2 Chapter 3 para 33 of their Proceedings dated 20th March 1869 No 426 Circulars, dated the 18th February 1869 No 886 and GO Dated 4th August 1863, No 1445 The accounts are now examined by the Accountant General, to whom an annual Statement of Receipts and Charges is furnished for Verification

verification agreeably to GO dated 12th June 1874, No 125. It will be thus seen that the Receipts and Charges given in Statement No I, appended to the Board's Proceedings dated the 12th December 1876, No 3148 have been verified by those Departments.

9 There are other alterations which are necessary to be shown here

10 A sum of Rs 18278, the cost of the temporary Establishment employed on the Fuel Reserves and Plantations, having erroneously been included in the expenditure on production of Revenue, Enclosure No I, embodied in the Board's Proceedings dated the 12th December 1876, No 3118, it should now be excluded therefrom. It is necessary, therefore, to enter the correct figures under Receipts and Expenditure as well as the apportionment of the Cost of Establishment in the Plantations and Fuel Reserves, as per Table given

hereunder -

	Working Receipts	Establishment charges	Total Charges
	Rs	Rs	Rs
From all the Forests Plantations and Fuel Reserves —	6,26,570	27,61,225	21,93,016
Deduct Receipts Charges on account of Plantations and Fuel Reserves —	14,528	1,41,234	1,87,234
Difference	6,12,042	21,39,991	20,05,782
Deduct Establishment charges			41,43,770
Net Surplus Rs			21,37,988

11 A sum of Rs 2,639 spent on the Tangore and Booty Plantations was not included in the system of expenditure on Plantations and Fuel Reserves, shown in the Statement at page 7 of the Forest Administration Report for 1875-76, as these Forests were transferred to Jungle Conservancy; but found a place in Enclosure No 2, appended to the Board's Proceedings dated the 12th December 1876, No 3148, as an exhibits expenditure on all the Forests under the Special Department. Hence the difference.

12 The total Amount of expenditure for the formation and

maintenance

maintenance of Fuel Reserves and Plantations is given below -

	Formation Rs	Establt Rs
1 Fuel Reserves	1,46,931	44151
2 Plantation	4,74,303	144480
Total Rs	621234	189231

13 I regret the delay that has taken place in furnishing the information required, as the area of the Godavery Forests has reached this Office only on the 26th Ultimo

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servt
R H Beddome Lt Colonel
Conservator of Forests

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Rev 1877 Dept
Revenue - Forests

No 1598

From,
The Conservator of Forests

To The Under Secretary
to Govt A.D.
Fort St George

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Dated 5th
Despd 5th } March 1877
Recd [illegible]

No 1689
(Enclosure [illegible])

Subject
Submitting Explanation
Called for in [illegible] No 14
Dated 20 January 1877

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