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No. 252. Read the following Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Revenue—Forests), dated Fort William, 31st January 1867, No. 3 :—

Budget Estimate of the Forest Department for 1867-68.

Read again—

The Budget Estimates of 1867-68 of the Forest Department throughout British India, including the Straits Settlements and Mysore.

The orders passed thereon by the Government of India in the Public Works Department.

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1. Resolution.—The Governor General in Council records with satisfaction the general punctuality with which the Budget Estimates of 1867-68 of the Forest Department have been submitted.

2. The several estimates have been reviewed at length separately, and the figures are brought together in the subjoined table for convenience of comparison, and in order to exhibit the aggregate amounts involved.

ABSTRACT of the Provincial Budget Estimates of the Forest Department throughout India, 1867-68, as passed by the Government of India, in the P. W. D.

Governments and Administrations.	RECEIPTS.					CHARGES.					Remarks.
	Actuals, 1865-66.	Budget Estimate, 1866-67 (12 months).	Budget Estimate, 1866-67 (as reduced for 11 months).	Regular Estimate, 1866-67 (11months.)	Budget Estimate, 1867-68, as sanctioned.	Actuals, 1865-66.	Budget Estimate, 1866-67 (12 months).	Budget Estimate, 1866-67 (11 months.)	Regular Estimate, 1866-67 (as reduce for 11 months).	Budget Estimate, 1867-68, as sanctioned.	
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	
Government of India	...	...	...	...	...	10,163	31,460	28,838	31,302	29,752	
Madras ...	3,26,204	4,00,000	3,66,667	3,66,670	4,00,000	2,53,582	3,08,500	2,79,842	2,74,242	2,73,000	
Bombay and Sindh...	10,07,610	14,45,425	13,24,973	11,26,260	14,63,197	7,75,054	8,41,916	7,61,428	7,74,446	9,17,570	
Bengal ...	38,584	5,14,845	4,71,941	2,098	1,40,978	35,772	4,54,845	4,09,676	26,296	1,21,440	
N. W. Provinces ...	6,50,401	6,88,775	6,31,377	5,37,885	6,01,448	2,92,514	4,42,883	4,00,379	3,48,606	4,08,385	Including Canal plantations, except the actual *Charges* for 1865-66, which do not include the Establishments.
Punjaub	2,08,050	2,71,570	2,48,939	2,56,400	2,60,570	2,72,078	2,81,497	2,55,051	2,49,618	2,48,650	Including Canal plantations, except under *Charges*, which do not include the Establishments.
Straits	3,034	3,184	2,919	3,629	3,052	242	720	648	502	520	
Oudh	1,19,969	1,04,600	95,883	1,28,620	1,28,120	58,769	80,636	72,928	92,641	1,06,089	
British Burmah ...	8,98,629	8,21,700	7,53,225	7,05,627	8,69,000	3,12,066	3,37,794	3,05,943	3,05,943	3,48,862	
Central Provinces	2,02,644	2,09,127	1,91,700	3,03,331	4,17,907	1,13,498	1,89,634	1,72,169	1,77,469	2,90,924	
Hyderabad	15,106	15,212	13,944	29,886	1,26,000	8,991	15,212	13,886	13,886	50,557	
Coorg	1,08,257	73,500	67,375	67,376	61,750	12,619	19,413	17,627	17,629	19,113	
Total ...	35,78,488	45,47,938	41,68,943	35,27,782	44,72,022	21,45,378	30,04,510	27,18,415	23,12,580	28,14,862	
Total British Net Revenue ...	14,33,110	15,43,428	14,50,528	12,15,202	16,57,160	...	...	...	...	...	
Mysore ...	3,42,959	3,93,348	3,60,569	3,39,495	3,91,460	97,747	1,46,936	1,33,390	1,26,467	1,39,954	
Net Revenue ...	2,45,212	2,46,412	2,27,179	2,13,028	2,51,506	...	...	...	...	...	

3. The total amounts, omitting Mysore, are:—

	Receipts.	Charges.	Net Revenue.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
1863-64, Actuals	30,44,430	...	...
1864-65, ,, ...	35,04,390	18,62,939	16,41,451
1865-66, ,, ...	35,78,488	21,45,378	14,33,110
1866-67, Budget Estimate (12 months)	45,47,938	30,04,510	15,43,428
1866-67, Ditto ditto (reduced for 11 months) ...	41,68,943	27,18,415	14,50,528
1866-67, Regular Estimate (11 months)	35,27,782	23,12,580	12,15,202
1867-68, Budget Estimate ...	44,72,022	28,14,862	16,57,160

4. In the three years ending with 1865-66, the gross receipts exhibit an increase of Rupees 5,34,058, but the charges having been much augmented by the measures of conservancy introduced during the years 1864-65 and 1865-66, the net revenue shews a decrease of Rupees 2,08,341. It will be observed that the charges have increased from Rupees 18,62,939 in 1864-65 to Rupees 28,14,862 in 1867-68.

5. The Regular Estimate of the current year shews both larger receipts and charges, and a net revenue of Rupees 12,15,202. As this year consists only of eleven months, the amount of net revenue may be regarded as a satisfactory feature, and an indication of a tendency to expand, which is confirmed by the Budget Estimate of 1867-68, but the measures of conservancy now being taken are productive of present outlay, and must be so for many years, so that the operations of the Forest Department are directed rather to future than to present income. If, however, they result in merely maintaining the present income, and in providing a continuous supply of timber which was so rapidly being exhausted until within the last few years, and in securing the great collateral advantages derived from the presence of woods, some of the main objects of creating the Forest Department will have been successfully accomplished.

6. The organization of this department has not, however, been effected without a large expansion of establishments. The limit has probably been reached in most Provinces, and it will be useful to bring together for present and future comparison these charges as incurred for the last few years. This has accordingly been done in the following table:—

Abstract of Charges under B, "Establishments," in Forest Department since 1864-65.

Governments and Administrations.	Actuals.		Estimates.	
	1864-65.	1865-66.	1866-67. (11 months.)	1867-68.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Government of India	43,615	10,163	28,838	29,752
,, Madras	95,300	1,17,054	1,20,542	1,33,000
,, Bombay and Sindh	2,10,352	2,11,987	2,03,690	2,43,428
,, Bengal	6,604	16,292	17,369	25,814
,, N. W. Provinces	65,740	86,212	98,128	1,04,963
,, Punjab	84,665	77,968	93,717	1,02,590
Straits Settlements	...	...	...	...
Oudh	27,154	19,883	19,558	27,889
British Burmah	86,081	90,327	1,06,053	1,14,262
Central Provinces	61,946	74,994	82,439	99,604
Hyderabad	1478	8,991	10,736	10,767
Coorg	4,201	8,654	8,537	9,313
Total	6,86,136	7,22,555	7,89,607	9,01,382
Mysore	53,018	54,768	63,145	65,104
Total ...	7,39,154	7,77,323	8,52,752	9,66,486

It will be observed that the charges under Establishments have increased from Rupees 6,86,136 in 1864-65 to Rupees 9,01,382 in 1867-68.

7. In conclusion, the growth of revenue in the Central Provinces and the Berars may be noticed with satisfaction.

Order.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution, together with copies of the orders on the several Budget Estimates, be forwarded for information to the Financial Department, and to all Local Governments and Administrations.

Ordered also that copies be forwarded to the Secretary of State, for the information of Her Majesty's Government, and that the Resolution be published in the supplement of the *Gazette of India*.

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

No. 253. Order thereon, 20th February 1867, No. 412.

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Communicated to the Officiating Conservator of Forests and the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
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