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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

20th January 1877, No. 185.

Budget Estimate.

Read the following paper :—

No. 238. *From A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq., Acting Commissioner of the Nilgiris, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 5th January* 1877, *No.* 1.

I have the honor to submit the Budget Estimate for the Botanical and other Gardens on the Nilgiris for the year 1877-78.

2. The estimate sent up in previous years as a Budget was merely a statement of the cash requirements of the department, and the Superintendent spent the money thus provided by Government *in addition* to such receipts as he realized from sale of plants and seeds and from the lease of the branch garden at Burliar.

3. The present Budget provides for an expenditure of Rupees 13,770, of which Rupees 2,950 will be recouped by garden receipts. The net amount to be provided by

	Rs.
Superintendent	3,000
Sanctioned establishment	1,152
Fixed establishment maintained out of the contribution	1,008
Special grant	500
Grant for Sim's Park	2,500
Do. for Stonehouse Park	1,200
Contingencies	1,460
Total ..	10,820

4. The provision for the regular establishment is the same as in the current year.

5. In accordance with paragraph 9 of G.O. of 1st December 1875, No. 2351, the details of the regular establishment, towards which an annual contribution of Rupees 1,008 is made, are included in the estimate. The sum is expended in the wages of six gardeners on $7\frac{1}{2}$ Rupees each and six on $6\frac{1}{2}$ Rupees each.

6. The usual amount for contingencies, Rupees 1,460, is included in the estimate. The Government Order quoted above requires a statement to be furnished of the items of this expenditure. I regret that I am not able at present to state the works on which the money will be expended. Government, in their Order, dated 30th October 1873, No. 1213, Revenue Department, left the expenditure of this money to the discretion of the Commissioner, and, should they now consider this course objectionable, I beg that they will admit the item for the present and I will hereafter submit for sanction details of the works on which the money will be expended. As the items are, however, numerous and small, such as improving unplanted portions of the gardens,

repairs of buildings, purchase of tools, and other works for which no separate allotment is made, Government may be disposed to continue the discretion given to the Commissioner. Probably the whole amount will have to be expended in completing the alterations now in progress in the gardens.

7. In passing the grant of Rupees 3,000 for Sim's Park for 1876-77 a hope was expressed that after the current year a maintenance allowance of Rupees 150 would be all that is needed for Sim's Park. The Superintendent, however, estimates the annual working expenses of these gardens at Rupees 2,500, which he states will provide "for the upkeep of the Park, repairs of fences, purchase of tools, &c., and the laying out and planting of the unreclaimed portions of the grounds." Owing to some difficulty in securing a regular supply of water and the consequent expense of constructing a bund, the Superintendent reports that the entire allotment of Rupees 3,000 for the current year will be utilized.

8. The grant for Stonehouse Park for 1877-78 is put at the same figure as the amount passed for the current year.

9. The temporary establishments at Ooty and Kulhutty have hitherto been paid from the garden receipts. As the receipts are separately shown in the Budget the expenditure on this account is entered as a distinct item.

10. By G.O., No. 841, of 28th May 1875, an establishment costing Rupees 360 was sanctioned for the propagation of the Ipecacuanha plant for a period of twelve months at Burliar. As Order dated 8th August 1876, No. 1006, permitted the propagation to be carried on in the conservatory at Ooty, no separate provision on this account has therefore been made in the present B[illegible]

Transferred to the Revenue Secretary to Government.

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 239. ORDER THEREON, 20th January 1877, No. 185.

There has been great delay in the submission of the Budget Estimate for 1877-78 of the Botanical Gardens and Parks at Ootacamund. The Commissioner will be informed that the estimate should invariably reach Government in the month of November of each year, and that it should be submitted direct to the Government Secretariat in the Financial Department, and not to the Revenue Board.

2. The estimate gives the probable receipts for 1877-78 at the same amount (Rupees 2,950) as the estimate for 1876-77, while the actual receipts in 1875-76 amounted to Rupees 3,133. No explanation has been offered by the Acting Commissioner for fixing the estimate for 1877-78 below the actuals for 1875-76. The Government are of opinion that an estimate of Rupees 3,000 may safely be adopted, and direct that this be done.

Actuals, 1875-76.	Estimates. 1876-77.	Estimates. 1877-78.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
3,133	2,950	2,950

3. The Commissioner is not correct in supposing that deducting the receipts from the charges "the net amount" only has to be provided for in the Budget. The Budget is intended to show the probable receipts and probable expenditure respectively, and not "net receipts" and "net expenditure" as the case may be, and the Acting

Commissioner will have learnt from G.O., dated the 11th October 1876, No. 1822, "that all sale-proceeds" are to be "remitted without deduction to the Treasury to credit of Provincial Services."

4. The charges have not been classed as shown in paragraph 8 of G.O., dated 1st December 1875, No. 2351. Thus separated they are as follow:—

	Rs.
Provincial—Minor Department, Botanical and other Gardens ..	10,070
Miscellaneous—Sim's Park	2,500
Do. —Stonehouse Park	1,200
Total ..	13,770

5. The charges under Botanical Gardens include the grant for developing the vegetable products of other countries and the temporary establishments employed in the Ootacamund, Kulhutty, and Burliar Gardens. The practice hitherto has been to defray the charges on account of these temporary establishments from the receipts derived from sale of plants, seeds, &c., the produce of the gardens, but this, under the orders of Government, dated 11th October 1876, No. 1822, will no longer be continued. The Commissioner is requested to report whether the portion of these "temporary establishments" is paid by the month. If so paid, there is no reason why that portion of the establishment should not be permanent and shown in the Budget, as in the case of the regular [illegible] contribution of Rupees 1,008. In the Budget Estimate submitted there is an omission under 1876-77 of the charge (Rupees 2,950) for temporary establishments, while the total is made up inclusive of the charge.

Actuals, 1875-76.	Estimates. 1876-77.	Estimates. 1877-78.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
10,538	7,120 and 2,950	10,070

6. Under the explanation given in paragraph 6 of the Commissioner's letter, the Government will not insist on a detailed estimate of the item of Rupees 1,460 assigned for contingencies. The Commissioner will, however, adopt measures to ensure a correct record of all contingent expenditure being maintained and duly submitted for the audit of the officer deputed by the Accountant-General periodically. These remarks apply also to the expenditure incurred under "Contingencies" or "Temporary Establishments" at the Kulhutty and Burliar Gardens. The estimate for Botanical Gardens is passed for Rupees 10,000.

7. The estimates for the two Parks at Ootacamund and Coonoor are accepted. Provision will be made in the Provincial Budget for 1877-78 for the following:—

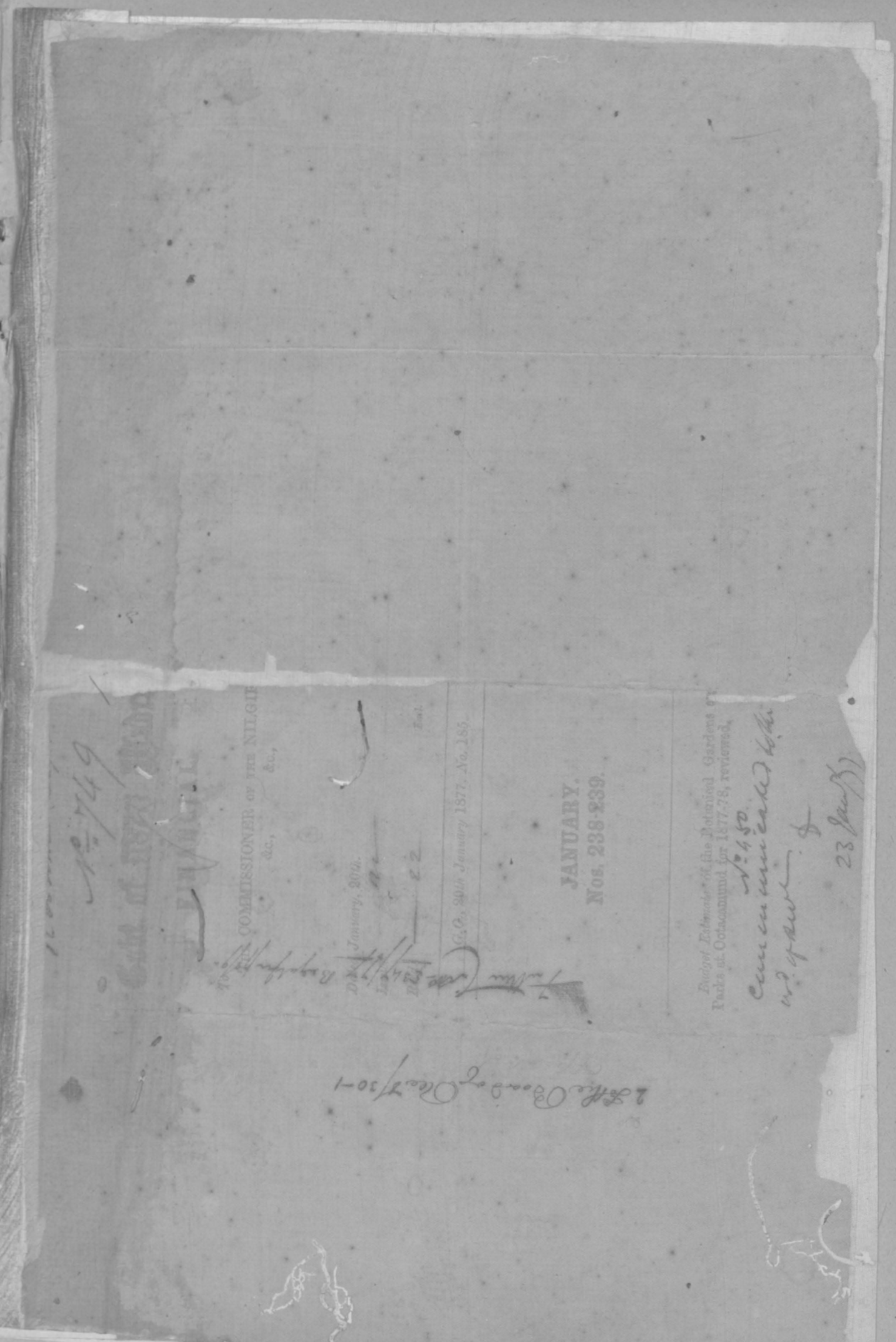
PROVINCIAL SERVICES.

	Rs.
Sundry receipts	3,000
Charges.	
Minor Departments.	
Botanical and other Gardens	10,000
Miscellaneous.	
Sim's Park	2,500
Stonehouse Park	1,200
Total ..	13,700

The Acting Commissioner will consider and report whether the income from the gardens may not be increased by improved arrangements for sales by the issue of monthly admission tickets on payment and by a charge for Picnics held in the gardens.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Commissioner of the Nilgiris.
" Accountant-General.
" Revenue Department.

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