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10th March 1869.

Read the following letters:—

No. 255. From the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Camp at Ootacamund, 16th December 1868, No. 1,073.

1. With reference to the Government Order, No. 3,019, of the 19th of December 1867, I have the honor to forward a revised scale for the re-arrangement of the Establishments of the Salem and South Arcot Districts.

2. At Dr. Cleghorn's suggestion, Lieutenant Walker, the Deputy Conservator of these districts, was allowed six months, from December 1867, to remodel his establishment, permission being at the same time granted him to substitute and separate the items, and he was also allowed a temporary addition of 20 Rupees to the sanctioned amount. This re-modelling had become necessary, as departmental working was being substituted for that of the Voucher and License system, and on account of the formation of fuel reserves, and the fact that the pay of the Peons and Pygusts (which was sanctioned many years ago) was too small, it was not, however, at the time supposed that any large permanent increase to the establishment would be necessary. In May last, Lieutenant Walker forwarded his letter, No. 54,* dated 20th of that month, in which he requested sanction for an establishment for the Salem District alone of Rupees 1,010 per mensem (exclusive of the pay of the Deputy Conservator) which was an increase of Rupees 455 per mensem, and was forwarded, on the understanding that all Local Conservancy receipts should be credited to the Department. This was a much larger increase than I considered desirable to make all at once: at least for the present, when it is not certain what tracts may eventually remain under our Department, and what may be transferred to the Jungle Conservancy, so I requested Government that a further period of six months might be given for the re-modelling of the establishment—(vide my letter No. 763, dated 8th of June 1868, in G. O., No. 1,831 of the 1st July,) and this was granted. I have since visited the district and consulted with the Deputy Conservator and the Collector; and the former Officer, in his letter No. 236, of the 9th instant, (herewith forwarded) now proposes a revised establishment for the two districts which will cause a permanent increase of Rupees 102 per mensem.

* Forwarded herewith for perusal.

The following is the present and proposed Establishment :—

Present or sanctioned Establishment.			Proposed Establishment.		
Salem District.	Rs.	Rs.	*Salem District.*	Rs.	Rs.
1 1st Class Overseer	100		1 1st Class Overseer	100	
Travelling allowance ...	30		Travelling allowance ...	30	
1 3rd Class Overseer	60		1 3rd Class Overseer	60	
Travelling allowance ...	15		Travelling allowance ...	15	
			1 4th Class Overseer	40	
			Travelling allowance ...	10	
1 Writer	30		• 1 Head Clerk	30	
			• 1 2nd Clerk (Vernacular) ...	18	
			• 1 3rd Clerk Copyist and Translator	12	
2 Gumastahs, at 8 Rupees each.	16		• 3 Gumastahs, at 10 Rupees each in Range Offices ...	30	
1 Head Pygust	10		• 1 Head Duffadar	10	
5 Office do. at 7 Rupees each	35		5 Duffadars, at 9 Rupees each (in charge of Talooks) ...	45	
4 Office Peons, at 6 Rupees each	24		6 Peons, at 7 Rupees each (two Office and four Head Peons in charge of Talooks) ...	42	
39 Forest Peons, at 5 Rupees each	195		12 Peons, at 6 Rupees each ...	72	
			12 do. at 5 do. ...	60	
			8 Watchers (Hillmen), at 3 Rupees each	24	
Total Salem Districts		515	Total Salem District		598
South Arcot District.			*South Arcot District.*		
1 4th Class Overseer	30		1 4th Class Overseer	30	
Travelling allowance ...	10		Travelling allowance ...	10	
1 Gumastah	8		1 Gumastah	10	
			1 Duffadar in charge of Talook	9	
1 Pygust...	7		1 Head Peon	7	
6 Peons, at 5 Rupees each ...	30		3 Peons, at 6 Rupees each ...	18	
			4 Peons, at 5 Rupees each ...	20	
Total South Arcot District... ...		85	Total South Arcot District		104
Total of both Districts... ...		600	Total of both Districts		702

In addition to the above, Dr. Cleyhorn sanctioned a Gumastah on Rupees 15, and Government sanctioned a temporary grant from working charges of Rupees 20.

• To draw batta when travelling, as laid down in the Board's Standing Circular No. 407.

3. Government will perceive that a 4th Class Overseer, two extra Clerks and one Gumastah have been added to the Salem Establishment. The pay of the Gumastas, the Pygusts (now styled Duffadars) and the Peons, have been raised. I consider all this increase really necessary, and I request that Government will sanction the revised establishment from the 1st of January 1869, as the sanction for the present arrangement, ceases at the end of the year.

4. I also request that special orders may be passed, allowing the temporary Overseer and Writer to count service towards pension from the 1st of January 1868, the date on which they were entertained.

5. The establishment now proposed cannot be considered final, the extension of the Railway in South Arcot, and the further formation of Fuel Reserves in both districts, may require extra establishment from time to time; and until demarcation is completed, and the question of the Jungle Conservancy tracts definitely settled, we must remain in a measure in a state of transition.

6. In connection with our increased establishments, demarcations, and the placing of each district on a firm footing as to Conservancy, I must draw the attention of Government to the very unsatisfactory system of the present Jungle Conservancy: it is in fact two establishments for one and the same object, and often gives rise to much jealousy between the Native Revenue Subordinates and our Department, and is a loophole for smuggling, and in many ways militates against the interest of Government and the true conservancy of the Forests. It is nowhere clearly defined. In some districts it does not exist, and in others, Collectors try to keep or get over as much forest as they can to swell their receipts. They have no establishments in general, and the revenue collected is very small to what it would be under our Department, and it is a great encouragement to peculation on the part of the Native Revenue authorities. I am submitting a separate report on this subject (in connection with our demarcations), in which I propose that no felling on License for sale should take place in the tracts under the Jungle Conservancy, that these tracts should be limited to scrub and firewood jungles and be set apart for all free felling for agricultural purposes and firewood, &c. This would lessen the receipts of the Jungle Conservancy, but would be much to the interest of Government, and there is no reason why grants for planting, &c., should not be made from Forest Funds.

No. 256. From the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 27th February 1869, No. 1,179.

In forwarding the accompanying letter• from Lieutenant Walker, I have the honor to request that sanction may be granted that the present temporary arrangement for his establishment may remain in force until the 31st of March, leaving the new sanction to come into effect from the commencement of the coming official year.

• No. 300, dated 19th February 1869.

From the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Salem and South Arcot, to the Officiating Conservator of Forests, Madras, dated Camp at Gingee, 19th February 1869, No. 300.

Referring to my letter, No. 236, dated 9th December 1868, submitting Establishment scheme for sanction of Government, I have the honor to point out that, as no sanction has yet been received, and it is expedient to adjust any advances made from working charges money on that account, before the 1st April, it would be better if the temporary sanction, which expired on 1st January, were extended for three months from that date, leaving the new sanction to have effect from the 1st April, or commencement of the official year.

No. 257. Order thereon, 10th March 1869, No. 640.

Forests, No. 10.

1. The revised scale of Establishment for the Salem and South Arcot Forests, submitted with the first letter above recorded, appears to Government to be moderate. Major Beddome requests sanction in his second letter for the continuance of the present temporary arrangement till the end of the current official year, leaving the new scale to come into

desirable submitted his scheme in

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effect from 1st April next. But there is apparently no provision in the Budget of the ensuing year to meet the additional charge. He will, therefore, be requested to report on this point, as also to furnish a Tabular Statement in the prescribed form. The present arrangement will, of course, continue until the new scale is sanctioned.

2. Major Beddome requests that special orders may be passed allowing the "Temporary Overseer" and Writer to count service towards pension from the 1st of January 1868, the date on which they were entertained. The Government, in their Order, dated 19th December 1867, No. 3,019, remarked that, when the final re-arrangement of the establishment was reported, they would be prepared to pass such orders as might be necessary to allow of the interval during which the establishment was paid without reference to the sanctioned scale, being counted as service for pension by the servants who were *then* borne on the "Regular Establishment." The *temporary* Overseer has, therefore, no claim whatever to this indulgence; and in regard to the Writer, the Officiating Conservator will be requested to state if he was borne on the "Regular Establishment" on the date of the Order of Government, viz., 19th December 1867, and, if so, to report his name.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Revenue Department

Memo: on Revenue No. 3970.

In 1867, the system of Departmental working was introduced into the Salem Forests in lieu of the licenses, and upon the recommendation of Dr. Kleghorn, Lieutenant Walker, the Deputy Conservator was allowed six months for remodelling the establishment to suit the new arrangement, distributing the total sanctioned cost, viz. Rupees 355 per mensem during that period in the manner he may think expedient. Sanction was also granted for the temporary addition of Rupees 20 per mensem.—

Order, dated 19th December 1867, No. 3019.

2 ... The Deputy Conservator submitted his scheme in

in May 1868. The new scale proposed the monthly addition of Rupees 1865 to present expenditure, and Major Beddome declined to recommend it. He, however, requested that the time allowed for trial may be extended to another six months, in order that he may visit the District and consult the local Officers, and their application was granted.

Order dated 1st January 1869 at p. 131

3. Major Beddome visited the District, and after consulting the Deputy Conservator and the Collector, proposes a revised establishment at the monthly additional cost of Rupees 83. In this scale the establishment allocated to South Arcot is part of the same

(range)

range included, with an additional of Rupees 19 per annum the total addition is Rupees 1902. The additions proposed are

Salaries

1 4th Class Overseer	40	
Travelling allowance	10	50
2 Taluq clerks on Rs 15 each		30
1 Additional Gumastah		10
Increase of the salary of 2 Gumastahs from 8 to 10 Rs each		4
Do of the salary of 5 Tyauls or Duffadars from 5 to 6 Rs each		10
2 additional Peons on 7 Rs each		14
Increase of the salary of 4 Peons from 6 to 7 Rs each		4
		122
Do of the salary of 12 Peons from 5 to 6 Rs		
8 Watchers at 2 Rs each		24
		36
Pay of 15 Peons at 5 Rs each		75
Deduct saving		39
		83

South Arcots

Increase of the Establishment

1 Gunnah from 8 to 10 — 2

1 Duffadar — — 9

Increase of the Salary of

3 Peons from 5 to 6 Rs

each — 3 no

1 Additional Peon at

5 Rs — 5

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4. The revised scale seems to be moderate, and Major Beddome considers all the additions to be really necessary. He wishes to have effect given to this scale from 1st January 1869, but he does not state if Savings are available from the Budget, and information on this point is necessary. A Tabular Statement in the prescribed form should also be called for.

5. When sanction is thus given

Illegible so; but we are very much at the mercy of the Forest Dept. in these matters. I have few data on which to form an opinion. WDL

yes. I fear the whole thing is a delusion & a snare

WPA.

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given to the Deputy Conservator to distribute the total sanctioned cost of the establishment in the manner he considered most expedient, the Assistant Conservator pointed out that the change would affect the claims of the temporary writer to count the time during which he might be paid under this arrangement, both as pensionable and the Government remarked that when the Officiating Conservator reported actual arrangements of the establishment had been approved, they would be prepared to pass such orders as might be necessary to allow of the interval being counted as service for pension, by the servants who were then

borne

borne on the regular establishment". Major Beddome appears to have lost sight of these words and requests that the necessary special orders may now be issued in regard both to the "Temporary Overseer" and "writer" in order to enable them to count service towards pension from the 1st of January 1868, "the date on which they were entertained". Clearly the Temporary Overseer has no claim to such indulgence and the Officiating Conservator should be requested to state if the writer was borne on the "regular establishment" on the date of the order of Government, viz 19th December 1867.

Yr.

None

Call for the information and then pass such orders as the circumstances of the case may require. The writer cannot be borne on the establishment unless he has been employed

N. Ag. A.

Revenue Department

No. 640.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 10th March 1869.

Read the following letter from the Offg Conservator of Forests

Reporting upon the revised Establishments of Salem and South Arcot Forests with reference to G.O. No. 3819 of the 19th December 1867.	Letter 16th December 1868, No. 1073.
Requesting sanction for the continuance of the temporary establishment at Salem and South Arcot	Letter 27th February 1869 No. 279.

The revised scale of establishment for the Salem and South Arcot Forests, submitted with the first letter above recorded, appears to Government to be moderate. Major Beddome requests sanction in his second letter for the continuance of the present temporary arrangement till

till the end of the current year, leaving the new scale to come into effect from 1st April next. But there is no provision in the Budget for the ensuing year to meet the additional charge. He will therefore be requested to report on this point, as also to furnish a tabular statement in the prescribed form. The present arrangement will of course continue until the new scale is sanctioned.

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