

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 219

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Dated 25th January 1969

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th January 1869.*

No. 455. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th December 1868, No. 8,595:—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp at Annamallay Hills, 14th November 1868, No. 1,007.

1. Adverting to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th October last, No. 7,733, I have the honor to forward herewith, the annual accounts of the Golcondah Forests, prepared at the Central Office from the Returns furnished by the Collector of Vizagapatam, with his letter, dated 30th of July last, No. 629, and from those submitted by the late Overseers who were not equal to drawing them up in the proper forms.

2. From the Statement No. 2, which accompanied the Collector's letter above quoted, it will be seen that the total sum credited by the Tahsildar is Rupees 386-9-5, being in excess of that shewn by the Forest Department, namely, 283-15-5, which latter is the sum entered as the correct amount in the accounts now under transmission.

3. In a Statement originally furnished by the Treasury Officer of Vizagapatam, Rupees 1,347-7-10 were carried to the credit of Forest Income, and this sum was accordingly entered in my annual Account Current submitted to the Accountant General; but under directions of this Officer, who has since returned the accounts, accompanied by a letter from the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury, I have reduced the above-mentioned amount to Rupees 283-15-5, the difference, namely, Rupees 1,063-8-5, having been credited under the head of "Jungle Conservancy" by the Collector. The Board will perceive that the small revenue thus carried to credit of the Forest, does not justify the cost of a permanent establishment. I would therefore, suggest, that they be good enough to direct that the Collector shall, for the present, take sole charge of the Forests under the Jungle Conservancy, and employ what establishment he may deem necessary.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Officiating Conservator of Forests, Madras, dated 30th July 1868, No. 629.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your No. 590, dated 16th March last, and in reply to forward herewith, the following accounts:—

I. Extract from Cash Account of the Overseer, Golcondah Forests.
II. Statement shewing the Collections of the Forest Department, during the Official year 1867-68.

III.—Statement of salaries paid to the Forest Department, during the Official year 1867-68.
2. Statement No. 2, has been prepared in my office from Mr. Tamplin's books, which are badly kept.

3. You will observe that the total amount differs with that paid into the Tahsildar's Treasury by Rupees 102-10-0. The cause of this difference I am unable to explain, as Mr. Tamplin has left the station for Rangoon. From this circumstance, and from the fact of the Overseer's books being irregularly kept, I am unable to furnish the annual report called for by you.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—Account Current of the Golcondah Hill Forests for 1867-68.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 3 to 5.

ABSTRACT.—Statements of Collection and Payments.

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RESOLVED that the foregoing letter, with which the Officiating Conservator forwards the annual Account Current of the Golcondah Forests, in the Vizagapatam District, for the Official year 1867-68, be submitted to Government, in continuation of the Board's Proceedings, dated 29th October 1868, No. 7,733.

2. From these accounts, it appears that the amount of Forest revenue received in the Tahsildar's Treasury was Rupees 386-9-5, but that the books of the Forest Overseer shew only Rupees 283-15-5, which is entered in the Account Current as the correct amount. The difference, namely, Rupees 102-10-0, Mr. Minchin states he is unable to explain, the Overseer having left the station for Rangoon and his accounts having been kept in a very careless manner. It also appears that a sum of Rupees 1,347 was originally credited to the Forest Department, but that under the instructions of the Accountant General, Rupees 1,058-0-7 of this amount was assigned to Jungle Conservancy. As a rule, the whole income derived from a forest in charge of the Conservator of Forests is carried to the credit of General Revenues, and the Board resolve to request the Accountant General to state, under what circumstances he has ordered that a portion should be credited to the Jungle Conservancy Fund.

	RS.	A.	P.	
Receipts...	283	15	5	
Charges...	1,308	3	0	
Loss...	1,024	3	7	

3. The charges during the year amounted to Rupees 1,308, thereby entailing a loss to Government of Rupees 1,024, as shewn in the margin. The Board fully concur with Major Beddome in his suggestion that these forests should be placed under Jungle Conservancy, and they accordingly recommend that the necessary orders may be issued by Government.

4. In the Abstract Statement of Receipts and Charges appended to the Officiating Conservator's report,* dated 4th August 1868, No. 858, the expenditure in these forests is shewn as Rupees 1,238. This differs from the sum now given by Rupees 70. Major Beddome should have explained the difference.

No. 456. ORDER THEREON, 25th January 1869, No. 219.

Forests, No. 18.

Recorded, with reference to the Order of Government, dated 19th January 1869, No. 146.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

*Golecondah Forest Accounts—Board's Pro-
ceedings reviewing them, recorded.*

Nos. 455-456.

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G. O., 25th January 1869, No. 219.

Dated January, 25th.
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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

REVENUE.

Govt. of 11869, Madras.

Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Rev. Dept.
with two Enclosures.

the Accountant General.

Copy to the Officiating Conservator of Forests,
with an original letter returned.

to the Collector of Vizagapatam.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

*Recorded with
reference to the order
of Govt. 2/19 January
1869 No. 146.*

25th Jan. 1869
Copy to the Collector of Vizagapatam

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BOARD OF REVENUE, MADRAS.
1868.

PROCEEDINGS, 8TH DECEMBER 1868, No. 8,595.

Decd 11-30
Received 12
Encl 4

DECEMBER.
No. 8,595.

*Account Current of Golecondah forests—in Viza-
gapatam District for 1867-68, submitted to
Government with recommendation that Forests
be placed under Jungle Conservancy—Accoun-
tant General to state why portion of revenue of
forests was ordered to be credited to Jungle
Conservancy Fund.*

No. 217 25 Jan
With order