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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th December 1867.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 351. From the Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 23rd October 1867, No. 337.

1. Lieutenant Walker, Deputy Conservator, Salem, has visited the Presidency at my request to consult, before my departure, regarding the working operations of his important range, and has made the proposal detailed in the enclosed letter No. 310, dated 22nd October 1867.

2. With the concurrence of the Collector and myself, he has leased out for eight months limited and well defined tracts of jungle near Salem and Tripatur, for the supply of firewood and charcoal. These portions are being copped down like the Striharikotta jungles, in the Nellore District, and like sea-shore tracts which supply the town of Mangalore. The advantage of this plan is, that a portion of the Peons are set free from the duty of watching, and become available for "Conservancy proper."

3. This scheme necessarily involves a re-organization of the establishment. The number of Peons, at present forty-five, will be considerably reduced, and the pay of Pygusts and Peons increased, which is needful; but Lieutenant Walker cannot propose a detailed scheme, till he has watched the working of the transition from the license system to departmental working. He solicits that Government should allow him six months for re-modelling the establishment, granting him liberty to substitute and separate the items for that period. This seems a reasonable proposal, and I think he might be allowed, as a special case, to work up to the amount sanctioned by Government for the office and working establishment of the entire range, viz., 355 Rupees *per mensem*.

4. Lieutenant Walker asks for a further limit of 50 Rupees per mensem for temporary establishment. I do not recommend this at present, but, after scrutiny in the Central Office, a margin of 20 Rupees might be allowed for temporary extra expenditure, to be charged to working operations.

P. S.—I am aware of the objections to this proposal, but the time is limited to six months, and there is a precedent in the tentative measures on the Chenab division of the Punjab and another, I think, in the Central Provinces.

Referred to the Accountant General for his remarks.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

6th December 1867.

No. 352. From the Accountant General, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort St. George, 13th December 1867, No. 298.

1. With reference to endorsement, dated 6th instant, on the letter from the Conservator of Forests, No. 337, dated 23rd October last, the undersigned has the honor to state that there is no objection to the Assistant Conservator of Forests in

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Salem being permitted to distribute the sum of Rupees 355, now allowed for the

- 1 Writer on 30 Rupees.
- 3 Gumastahs, at 8 Rupees each.
- 1 Pygust, at 10 Rupees.
- 6 Pygusts, at 7 " each.
- 4 Peons at 6 " "
- 45 Do. at 5 " "

fixed establishment noted in the margin, in such manner as he may consider expedient for the better working of the forests under him, but his doing so will affect the claim of the Writer to count the time, during which he may be paid under this arrangement, towards pension, as according to the orders of the Government of India, dated 26th May 1863, No. 2,149, only servants whose pay is sanctioned by Government in detail can reckon their service towards pension.

2. There is no objection to the extra 20 Rupees, recommended by the Conservator, being allowed, if Government see fit, the Departmental Budget being sufficient to cover the charge.

(Signed) F. LUSHINGTON,
Accountant General.

No. 353. ORDER THEREON, 19th December 1867, No. 3,019.

Forests, No. 8.

The Government sanction, as a special and temporary arrangement, the measure proposed by Lieutenant Walker and advocated by Dr. Cleghorn, for enabling the former to test by actual experiment the best mode of distributing the sanctioned amount of Rupees 355 for the Salem Forest Establishment, and also the temporary additional charge of Rupees 20 monthly, to be debited to working operations. At the close of six months, the Officiating Conservator will report what re-arrangement of the establishment has been finally approved, and the Government will then be prepared to pass such orders as may be necessary, to allow of the interval being counted as service for pension by the servants who are now borne on the regular establishment.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Madras 22^d October 1867
L^y Conserv. Office.

No. 310.

From

Lieut. C. J. Walker

L^y Conservator of Forests
Salem District.

To

H. Cleghorn Esq. M. D.
Conservator of Forests.

Sir,

As already reported Departmental working was introduced into the Venkateswara Range of the Salem Forests, in the beginning of the current Official year.

2. I am desirous of making the system general throughout the Forests under my charge as I consider it is in every way preferable in the interests of Conservancy.

3. I have therefore leased the Collection of petty Revenue from Firewood, Charcoal, and Telam Bark on most favorable terms to respectable Merchants in each Town and propose adopting a like

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course with regard to Bamboos. - The tracts and quantity to be felled being in every case carefully regulated, the selling price fixed, and the Contracts limited to local supply only. -

4. - The Majority of ryots obtain timber and bamboos, on free papers issued on application to myself or the range Owners. - Similar Depôts are also opened at Venkankotta, Pinagra, Tripatur and Salem - where timber is supplied by daily sale at moderate rates. - Our ryots will thus be relieved from their Tamials and relegated to their more legitimate duties in the Forests. -

5. - The question of a reorganization of the Establishment in the Districts under my charge has occupied my attention for two years and has been under consideration for even a longer period. - There is no doubt that such

is urgently called for, especially under the arrangements now made. - I should however prefer giving the present plan a fair trial before submitting a definite scheme of reorganization but in order to do so it is necessary that I should be able to distribute the Establishment as I find best and whilst I reduce the numbers, increase the pay of the Subordinates which is manifestly inadequate if they are to be actual Forest Rangers. - (V. 20 1862)

6. - I beg therefore to request that you will apply to Government for sanction to omit for six months at least, the para at foot of the salary bills which states that "no division of salaries has taken place" and to give me a further limit of Rs. 50 per mensem for temporary Establishment. - I shall note carefully the working of the present plan and within

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within the time allotted shall submit
a definite plan of reorganization.

7.- I do not propose that the Rs 50.
extra should be a permanent charge,
as I hope eventually by reducing
the numbers to equalize almost, if
not altogether the actual cost, but
in a transition state some margin
is naturally required. Bills shewing
the actual Establishment employed
within the amount now fixed Estab-
lishment would of course be sub-
mitted monthly through the Deputy
Collector, and the excess if any might
be charged in Working Charges Bills.
Under Conservancy and Working.

I have &c &c

(Signed) C. S. Walker Esq.

(A true Copy)

Offy Conservator of Forests.

H. C. S. Walker
Conservator of Forests.

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Forest Dept. 1867.
Recd. 2869/67
From 19th Dec/67
The L^g C^o
Salem South Coast
To
The Conservator of
Forests

Dated 22nd
Received 23rd } October/67
Enclosed in N. 337 of 23rd 10/67
N. 310.

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Requests that sanction
be obtained to divide
salaries as found most
convenient for at least six
months.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 19th December 1867.

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Papers

From the Conservator of Forests.
Incloses a proposal of
Lieut. Walker for remodelling
the Salem Establishment and
submits his remarks. (Here enter 23rd Oct. 1867
N. 337)

From Accountant General.
States that there is no ob-
jection for the distribution of
Rupees 355 as proposed by the
Assistant Conservator of Forests,
Salem, in which case the claim
of the writer for Pension will
be affected. (Here enter 13th Dec. 1867
N. 298)

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of 19 Dec 1867.

From the Census of 1867
of 18 June 1867.

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