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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

10th January 1879, No. 46.

Read the following paper:—

No. 134. From R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Commissioner of the Nilgiris, to H. S. THOMAS, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 26th December 1878, No. 168.

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the sanction of Government, the budget estimate of the Botanical Gardens and Parks on the Nilgiris for the year 1879-80.

2. *Receipts*.—The receipts are estimated at Rs. 3,580, or Rs. 200 in excess of the estimate for the current year, and against actuals of Rs. 2,987-10-3 for the past official year 1877-78. The increase is expected to be realised by the rental of Burliar Gardens and sale of plants, &c., therefrom. As regards the Ootacamund and Kulhutti Gardens the income estimated is the same as for the current year.

3. *Expenditure*.—Ootacamund Botanical Gardens.

(a.) *Fixed Establishment.*—The amount of expenditure proposed under fixed establishment is Rs. 5,760 against an estimate of Rs. 5,160 for the current year. The increase of Rs. 600 occurs in the item of the salary of Superintendent. Hitherto Mr. Jamieson drew Rs. 220, *plus* horse allowance of Rs. 30 per month as Superintendent of the gardens. He was also drawing Rs. 50 a month under sanction of the Honorable J. D. Sim from the allotments for "Sim's Park," altogether a total of Rs. 300. These allowances were consolidated and fixed at the aggregate sum of Rs. 300 by G.O., No. 1,745, of 29th October 1878; which is debited to the Ootacamund Gardens in the present budget. The other items of charge are the same as for the current year and require no explanation.

(b.) *Temporary Establishment.*—The amount entered under this head is the same as in the current year's budget. The temporary coolies are employed in re-forming old beds and making new ones and in miscellaneous work, for which the permanent staff of gardeners allowed is inadequate. The actuals of the last year (1877-78) were Rupees 4,037-13-5, so that the budget allotment proposed for the ensuing year is not high. In the absence of a regular estimate, I cannot say how much of the current year's allotment for temporary establishment has been utilised, and it is now too late to call for it from Mr. Jamieson, as the budget is already overdue. With future budgets the Superintendent will be directed to forward the regular estimate.

(c) *Special Allotment.*—The usual sum of Rs. 500 is entered for developing the vegetable products of other countries.

(c.) Under Medicinal Garden a sum of Rs. 500 is entered, same as in the current year's budget, for the extension and up-keep of the garden. Mr. Jamieson expects that the greater portion of this sum will be recouped during the year by sale of produce to the Medical Department.

(c.) Under "Contingencies" the same expenditure as in the current year's budget is entered.

In paragraph 9 of G.O., No. 1,103, of the 25th June 1878, Government direct that the particulars of the contingent charges should be classified into—

- (1.) Office Contingencies.
- (2.) Other expenditure of a contingent character.

Under the first head come the following items referred to in the Accountant-General's letter:—

	Annually.
Service Postage amounting to	Rs. 15
Rates and Taxes to Municipalities	150
Clothing for servants	50

Under the other head the following may be included.—

Carriage of stationery amounting to	10
Binding books	8
Petty carriage charges	400
Peons' belts and badges, repairs to furniture, advertisements.	50

Of the items above named the expenditure under "Petty carriage charge" may need explanation. The practice with the Garden Superintendent has been, I learn, to pay all expenses of transport of seeds and plants both from and to the gardens and debit the expense to this item. When any sale is effected from the gardens, the transmission charges are recovered in addition to the cost of the produce and credited to Government under the general head of Sale proceeds of seeds and plants. When articles are ordered for the gardens, they are usually forwarded with the cost of carriage made payable at Ootacamund, and in such cases the expenses are defrayed from the garden contingencies on the arrival of the parcels. The other items of "Contingencies" alluded to do not call for explanation.

Besides the above items, some 200 Rupees are annually incurred on account of remittance and printing charges. Under the former, which absorbs the greater portion of this amount, are included the rate of exchange and commission on value of articles ordered for the gardens. It will be observed that nearly all the charges are fluctuating and that they cannot be limited to a fixed amount, with the exception of perhaps the items under the first head, or what is called the "Office contingencies" and the first two items under the second head, but the amount of expenditure being small, the variation, if any, will be slight and cannot materially affect the budget allotments.

4. *Burlier Garden*.—The amount entered in the budget is Rs. 276, being pay of one gardener at Rs. 15 a month and one gardener at Rs. 8 a month.

5. *Kullatti Gardens*.—The usual allotment of Rs. 180 for two gardeners is made. The sale of this garden has been suggested in my report for the official year 1877-78, and in G.O., No. 1,937, of the 3rd instant, the Government direct that the proposal should form the subject of a separate letter, which will be submitted in a day or two. Should Government agree as to the advisability of disposing of this garden, no budget allotment need be made.

6. *Sim's Park*.—A sum of Rs. 1,800 is entered in the budget for this property, against Rs. 2,500 for the current year. The expenditure proposed is at the rate of Rs. 150 a month, and is for the payment of an Overseer, purchase of tools, maintenance of fences, roads, &c. No work of any importance is intended to be executed during 1879-80.

7. *Stonehouse Park and Sunning Dale Property*.—The proposed expenditure on these properties during 1879-80 is Rs. 600, against Rs. 1,200 in the current year. The works intended to be executed with the money are the fencing of that portion of Stonehouse adjoining the Coonoor road, maintenance of roads, and up-keep of the grounds attached to the two properties.

8. The budget for 1879-80 as proposed is therefore as follows:—

RECEIPTS.	
Sundry receipts	Rs. 3,580
CHARGES.	
Minor Department.	
Botanical and other Gardens	11,216
Miscellaneous.	
Sim's Park	1,800
Stonehouse and Sunning Dale	600
	2,400
Total	13,616

No. 135. ORDER THEREON, 10th January 1879, No. 46.

Miscellaneous.	
Receipts.	
Actual, 1877-78	Rs. 2,988
Estimate, 1878-79	3,380
do. 1879-80	3,580
Charges.	
Actual, 1877-78	16,701
Estimate, 1878-79	14,316
Do. 1879-80	13,616

THE Acting Commissioner of the Nilgiris submits the budget estimate of the various Government Gardens and Parks in his district for 1879-80.

2. The probable receipts are estimated somewhat higher than those of the current year and in excess of the actuals for 1877-78.

3. The expenditure on the various Gardens and Parks for 1879-80 is similar to that of the grant for the current year, except the increase of Rs. 600 in the item of the salary of the Superintendent in accordance with the instructions of the Government of India contained in G.O., dated 29th October 1878, No. 1,745. The Government note the Commissioner's remark with reference to regular estimates.

4. The grants proposed for 1879-80 for Sim's Park and for Stonehouse and Sunning Dale properties are less than those of the current year by Rs. 700 and Rs. 600 respectively.

5. The budget grant for 1879-80 will be as follows:—

Receipts	Rs. 3,580
Charges—	
Botanical and other Gardens	11,216
Sim's Park	1,800
Stonehouse, &c.	600
	13,616

6. These papers will be communicated to the Financial Department with reference to the Commissioner's remarks on contingencies.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. S. THOMAS,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant-General, with Budget Estimate.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Commissioner of the Nilgiris.
„ the Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. D. Ryan.

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