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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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4th November 1878, No. 1,790.

Read the following paper:—

No. 83. Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce,—dated Simla, the 18th October 1878, Circular No. 60-F.

FORESTS.

READ—

The Forest Department Code, paragraphs 101, 102, 102-A., 105, 109, and Appendix C.

Circular Resolution by the Government of India in this Department, No. 5, dated the 3rd February 1877, authorizing a revision of the classification of sub-heads of the Forest Budget Estimate, and communicating instructions for the preparation of the Budget Estimates of the Forest Department.

Read also—

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RESOLUTION—

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Title of Section II—Chapter II.—Accounts of timber and other stock, of stores, tools and plant, and of live-stock.

Para. 101.—"A half-yearly return (Form No. 13) of stores, tools and plant will be submitted by divisional officers on the 1st April and 1st October of each year.

"Stores, tools and plant should be classified as follows:—

1. Surveying and other instruments.
2. Machinery.
3. Tools.
4. Office furniture.
5. Tents.
6. Building materials, small stores and house fittings.
7. Miscellaneous.

"In those divisions where Government elephants or other cattle are kept, returns of live-stock, together with a statement of the cost of keep, and of the work on which they were employed, will be submitted, in such forms and at such times as may be prescribed by the Local Government. For Government elephants, monthly nominal rolls, stating name, sex, age and condition, will be required, in addition to the periodical returns of live-stock.

"It will be for the Conservator to prescribe the forms of books in which the receipts and disposals of live-stock, stores, tools and plant should be entered, and from which the periodical returns here prescribed shall be compiled."

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Appendix C., para. 29.—(Circular Resolution by the Government of India in this Department, No 5, dated the 3rd February 1877).

The following items come under capital expenditure:—

1.—Purchase of live-stock, stores, tools and plant	A	VI
2.—Construction of roads, tramways, bridges, houses, canals, timber slides	A	VII
3.—Purchase of land for plantations and forest purposes and cash compensation for extinction of forest rights	A	VIII *b*
4.—Plantations, including extensive works of restoration of denuded areas	A	VIII *d*

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Substitute the following for Budget Sub-head VI.

EXPENDITURE.—*A. Conservancy and Works.*

VI. Live-stock, stores, tools and plant—
- (*a*)—Purchase of cattle
- (*b*)—Feed and keep of cattle.
- (*c*)—Stores, tools and plant.

ORDER—

Ordered, that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations noted in the margin, and to the Superintendent of Forest Surveys, for information and guidance; and to the Governments of Madras and Bombay, the Financial Department, and the Comptroller-General for information.

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* With reference to Major Erskine's letter No. 369-A., dated the 19th ultimo.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. L. TUPPER,
Offig. Under-Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 84. ORDER THEREON, 4th November 1878, No. 1,790.

Forests, No. 6.

COMMUNICATED to the Conservator of Forests for information.

(True Extract).

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Conservator of Forests.
" the Board of Revenue.

Exd. W. H. French.

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Forest Department Codes.—Communication of Resolution No. 60F, dated 18th October 1878, from the Government of India directing attention to the revised paragraphs 101, 102, 102A, 103, 109, and Appendix C of the — relative to the powers of Conservators of Forests to sanction expenditure on account of live-stock, tools and plant.

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(True Extract.)

C F Tupper

Offg. Under-Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras

N° 4809

Revenue 1878. Department

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE.

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Circular No. 60 *F.*

Dated Simla, the 18*th October* 1878.

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Communicated to
the Conservator of Forests for
information—

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SUBJECT.

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