Revenue (1897) Department.

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G.O., No. 2498

DATED 15th May

[Despatch Abstract.]

Sanctioning certain amendments in the provisions of the Forest Code and Stating that the list of Questions for the examination of District Forest Officers should be printed as an App x to the Code.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

From the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue

No. 92

Dated 6 March 97

Received 3.5.97

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SUBJECT.

Approving the revised set of questions for the examination of district Forest offices forwarded by the Accts. Genl and requesting the sanction of Govt for certain addenda to the Forest Code

The addendum to the Forest Code proposed by the Accts General in para 3 of his letter no L. F. D/5-94 dy 28th January 1897 are approved.

2. The Board will be requested to report whether it will not be advisable to have the questions for the Examination of District Forest Officers printed as an App^x to the Forest Code.

2. The list of Questions for the Examination of District Forest Officers should be printed as an appendix to the Forest Code

The Board of Rev 7.5.97 Accts General with reference to his letter dated 20-5-97 & 6.5.97

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

MADRAS.

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Proceedings, Forest No. 92, 6th March 1897.

MARCH.

Approving, with remarks, the revised set of questions for the examination of District Forest-offices forwarded by the Accountant-General, and requesting the sanction of Government for certain addenda to the Forest Code (2nd Edition), proposed by the same officer.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(LAND REVENUE).

READ—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 1629, dated 16th December 1896 :—

Read—letter from the Accountant-General, Madras, dated 27th November 1896, No. L.F.D.—462.

ABSTRACT.—Suggesting certain modifications in the set of questions for the examination of District Forest-offices.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 1629, dated 16th December 1896.

The Board approves of the Accountant-General's proposals subject to the following remarks :—

2. *Question* 14.—Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 638, dated 31st August 1893, quoted by the Accountant-General has been subsequently modified by Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 594, dated 8th October 1895. Under the later order, forest revenue can still be collected by Land Revenue officers.

3. *Question* 17.—Under Government Order, No. 419, Revenue, dated 25th August 1896, the Collector's powers of sanctioning estimates have been transferred to Conservators. The Board, however, thinks it preferable to retain the words "District Forest-officer" in the question. Though under the Code District Forest-officers have no powers of *sanction*, still they have the power to incur expenditure up to Rs. 50 in the case of capital works and Rs. 200 in regard to ordinary works; and for these works it is understood that District Forest-officers receive estimates framed by range officers which they check and pass. The Board therefore considers that it would facilitate check and prevent excess expenditure if such transactions are also shown in form No. 24.

4. *Question* 18.—The Board has no objection to the Accountant-General's suggestion to embody in the Code the provisions of his Circular No. 3331, dated 29th October 1894, in regard to check of double payments. He will therefore be requested to forward a draft amendment to the Code.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Secretary.

To the Accountant-General, with enclosures Nos. 1 and 2 to his letter returned.

READ—also the following letter from F. C. HARRISON, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General to the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Fort St. George, 28th January 1897, No. L.F.D.—594 :—

With reference to Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 1629, dated the 16th December 1896, approving with certain remarks the modifications proposed by me in the set of questions for the examination of the accounts of District Forest-offices, I have the honour to state that agreeably to paragraph 2 of the Proceedings, a new question has been inserted as under :—

"Are the collections of forest revenue, inclusive of that realized by the Revenue Department, without the intervention of the Forest Department, properly checked by the District Forest-officer."

2. The words "District Forest-officer" are retained in the question relating to form No. 24 as per paragraph 3 of the Proceedings and in the light of the Board's view in this connection, the following amendments to the Forest Code are suggested :—

"*Insert as Note to section* 147.—In the above excepted cases, the Range officers will prepare the necessary estimates and submit them to the District Forest-officer for sanction."

In section 155 for the words "sanctioned either by Government, the Board of Revenue or by the Collector" read "sanctioned either by Government, the Board of Revenue, the Conservator or the District Forest-officer."

3. In regard to commission payments to permit-issuing officers, the following amendment to the Forest Code is suggested in conformity with paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings under reply :—

Insert the annexed form No. 27A after page 152.

Insert below "Daily labour form—No. 27" in section 164 "commission payments to permit-issuing officers—27A."

Subject to the approval of the Board, the question concerned has been altered as under :—

"Are payments on account of commission on seigniorage collections always made on Form No. 27A to guard against double claims."

4. I beg to resubmit, herewith, the questions as finally revised and to suggest their being printed as an annexure to the Proceedings in which they are eventually approved.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

To be returned to Remitter.
பணம்செலுத்துகிறவனுக்கு வாபஸ்செய்யவேண்டியது.

(Forest Department Code, paragraphs 163, 164 and 175.)

CHALAN.

(*Vide* Article 3, Civil Account Code.)

Accountant's No. of
Treasury, dated 189 .

By whom brought. யாரால் கொண்டுவரப்பட்டது.	On what account. எந்த பாபத்திக்காக.	Amount. தொகை. Rs.	A.	P.
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Notes as on back—பின்பக்கத்தில் கண்டிருக்கிறபடி நோட்டுகள்.

Silver and copper—வெள்ளி, செம்பு நாணயங்கள்.

Total Rs.—மொத்த தொகை ...

Permit-issuing officer. பர்மிட் இஷ்யூ செய்கிறவர்.

Treasurer—கஜானதி.

Examined and Entered. *Accountant.*

N.B.—To be supplied only to Permit-issuing officers who get commission on collection of revenue.

Commission Payment Voucher.

Form No. 27A. [Section 164.]

Forest Department, Madras, _____ *District*

Number of Notes. தாட்களின் நம்பர்கள்.	Amount. தொகை.		
	Rs.	A.	P.

Head of service. _____ Voucher No. _____

Particulars. விவரம்.	Rs. கூ.	A. அ.	P. ப.
Received from the Range officer of _____ this day being commission due to me on a collection of Rs. _____ taluk treasury at _____ Rs. A. P. remitted into the as detailed on the reverse.			
பின்புறத்தில் விவரித்திருக்கிறபடி தாலூகா கஜானாவில் செலுத்திய கூ. அ. ப. தொகை யின்பேரில் எனக்கு சேரவேண்டிய கமீஷன் தொகை ஆபீசரிடமிருந்து இன்றையதினம் பெற்றுக்கொண்டேன்.			
(*Signature of P.I.O.*) பெ. இ. ஆபீசின் ஒப்பம்.			

Passed for Rs.

District Forest-officer. _____

Paid by me on the 189 . Rs. A. P.

Range Officer _____

RESOLUTION—Forest No. 92, dated 6th March 1897.

The revised set of questions for the examination of District Forest-offices, forwarded with the letter read above, is approved and will be printed as an appendix to this Proceedings.

2. In paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings read again above, the Board pointed out what it understood to be the practice followed by the District Forest-officers in regard to works which they are authorised to execute on their own responsibility. But these officers possess no separate powers of *sanction* under the Forest Code. The amendments to the Code, proposed in paragraph 2 of the Accountant-General's letter, cannot therefore be accepted.

3. The sanction of Government is requested to the addenda to the Code proposed in paragraph 3 of the Accountant-General's letter to guard against double payments on account of commission on seigniorage collections.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ the Accountant-General.
„ all Collectors and Conservators of Forests.

APPENDIX.

QUESTIONS FOR THE EXAMINATION OF DISTRICT FOREST OFFICES.

(*Vide G.O., No.* 448, *Revenue, dated* 19*th May* 1893, *issued under Board's Proceedings, No.* 489, *dated* 27*th June* 1893.)

Answers.	*Questions.*
	1. Are all the accounts and registers prescribed by the Code maintained in the District Forest office? If any are omitted, the reason why should be stated.
	2. (*a*) On what date or dates are the accounts and returns due in the District Forest-office from Range and Taluk offices, and (*b*) are they punctually received?
	As regards cash-book form No. 22.
	3. (*a*) Is the cash-book closed as regards cash transactions simultaneously with the Treasury accounts, and (*b*) are the opening and closing balances the same as those reported in the classified abstract (form No. 33) submitted to the Accountant-General?
	4. Does the book balance always tally with that advised in the cash balance report (form No. 21)?
	5. (*a*) Does the cash-book contain all the particulars mentioned in Code section 160, and (*b*) are the entries thereof posted in the manner described in sections 137, 138 and 160—163?
	6. Are cheques drawn and issued to contractors and disbursers entered *at once* in the cash-book as required by Code section 188?

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DATED 15th May

[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording W.C. from the Secy: Govt: P.W.D stating that 10 upper subordinates of the P.W.D can be made available for famine wants in the I Circle.

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CURRENT No. 81

The Hon: Sir Charles Collyer
Private Secretary to
H.E. the Governor

From

A. McNeil Campbell Esqr.
Secy. to Govt.
P. W. D.

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Dated 10th May 1897
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For Orders. 11.5.97

This is Col. Campbell's reply to the D.O sent to him on the 8th inst with reference to the statement in Sir Le Fanu's D.O that overseers are badly wanted in Tanjore

SUBJECT.

Stating that 10 Upper Subordinates of the P.W.D. can be made available for famine works in the 12th circle.

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Extract from D.O. from W. J. A. Le Hunte Esqr. D/27-4-97.

There will be great difficulty in getting such works as are sanctioned going as it seems that the Superintending Engineer informed the Collector that the supply of overseers is completely exhausted.

I would be glad if Government would make a representation to the Chief Engineer on the subject. The overseers are wanted urgently. It will have a very bad effect if people are retained in the kitchens because works are not ready. Some 15 or so who were sufficiently restored to work were turned out of the Tekkali kitchen by the medical officer. I put them in again, firstly because the medical officer had no authority to turn them out, and secondly because the Principal Assistant, who was present, said that he was not in a position to start the work at once. I ordered the people to be retained in the kitchen until the work was available for them.

(True extract.)

W. Thackeray Wanchope
8/5/97
for Sy. Secy to Govt.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Public Works Department,

+ the Collector? Ootacamund,

10th May 1897.

My dear Stokes

I cannot understand the extract of the D.O. from Le Fanu's letter of the D.O. from Le Fanu and I think he must have misunderstood the Supdtg Engineer's Memorandum the Asst Engr

In view of possible distress I have thought it necessary to have in Ganjam & Vizag & Godavari & Kistna I have not withdrawn any overseers but withdrawn by transfer from these Districts which are in the

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1st Circle: in fact there
are Circles in fact there
seem indeed many there.
Certainly 10 upper subordinates
Certainly 10 upper subordinates
can be made available for
Can be made available for
Examination marks on the 1st Circles
Examination books in the 1st Circ
& I have written to me
& I have written to me
Enquiry on the Subject
Enquiry on the Subject
Yours in a hurry.

Yours truly
Jas. Cornbrash

No. 35

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS · REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Revenue Secretariat,

7th May 1897.

My dear Campbell,

I am desired to forward for your information the enclosed extract from a letter from Letamendi who writes from Tekkali about the state of things in Ganjam.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd) C. Stokes.

D/4 1,000—20-2-96.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No.

From

R.O. for Mr. Letamendi.

R.E. The Secy.
Hon. Mr. Bliss C.I.E.
Hon. Mr. Grose C.I.E.

Dated 189 .

FOR ORDERS.

The papers about this should be communicated to C.E.

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A.G.H. 6.5.97

Circulated for information. The only point calling for orders is as to the sending of Duncan to Ganjam in the charge of work.

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SUBJECT.

Reporting on the State of things in Ganjam as regards famine relief.

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~~Madras,~~ 27- 1897.

REGISTRY OF MADRAS
4 MAY 97

Tekkali

My dear Stokes

I returned from Digâm to Chatrapur, and thence, via Berhampur, to Sompeta, a distressed Centre. The people have held back so long from work and even Kitchens, that they have in many cases fallen into bad condition. I spent two days there with Collector and Senior Asst and over 600 persons had been admitted to gratuitous relief. Besides the usual waifs and strays, there were a large number of Children badly Emaciated. We great very few places. Saw the

difficulties here are, first the Conservatism of the Iriyas, and, secondly, the large area of Zemindari lands, in which Govt can start no irrigation repairs. Even road works are very difficult as gneiss is not common, and the Sandstone and laterite give no real labour test. Taylor is very Energetic, and it is only owing to him that the numbers on grain doles are not larger than they are. The lower Iriya castes arrogate to themselves the Conceits of the Iriyas, but Taylor, with much difficulty, got large numbers of them into the Kitchen. The provision for works is very unsatisfactory for Reason given, however, Taylor is getting large road Estimates prepared. The numbers on work at D'Eganw when I was there were about 500. They are now 2500.

on 24th Went to Barwá (Seaport) and back. Saw Kitchen. Some bad Cases. Also Coolies on Jilw-kipaked quarry: mostly in good Condition

25th to Kasibugga, Shroffed the Iriya lists at Haripur and Boyed in parte. Some bad Cases and bad children. Saw Kitchen at Kasibugga. Satisfactory. Bad children there also. Saw Weavers of Pálása and other Villages. They refused to come in before, but are anxious now for Employment. Out of 148 adults 89 were in good, 47 in indifferent, and 10 in bad condition

26th Sept to Kimidi. The Rajah is behaving very well, the number on Rajah's relief works (1 anna 6 pies, one anna, and 6 pies for men, women and children) have risen from 3000 to 8500. Saw some few bad cases at Jordut, one very bad one. One brother was emaciated and the other had small-pox in very bad form on top of this. Unfortunately, at Meliapetti, the Banians have been doing mischief. They started a kitchen of their own, and admitted a lot of well-to-do plump persons, while the really deserving were outside. It is difficult enough to see that the famine relief Committee does not poach in Govt. relief, but

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but a third form of relief
working on no principles at all
can be only mischievous and
demoralises the people. Saw the
Villages at Chepet and Melapet.
Speaking Tamil & Telugu
had good rain. The growing
is good and the people in fair
Condition and properly looked after.
This Taluk, and it is a large one
Cut Canal is an Entirely Ryotwary
Speaking also the Cattle over the
District are safe, Except in a
very few places. Saw the

Kitchen at Kimidi; Well — managed. Here are great difficulties, already alluded to, about organising grain dlrs. The Collector will prefer to allot this in his next fortnightly. Came on to day – 27th to Tekkali. Saw some tank repairs going on under Rajah of Tekkali. Unfortunately he is insolvent. Cholera is very bad here. In this village alone there have been about 200 deaths. The Collector has taken the Cholera by the throat & there it appeared. Draining off filthy tanks, so that the people cannot use them, and disinfecting wells. An Hospital Assistant was sent here on Special duty, and the brute funked it, and applied for leave, which he did not get. Inspect Kitchen and — Villages this Evening. So tomorrow and do same at Bommali. Ditto 29th at Narasannapeta and then on 30th go to Vizianagaram. All Civilians here good men. The H.Q. Dy Collector, Gurumurti Naidu, ditto. When help asked for is given Government need not have any anxiety about Ganjam.

Sorry to say I saw a few famine babies here and there. Many women have husbands in Burmah and deny that they receive remittances. It is a fact that large remittances do come from Burmah, but there we saw married women in bad condition, they were generally widows or grass widows, and looked as if they did not get remittances from Burmah.

There will be great difficulty in letting such works as are sanctioned going as it seems they

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that the Supervising Engineer informed the Collector ~~that~~ that the Staffy of overseers is completely Exhausted

I would be glad if Government would make a representation to the Chief Engineer on the Subject. The overseers are wanted urgently. It will have a very bad Effect if people are retained in the Kitchens because works are not ready. Some 15 or so Who were sufficiently restored to work were turned out of the Tokkali Kitchen by the Medical Officer. I sent them in again, firstly because the Medical Officer had no authority to turn

them out, and Secondly because the Principal Assistant, who was present, said that he was not in a position to start the work at once. I ordered the people to be retained in the Kitchen until the work was available for them.

There were also people in the Kitchen which is a model. It has been going for 2 months. So there was time to get everything into working shape. All inmates were deserving cases and some in bad condition. On the other hand many children, whom the Collector had found in bad condition on his last visit, had been picked up. A few who are in very bad case were placed on special diet by the Medical Officer.

There were cases requiring treatment in the kitchen and I told him to come and treat them there, as the people object to go to the hospital especially as cholera is in the town.

When I last saw his Excellency he asked me if all was right for the Cut-off Scarcity relief, and I said yes. Since then Sahe has reported some cases in which "by long and continuous Earned more than the A wage. I was inclined at once to order that Earnings should be limited to the A wage; but I was not sure that Sahe was right as to the number of persons employed on each loom, and, possibly, the

people might be working by
shifts. I also further reported
that, owing to failure of the P.W.
Stores to supply proper scales,
the weighments at Jammalma-
-dugu from December the End
of March had been made with
stones. He says that he had only
just come to learn this. I think
he ought to have known it before,
and the Lazy ideas entertained
on the subject are shown by the
Divisional Officer's remark that
Government would lose in weigh-
-ment of cloths because the stones
in time had lost weight. Steps
have been taken to supply proper
scales and further reports have
been called for. It is not clear

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how Some could Earn more than the Average while others were Complaining of being fined for short weight, which is more Strange as Binny & Co tells me that the Conjeeveram added just balances the loss in weight in the thread in weaving. Having regard to the very primitive appliances used in weaving I do not think it would be safe to take any action pending receipt of reports called for.

I am sorry to find that Smallpox is so prevailing

in some parts. I saw bad cases in the Northern Division, but was assured that it was dying out; it seems to be breaking out Elsewhere - Our Starting Point for Bonnieux -

Yours sincerely
A. Mc Cann.

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