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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 90. Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Camp, Ootacamund, 26th January 1867, No. 2,210:—

1. With reference to the Government Order, No. 100 of the 14th January 1867, in which I am ordered to report upon the subject of paragraph 10 of the Proceedings of the Government of India, dated 8th December, No. 437 F, I have the honor to inform you that I am fully aware of the importance in conservancy of the cutting creepers, &c., from standing trees, and I have constantly impressed upon the Executive Officers in charge of ranges the value of these operations. Much of this work is performed by our regular establishments, which of course does not come under the entry A, VII "Forest Work," &c., as an expenditure, and experience has taught me that, with a due regard to economical working, this is the safest plan. It is very easy to send hired coolies into a forest to perform work of this nature, but without very close supervision by the officer in charge, or a zealous Overseer, the work performed is not likely to be in a fair ratio to the expenditure; I was lately obliged to stop operations of this nature in one of our forests. During my tour through the forest, I found that the outturn of this work was very far from proportionate to the expenditure, so I ordered that hired coolies should, in future, only be employed on this work when the Forest officer was actually in the forest, and could give personal supervision. Work of this nature must always depend very much upon the zeal of the Executive, and a large expenditure under this heading would not be a guarantee that the operations had been effectually carried out; and I must here remark that the very great increase in Office work that has been thrust upon the department of late, allows our Officers much less time for out-door work than they formerly had. I have forwarded a Circular to all our ranges, calling the attention of Officers to the remarks of the Government of India.

2. With regard to the small entries under Forest Surveys, the sum of Rs. 100 alluded to is an expenditure in South Canara, necessary for the ascertainment of the quantity of ripe teak and blackwood ready for the axe in the Ghaut forests of that range. A sum of Rupees 1,600 was sanctioned in the Government Order No. 1,054, of the 3rd of May last, for a survey and demarcation of the Wynaad forests, and this has been entered in the regular estimate. The work will now, I am afraid, hardly be completed within the year, and sanction will be necessary for carrying on the operations in the coming year, and a considerable sum will shortly be required for the demarcation of the forests in the Madura and Tinnevelly Districts; but as some tracts in these districts are still in dispute, and there is a chance of our being able to purchase or rent other tracts, it seems advisable to postpone this Survey. I may here mention that most of our Officers are engaged in making maps and charts of their forests, for which no expenditure, and consequently no entry under this heading is necessary.

No. 91. ORDER THEREON, 8th February 867, No. 331.

Forests, No. 2.

Ordered that this explanation be forwarded to the Government of India, with reference to paragraph 10 of their Proceedings in the Public Works Department, dated 8th December 1866, No. 437 F.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Conservator of Forests.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
8th February 1867.

No. 332.

No. 92.
To

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

SIR,

Forests, No. 3.

With reference to paragraph 10 of the Proceedings of the Government of India, dated 8th December 1866, No. 437 F, I am directed to forward herewith copy of a letter from the Acting Conservator of Forests, dated 26th January 1867, No. 2,210, explaining the circumstances under which the provision made in the Budget for 1867-68 under A VII "Forest Work, viz, cutting creepers, &c.," and VIII "Forest Survey," was not larger.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Ordered that this explanation

be forwarded to the Gazette of India

with reference to para 10 of their Pro:

in the P. Works Department dated 8th Oct.

December 1866, No. 437 Ft.

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1 Asst. Comrs of Forests Despg.

Revenue Department

No. 332.

8th July 1867.

To

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

Sir,

With reference to para 10
of the Proceedings of the
Government of India dated 8
8th December 1866 No. 457 P.
I am directed to forward
herewith copy of a letter
from the Acting Conser-
vator of Forests, dated
26th January 1867 No. 2910
explaining the circum-
stances under which
the provision made
in the Budget
for

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for 1867/68 under "A VII
"Forest Work, viz. cutting
creepers &c." and "VIII
"Forest Survey" ~~in triplicate~~
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Forest Department.

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From
The Conservator of Forests,

To The Secretary to Govt
of B. D.
Fort Saint George

Dated 26th } January 1867.
Received 28th }

No. 2210

Enclosure No.

Forwards explanation to the remarks made by Government of India recorded in G. O. No 100 dated 14th January 1867.

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With an Order