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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 14th January 1867.

No. 197. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Revenue—Forests,) dated Fort William, 8th December 1866, No. 437 F :—

Madras Budget Estimate Orders, 1867-68.

Read—

Letter from the Government of Madras, No. 3,103, dated 15th November 1866, submitting the Budget Estimate of the Forest Department for 1867-68, with accompaniments.

RESOLUTION.—The figures for 1865-66 are—

	Estimates.		Actuals.
	Budget.	*Regular.*	
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Receipts	4,00,000	3,80,000	3,26,204
Charges	3,00,000	2,92,797	2,53,582
Surplus ...	1,00,000	87,203	72,622

1. The gross receipts for 1865-66 have fallen short of the Regular Estimate, as was anticipated by the Government of Madras when considering it last year ; but the expenses have also been kept down, so that a tolerably good net revenue has been obtained.

The smaller receipts have been caused chiefly by the inability to sell the timber at the Annamallay Depôts; and, in consequence, felling and carriage of timber were not carried on to as large an extent as was contemplated, so that the expenses were also reduced.

2. It may be noted that a larger net revenue was obtained from a gross revenue of about the same amount, in the previous year 1864-65, when the actuals were as follows :—

	According to the Budget Estimate of 1866-67.		According to the Madras Govt. Procs. August 1866, Nos. 203-4.
	RS.		RS.
Receipts	3,11,778		3,30,569
Charges	1,89,957		1,96,657
Surplus ...	1,21,821	or	1,33,912

3. The estimate for 1866-67 is :—

	Budget, 12 Months.	Regular, 11 Months
	RS.	RS.
Receipts	4,00,000	3,66,670
Charges	3,08,500	2,74,242
Surplus ...	91,500	92,428

In consequence of the change in the financial year, the estimate for the current year was reduced for the eleven months ending 31st March 1867 to—

			Rs.	Rs.
Receipts	... ...			3,66,667
Charges	{Working		1,59,300	
	{Establishment		1,20,542	
				2,79,842

4. In order to arrive at the Regular Estimate, many changes have been made in the Budget Estimate, both of receipts and charges. It is remarkable that the sum total of the gross receipts is the same in both estimates, and the charges only vary in the total by the sum of Rupees 5,600, which is represented to be due to the deputation of the Conservator (Dr. Cleghorn) to officiate as Inspector General of Forests to the Government of India.

It would have been satisfactory to have received an assurance that, judging by the actuals of the first portion of the year, this estimate is, on the whole, likely to be realized. The Government of Madras should be requested to have the Regular Estimate checked by the actuals of the expired portion of the year in future, introducing such modifications as may be called for, so that it may represent the probabilities of the entire year as approximately as possible.

5. The Budget Estimate proposed for 1867-68 is—

			Rs.	Rs.
Receipts	... ...			4,00,000
Charges	{Working		1,40,000	
	{Establishment		1,33,000	
		Surplus ...		2,73,000
				1,27,000

This estimate may be accepted, and is passed accordingly.

6. The Acting Conservator, who has recorded that the market is in a measure glutted with timber from private sources, had estimated the receipts of the ensuing year at the sum of Rupees 3,60,000, but the Government of Madras has raised it to 4,00,000; looking to the actuals of 1865-66, which amounted to Rupees 3,26,204, to the estimate for eleven months of the current year, amounting to Rs. 3,66,670, to the fact of the re-introduction of the seigniorage on bamboos, and to the probability of selling the large stock of timber in the Annamallay Forests, arrangements for which are being made.

7. The additions have been confined to Items I and II, of which the first only depends, ordinarily, on the outlay; but as the stock of timber in the depôts is unusually large, it is from the sale of existing stock, rather than of new produce, that the additional receipts are expected to accrue. Consequently, no increased provision has been necessary for working, which will be conducted on a reduced scale until the large stock in hand has been disposed of.

8. An inspection of the sums entered under A. I. for Ganjam and Cuddapah, leads to the conclusion that the provision of expenditure is more than sufficient, perhaps by Rupees 1,000 in each case. On the other hand, the provision under this sub-head for the Madumallay Forests should probably be augmented to admit of the increased revenue being realized. Under these circumstances, the sums

proposed under A. I. may be allowed to stand unaltered, re-appropriations between minor heads being within the powers of the Local Government.

9. The expenditure under A. I. in North Arcot, though small, appears out of proportion to the revenue to be realized.

10. It is noted that a sum of Rupees 17,750 in all is proposed to be expended on "Plantations," of which Rupees 3,200 are to be appropriated specially for the formation of firewood plantations in the neighbourhood of the S. W. and N. W. Lines of the Madras Railway; for the Nellambur plantation, Rupees 7,000 is proposed. The small entries under A. VII. "Forest Work, viz., cutting creepers, &c.," Rupees 250, and VIII "Forest Surveys," Rupees 100, suggest that the important bearing of these operations on the conservancy and working of forests is not sufficiently appreciated.

11. Under "Establishments," a sum of Rupees 1,33,000 is proposed. The items are according to sanctioned scale.

12. It is observed that the financial results of all the forest districts or ranges in the Madras Presidency, excepting the Australian and Nellambur plantations, exhibit a surplus for the ensuing year, excluding the proportion of the charges on account of control (Central Office). This shews that the recent extension of operations in various directions, though on a small scale, has been judicious: for, if financially successful in the outset, the newly taken up forest tracts must continue so, with the conservancy which is thus ensured. Operations are now about to be initiated in the Tinnevelly District, the establishment for which was sanctioned in the Financial Department on the 7th September 1866, Resolution No. 2,233.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of this Resolution, with the papers now read, be forwarded to the Financial Department, for information.

Ordered also, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Government of Madras, for information and guidance.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, *Lieut.-Col., R. A.,*
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 198. ORDER THEREON, 14th January 1867, No. 100.

Forests, No. 3.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Acting Conservator of Forests. Captain Beddome will report on the subject of paragraph 10 of this Resolution.

2. The Government of India will be informed that the Regular Estimate, alluded to in paragraph 4, does not come under the review of the Local Government.

(Here enter No. 101, dated 14th January 1867.)
(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
14th January 1867.

No. 101.

No. 199.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

Forests, No. 4.

With reference to paragraph 4 of the Resolution of the Government of India, dated 8th December 1866, No. 437 F, I am directed to explain that the "Regular Estimate" does not come under the cognizance of this Government. It appears to be prepared by the Accountant General in direct communication with the Forest Officers, and to be transmitted similarly to the Supreme Government. A copy is sent to this Government, but they do not hold themselves in any way answerable for its accuracy, and have never been invited to take any cognizance of it. For their own administrative purposes they receive Monthly Returns of receipts and charges in abstract.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Erd. S. T. Augustin.

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Ordered to be communicated
to the Mr Commissioner of Treasts - Captain
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Local Government.

4 - Mr Comst of Treasts Despatch N. 1 Dec 67.
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

REVENUE—FORESTS.

To

No. 437. F.

Dated December 8, 1866.

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To

The Secretary to the Government of India P.W. Dept.

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