Revenue Department

C. No 5773

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Read letter with 3 enclosures from the Conservator of Forests dated 20 October 1881 No. 663.

Read also C.O. dated 2nd November 1881 No. 385 & letter from Conservator

C no. 6417

dated 16 November 1881 No. 760 with enclosure.

The Conservator of Forests submits, without remark, the Budget Estimate of the Government Cinchona Plantations for 1882-83, as prepared by the Deputy Conservator in charge of those Plantations. Instructions will be issued separately in regard to the future preparation

and

and submission of this Budget.

2. Regular Estimate 1881-82.

Receipts. The receipts for the current year are calculated at Rs. 6,48,000 i.e Rs. 1,84,000 in excess of the sanctioned estimate, and consist of the following items.

	1881-82 Regular Estimate Rs.	Sanctioned Estimate Rs.
(a) Value of Bark sent Home	6,30,104	4,50,000
(b) Value of Bark supplied to private parties.	10,000	"
(c) Sale proceeds of Plants and Seeds &c.	8,000	8,000
(d) Value of Bark supplied to Medical Depts. Madras & Bombay	"	6,000
	6,48,104	4,64,000

3. The Deputy Conservator explains that the increase in (a) is due partly to "better prices being obtained than anticipated" on sales of the bark already effected in England but principally to the high value of the

× Para 30 of Despatch 19th May 1881 No. 14 in G.O. 21 June 1881 No. 964.

	Rs.
× Value of Bark £46,433-13-8 at 1/8d	5,51,204
Other items	18,000
	5,75,204

the alkaloids to be extracted from the 250 bales retained by the Secretary of State. His calculation of Rs. 1,80,000 is based on the produce of the 250 bales being 1000 lbs of Quinine Sulphate and 3000 lbs of Cinchonidine Sulphate. The latter figure however is a mistake for 300 lbs and this at once reduces the estimate for that item from Rs 6750 to Rs 675. The cost of manufacture can not be taken into account as it is not at present known so the gross value will be shown here leaving the charges to be adjusted against the large surplus expected. The other items call for no remark. The total × receipts then come to Rs 5 3/4 lakhs in round numbers

numbers, and exceed the sanctioned estimate by Rs 1,14,000. This excess is due, not to higher prices as stated (for there was a general fall in the market ~~of~~ prices for Chinchona bark) but chiefly by the larger consignments of the Bark sent home as shewn below, and partly to the greater profit expected to be realized from manufacture in lieu of sale of 250 bales of the Bark.

Quantity estimated to be shipped in framing the Budget 1881-82 (vide para 2 of G.O. 19 Jany 1881 No 129)	lbs	2,00,000
Quantity actually shipped, the sale proceeds of which are likely to be realized this year	lbs	2,40,433
(1) G.O. 26 Jany 1881 No 185 —		152,044
(2) G.O. 8 March 81 No 416 —		31,334
(3) G.O. 16 May 81 No 1991 —		51,356
(4) G.O. 15 July 81 No 1019 —		5,699

vide para 2 of the Despatch above quoted.

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G.O. 19 January 1881 No 129

	Rs
Sanctioned amount —	20,500
Amount entered as such in the Budget statement	36,400
Difference	16,400

4. The instruction in para 2 of G.O. 3rd January 1880 No 2 in regard to rounding figures and omitting fractions of rupees in Budget estimates should in future be carefully attended to.

5. Regular Estimate. Charges. The charges are estimated at Rs 1,17,659, the gross receipts Rs 1,03,809 not Rs 120,509 as entered in the statement. The difference (Rs 16,700) between the last two figures occurs under "Buildings — Sea works." The amount will be struck out, as no authority can be traced sanctioning modification of the Budget grant. The excess of Rs 13,850 in the Regular over the

sanctioned

sanctioned estimate occurs chiefly in the following items:—

	Rs.
(a) Carriage of Crop —	2,500
(b) Buildings New Works	6,700
(c) Unforeseen Charges —	3,600
	12,800

The necessity for items (a) and (c) is explained in the Deputy Conservator's paras 11 and 16 and item (b) will be allowed to stand, as the allotment in the sanctioned estimate for the Buildings at Nadavalam is only Rs. 16,000 and it is expected (C.W.O. 29 November 1881 No. 2975 W. & C.) that Rs. 22,000 will be spent this year. The total amount of Rs. 22,700 should be placed to the credit of the Public Works Provincial Budget. Further, the Regular estimate will be enhanced by Rs. 18,000 which is the

Budget Estimate for 1881-82

	Rs.
Receipts	4,64,000
Charges	1,03,809
Surplus	360,191

	Actuals Rs.
1876-77	1,10,457
1877-78	3,57,215
1878-79	4,00,354
1879-80	4,39,784
1880-81	4,34,261
Total 5)	17,42,071
Average	3,48,414

the supplemental grant sanctioned by G.O. of December 1881 & No. 1882 for the purpose of uprooting the red barks on grass lan

6. The Regular Estima as modified by Gov. & stand as follows:—

	Rs.
Receipts —	5,75,200
Charges —	1,35,660
Surplus	4,39,540

7. Budget Estimate 1882-83.

Receipts. The receipts for next year are estimated at Rs. 4,08,540, against Rs. 4,64,000 and Rs. 5,75,000 sanctioned and regula estimates respectively for the current year, the actuals of the last fi years being as shown in the margin. The estimate is based on

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the expected outturn and value of the current year's crop as particularized in para 4 of the Deputy Conservator's report. The estimate of outturn however does not include the 100,000 ℔s of dry bark referred to in the correspondence embodied in G.O. 4 December 1881. ℔s 1882 which it is expected will fetch about ℞ 1,00,000 according to the latest prices. The estimate for 1882-83 will therefore be raised in round numbers to five lakhs of rupees.

× ℔s 1,45,000

5. Charges 1882-83. The charges are estimated at ℞ 1,10,460 and compare as follows with the actuals of the last five years and the

Sanctioned and Regular Estimates for the current year.

	Actuals ℞
1876-77	59,630
1877-78	69,770
1878-79	73,688
1879-80	79,420
1880-81	96,100
5)378,900	
Average	75,780

Sanctioned Estimate 1881-82. 103,810

Regular — do — do — 135,660

9. The component items of the estimate for 1882-83 as compared with those of the sanctioned and Regular estimate are shewn below.

	1881-82 Sanctioned Estimate	1881-82 Regular Estimate	1882-83 Budget Estimate
	℞	℞	℞
(a) Salaries	13,284	13,384	13,584
(b) Propagation	5,000	5,000	5,000
(c) Upkeep	33,425	33,425	33,125
(d) Crop	24,500	48,000	33,650
(e) Buildings	21,500	28,350	21,000
(f) Miscellaneous	3,100	4,500	4,100
Total	103,809	1,35,659	110,459

The increase of Rs 300 under (a) for extra travelling allowance to the Deputy Conservator which has been disallowed by the Government of India (G.O. No 1900 dated 11th November 1881) will be struck out. The abnormal increase against (d) 'Crop' in the Regular Estimate has already been noticed vide para 6 supra. The increase over last year in the Budget estimate against (d) includes Rs 2,000 for constructing barbaques for the purpose of drying bark by the heat of the sun — an experiment sanctioned by G.O. 29th August 1881 No. 1280 paragraph 19. It is undesirable to provide permanent accommodation to meet the requirements of an experimental operation but the provision will be retained and transferred to the head 'Buildings' on the understanding that the outlay is limited to actual and unavoidable requirements.

(e) The provision for 'Buildings New Works' is composed of the following items.

		Rs
I.	Completion of Shivacherna Buildings & Medoliattam	10,000
II	Construction of a chattram on the Trainroad to Wynad	2,000
III	Construction of a drying shed on the Cooker's estate +	5,000
		17,000

I. The additional amount required according to the estimate for completing the

+ G.O. 29 November 1881 No 2945 W.O.W.D.

the Meddivattam building next year will be Rs 8374 (Rs 22900 adopted having been provided in the sanctioned and Regular estimate for the year) and that amount will be placed to the credit of the Public Works Provincial Budget for 1882-83, the estimate in the Cinchona Budget being reduced to the same figure.

Estimates & plans have not been submitted for items II and III which will however be allowed to stand, but no expenditure on II is to be incurred pending any further report and sanction, & as regards III, decision pending on this question reserved to in para 5 of G.O. dated 29th August 1881.

The provision of Rs 4,000 for "Repairs" is approved under

under the circumstances stated in paragraph 11 of the Deputy Conservator's letter and in his further communication dated 10th November 1881 No 432.

Except as regards the Meddivattam Buildings it is not clear whether any of the "New Works and Repairs", are intended to be undertaken by the Public Works Department. If any are, they should be specified, so that the necessary transfer of funds may be made to the Public Works Provincial Budget.

The Budget estimates as passed by Government

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