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Office of Conservator of Forests
Madras
4th December 1878.

From,
Lieut. Col. R. F. Reddome,
To, The ^{Hon.} Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department
Fort St. George.

Sir,

In reply to your Official Memo dated the 29th Ultimo No. 232, I have the honor to submit my explanation about the excess of funds provided for in the Budget Estimate for 1879-80 under certain Sub-heads of B. Establishments.

2. With reference to the remark made therein that the increase is considerably in excess both of the average expenditure during the last five years and also of the actuals of 1877-78, I beg to state that the increase is not only noticeable under the heads II(c) and (d), II(c) and (d), and III(d), but also under I(b) "Salary of Superior Officers". The actuals under this head for 1873-74 amounted to Rs. 46,942 and from this figure, the actuals of 1877-78 has increased to Rs. 72,598. The increase is chiefly owing to addition in the strength

It has been ascertained that the increase in the salary of Superior Officers is the cause of the increase in the expenditure under I(b). The actuals for 1873-74 were Rs. 46,942 and for 1877-78 they were Rs. 72,598. The increase is Rs. 25,656. This is due to the addition of 10 officers at Rs. 2,565 each.

Strength of Superior Officers as well as to increase in their pay on account of promotion &c.

3. The subjoined Statement will show in detail the increase of actuals under different sub-heads.

Budget Heads.	Actuals.					Budget Estimate for 1879-80.
	1873-74	1874-75	1875-76	1876-77	1877-78	
I. "Salaries"	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
(a) Conservator	14600	8400	11697	14400	14400	14400
(b) Superior Officers	52266	58236	53030	59515	72598	69502
(c) Subordinate						
Forest Estab.	50249	4948	55190	61908	57723	64860
(d) Office Estab.	16466	15152	19857	25280	24871	25860
(e) Deputation and Special Allowance	2755	6342	7096	944	2453	1200
	3273					5880.
2 Gross pay and batta.						
II. Travelling Allow.						
(a) Conservator	3423	2668	4318	2400	2100	3000
(b) Superior Officers	24792	23773	24272	28945	2646	24412
(c) Subordinate Estab.						
Establishment	6611	6773	8081	7976	7615	20620
(d) Office Estab.	"	1173	1580	2020	1207	3140
III. Contingencies						
(a) Stationery		131	63	67	62	107
(b) Carriage & Batta.		425	661	728	117	661
(c) Pay of Special Guard						
(d) Sundries	6225	2256	2811	2660	2830	2233
(e) Official Postage		1191	1482	1850	1797	1805
Gratuity & Batta.		"	"	1384	207	"
Rent & rate &c.		"	"	"	"	1356
Total Rs.	177514	176008	190038	219027	22626	230000

4. The total cost of Subordinate and Forest Office Establishments would have largely augmented had not early steps been taken to temporarily reduce the strength and rates of pay and allowances sanctioned for these establishments.

5. The total Estimate for 1879-80

is only greater than the sanctioned Estimate for the current year by Rs. 12,000

Budget Estimate for 1878-79 Rs. 2,30,000 as shown in the margin, and as the

Government of India in para 9 of their Order communicated in G.O. dated 1st July 1876. No. 883 had directed that the increase to Subordinate Establishments sanctioned in G.O. dated 11th January 1876. No. 39 R.D., should be given gradually. I have raised my Budget figures under this head to Rs. 2,42,000.

6. In the Memo quoted above Comparison is made between the total Estimate of 1879-80 under certain sub-heads and the actuals under the same heads for 1877-78 and the subjoined abstract will show the same in comparison with the actuals of 1876-77 and sanctioned Estimates for 1877-78 and 1878-79.

Budget Heads.	Actuals of 1876-77.		Sanctioned Estimate for 1877-78.		Actuals of 1877-78.		Sanctioned Estimate for 1878-79.		Budget Estimate for 1879-80.	
	Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.	
II(c) Salary of Subordinate Estab.	6408	63605	57723	64860	64428					
Id) Do. Office Estab.	25230	25668	24871	25860	26256					
III(d) Travelling and Subordinate Estab.	7976	8100	7615	20620	21008					
II(d) Do. Office Estab.	2020		1207	3140	3144					
III(d) Sundries	2660	2160	2830	2233	5410					
Total Rs.	99794	99533	94246	116713	120216					

which has carefully written comparison with the regular estimate for 1879-80 in which the increase in salary is permitted.

From

7. From the above it will be observed that under I(c) "Salary of Subordinate Forest and Depot Establishments" the Budget estimate for 1879-80 which amounts to Rs. 64,428 is nearly the same as the sanctioned estimate for the current Official Year and that of 1877-78. The actuals of 1877-78 which are less than those of the previous year could not form a criterion to compare the estimate for 1879-80 as in that Year (1877-78) there were unexpected savings in the Estimated allotment owing to certain vacancies not having been filled up as well as to stoppages and recoveries in pay.

8. The increase in the estimate for 1879-80 compared with the actuals of 1877-78 is also due to certain establishments costing Rs. 2,124 per annum having been sanctioned for the Paleondah Range of the Cuddapah Forests

9. The estimate under I(d) "Office Establishments" is not materially altered with reference to the actuals of 1876-77 and the Budget estimates for 1877-78 and 1878-79. The small increase compared with the Estimate of 1878-79 is owing to a small establishment at a cost of Rs. 46 per

a regular
contingency

per mense having been sanctioned for Captain Walker (on demarcation duty) in G.O. dated 4th September 1878, No. 1426.

10. The increase under II(c) "Travelling allowance to Subordinate Forest and Depot Establishments" is owing to batta according to the rates sanctioned in G.O. dated 17th July 1877, No. 2327 R.D. having been provided for, for the Rangers, Foresters, Forest Guards &c. This batta was withheld in 1876-77 and 1877-78 on account of financial pressure.

11. Forest Rangers are allowed fixed travelling allowance which will, as Captain Walker states in para 18 of his revision scheme of subordinate establishments "only suffice for the feed and keep of a horse or pony which is indispensable," but the grant of batta is a great inducement to the Rangers, Foresters and Guards to travel and there cannot be efficient inspection unless these subordinates are continually moving about. Under these circumstances, I would not suggest that the cost of extra batta which amounts to Rs. 15,008 be disallowed from the allotment for 1879-80 as it ought to be amply recouped in the shape

* G.O. Dated 30th October 1877, No. 3175 R.D.

1878-79. Rs. 25,860.
1879-80. 26,256
Increase Rs. 396.

Shape of better Conservan

The increase under II (C) Travel-
ling allowance to Office establishments
is also necessary, as the Forest Divi-
sional Officers cannot make long
marches out of head quarters without
detriment to their Office work unless
they take a small portion of their
Office Establishments which generally
consists of one clerk and a few Peons.

13. Of the increase under III (A) Em-
-dries which amounts to Rs. 3177, Ru-
pees 3000 have been provided for sup-
plying warm clothing to the Forest
Guards and Office Peons of Divisional
Officers. On the subject of supplying
warm clothing next year I have sent
in my report to the Board of Revenue
with my letter dated 31st October 1878
No. 1166 giving details of cost &c.
But if the Government consider that
the supply can be deferred till 1880-81
the estimated cost thereof can be
disallowed.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servt.
R. S. D. D. D. Lt. Col.
Conservator of Forests.

3.6.1 July/76 N 14-15
11 Jan/76 N 80-81
30 Oct/77 N 258-260
4 Sept/78 N 22-23
17 July/78 N 361-362

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From,

The Conservator of Forests

To The Under Secretary to
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