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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

30th July 1877, No. 2,401.

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* Printed in Government Proceedings, 18th May 1877, No. 1,746.

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on demarcation or otherwise, there is nothing in the papers before Government to show. If the balance of the amount was spent otherwise than on demarcation, the expenditure was unauthorised, as, under the rules, the transfer of the allotment should have been reported to Government, whilst the sanction of the Conservator was not sought until the close of the year, and then in a demi-official form. He will explain.

3. The Conservator will report, through the Board of Revenue, on the existing audit system. The papers will be submitted to Government by the Board through the Accountant-General for his remarks.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

To the Conservator of Forests.
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Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From A. W. PEET, Esq., Deputy Conservator of Forests, to Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests (through the Collector of Malabar), dated Manantoddy, 9th May 1877, No. 59.

With reference to your letter, No. 74, of the 5th instant, calling for a report on paragraphs 2 and 4 of G.O., No. 1,508, of the 21st ultimo, I have the honor to state that a Ranger was duly allotted to Wynaad under the revision scheme brought forward by Captain Campbell-Walker when Acting Inspector of Forests.

2. I brought to your notice in my letter, No. 109, of the 22nd July 1876, that the Ranger's name had been omitted from the list mentioned in the Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 306, of the 29th June 1876.

3. The Ranger's pay is Rs. 60 and fixed allowance Rs. 15.

4. I also brought to your notice the claims which I would urge for Wynaad allowance for the Deputy Conservator also, and I again request that the question may, at any rate, be referred to Government.

5. The claims which I put forward are that every servant of Government in all departments, except the Forest Department, has drawn extra Wynaad allowance for years. The Deputy Collector draws it, the Public Works Officer draws it, and the Police Officer draws it, while all their subordinates draw either extra allowance or extra batta.

6. I submit with all deference that the argument that all Forest Officers are supposed to live in unhealthy localities, and that therefore no exception can be made, does not answer the whole question of the grant of Wynaad allowance, for that allowance was granted to other departments on the two grounds of the unhealthiness and the expensiveness of the district.

7. As regards the expensiveness of the district, I find proof easy to hand, for in every extra Gazette, without exception, the prices of food supplies are reported higher in Wynaad than in any other part of Malabar.

8. I put forward with reluctance any claims of a personal nature, but I would simply remark that of the Forest candidates who came out in my year I have before me the names of three who

Govt. of (1877) Mysore.

REVENUE.

To THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS.

Col. G. Master.

Dated July 30th.

By.

For.

G.O. 30th July 1877, No. 2,401.

JULY.

No. 552-553.

Demarcation and Survey of the Wynaad Forests.—Sanctioning the allotment of Rs. 2,500 for the — from the source indicated —, and requesting the Conservator of Forests to report, through the Board of Revenue, on the existing audit system.

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now have a substantial salary of Rs. 500 a-month, and the fourth of Rs. 450, in Bengal and Burma. I refer to Messrs. Whittall, Ferrers Laird, and Gamble.

9. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Government Order under question, the Government of India remarks on the charges for the establishment bearing an excessive ratio compared with the charges for conservancy and working.

10. The Wynaad forests are peculiarly situated. The district is naturally well-wooded and belongs in great part to private proprietors. A considerable timber traffic goes on, and in one or two cases, as in the Pilpully forests, used to assume gigantic proportions. Even the present establishment is utterly inadequate for the mere surveillance of the Government forests were its duties confined to this work.

11. In paragraph 7 of the letter from the Government of India it is said: "It has been noticed that the whole sum provided for the work of demarcation has been struck out of the allotment. The Governor-General in Council fails to understand how this could be, for, on a reference to the budget orders, it will be seen that the entire grant proposed by the Government of Madras under (A) for 1875-76 and 1876-77 was admitted by the Government of India." The amount applied for must have been struck out by the Government of Madras in this case, for I applied for Rs. 2,000 from this office under the heading III-1 for the year 1876-77.

12. Being under orders to reduce the estimates for the current year as much as possible, I entered only Rs. 5,650, but of this sum Rs. 2,000 under III-1 has again been omitted, and only Rs. 3,650 passed.

13. I calculated that the elephants would render material assistance in clearing up lines of road, and intended, so far as possible, to make the operations of demarcation serve the double purpose of dividing lines and roads. I thus calculated that the sum entered under "Feed and Keep of Cattle" would virtually represent a considerable amount of work, and that communications would to some extent be accounted for under the heading "Demarcation."

14. As the budget grant stands at present, I can do very little work.

15. The Revenue Survey Party were working here last year, and a smaller sum was entered than would have been entered had I not calculated on receiving the assistance of their Surveyors.

16. I would request that the question whether the use of a Surveyor from the Revenue Survey can be obtained may be determined, for I find that the demarcation work and the map of one of my predecessors are not recognized in a court of law or by the Collector of the district as scientific, and are therefore useless except as a record for the information of this office.

NOTE.

I regret to see what Mr. Peet observes in paragraph 12. Demarcation of the reserved forests is the most pressing want of the range. At present it is impossible to say what is reserved forests and what is not, and, so long as that is so, the work of the establishment will be to a great extent useless. Mr. Peet should fix on tracts which are to be reserved, should clear broad lines round them, and should then prevent all trespass. The work of scientific survey should follow thereupon as speedily as possible. The present map is almost useless.

The Government of India draw invidious comparisons between Wynaad and other ranges farther north. One would require to know a very great deal more about the facts before one could judge as to the justice of making such a comparison. When people congregate in villages, the work of forest conservancy is much easier than in tracts (as in Wynaad) where a man squats down with his family in an out-of-the way place and begins making a clearing. In Wynaad the watcher establishment must always be larger than in tracts where people congregate in villages.

However there is no doubt that the range is much behind in the matter of demarcation and survey, and I have no doubt that, even with an increased establishment of watchers, these magnificent teak forests will in time produce a revenue which will compare favorably with other ranges.

CALCUTTA,
15th May 1877.

(Signed) W. LOGAN,
Collector.

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Exd J. W. Fischer.

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No. 59

The Collector of Malabar.
Deputy Conservator's Office.
Mamontoddy, May 9. 1877.

From.

A. W. Peck Esq.
Deputy Conservator of Forests.

To.

Colonel R. A. Bradshaw
Conservator of Forests.

Ottacamund

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With reference to your letter No. 74. of the 5th instant, calling for a report on paras. 2 and 4 of G. O. No. 1508 of the 21st ultimo, I have the honor to state that a Ranger was duly allotted to Wynaud under the revision scheme brought forward by Captain Campbell Walker, when Acting Inspector of Forests.

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Govt. of 1877

REVENUE.

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS.

Dated July 28th

G. O. No. 1508 of 1876, No. 2401.

NO. 59-577.

Demarcation and Survey of the Forests.
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Deputy Conservator

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Revenue Secretariat, Madras,

1877.

Enclosure

In letter No 270 dated
19th June 1877, from the
Conservator of Forests to
the Secretary to Govt.
Rev. Department

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Letter to Curator

N^o 270 -

19th June 1977

The allotment of £2500
from the source which
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 and are firmly established

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 office - Under these
 circumstances he resolves
 to direct the Conservator of Forests
 to report on the subject
 to the Hon. Secy of Govt.
 It is observed that the
 audit, the accounts are
 disconnected from the
 office of the Conservator
 in Madras, at a distance
 from the Conservator's
 office.

A sum of Rs. 1500 is
 submitted for approval.
 The unauthorised utilization
 of the balance of the Rs. 1500
 grant was not approved.

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 Council

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No. 270.
 Office of Conservator of Forests,
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From,
 Lieut. Col. R. H. Beddome,
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To
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Your most obedt. servant

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Conservator of Forests.

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Deposited Donation of

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