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[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording with remarks upon
the Financial Rep^t passing review on
the Grant estimates of receipts of the
Colonial and other Public, and also and shares
of Gov^t Colonial Lands, Kilgus for 1895-1896

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NOVEMBER.

Budget Estimates.

Passing orders on the — of receipts of the Government Botanical and other Public Gardens and charges of Government Botanical Gardens, the Nilgiris, for 1899-1900.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From A. BUTTERWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Collector of the Nilgiris, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Stone House Hill, dated Ootacamund, 29th September 1898, D. Dis. No. 388.

I have the honour to submit herewith the budget estimates of XXI-A and 26-G and 30-D relating to Government Botanical Gardens for the year 1899-1900, together with the Curator's letter, No. 470, dated 19th September 1898, giving reasons for the adoption of the figures entered in the estimates.

2. *Paragraph (1) of the Curator's letter, No. 470.*—The proposal to amalgamate the budgets seems unobjectionable but the change can hardly be regarded as necessary in any way.

3. *Paragraph 2.*—The proposal of the Curator to raise the pay of each peon from Rs. 8 to Rs. 9 may be passed as involving only a petty additional charge.

4. *Paragraph 3.*—The proposed increase in the working charges for 1899-1900 may be sanctioned to be met out of savings indicated below. As for the additional grant of Rs. 250 in the revised estimate, I have asked the Curator to make a special application as provided in Rule 13 of the instructions relating to the preparation of budget estimates. As no saving is apparent in the budget for the current year, it is improbable that the Curator will be able to make out a case for an additional allotment in the present financial pressure.

5. *Paragraph 4.*—An addition of Rs. 100 under "Horticultural and other implements" is recommended, so that the estimate for 1899-1900 will be Rs. 300. The jump from Rs. 200 to Rs. 500 does not seem to have been justified. The increase of Rs. 100 will be met by the saving indicated below.

6. *Paragraph 5.*—I agree with the Curator in thinking that the charges for supplying seeds for soldiers' gardens should be debited to the Military department. It is quite proper that the Curator should purchase and distribute seeds for soldiers' gardens but, now that this Government has no control over the army and its funds, there is no apparent reason why this annual donation should be made to the Imperial Exchequer. If this item of expenditure be cut out, the saving will much more than cover all the proposed increases in the budget for 1899-1900.

7. *Paragraph 6.*—This question of the grouping of the four minor heads is one on which I can express no opinion. The distribution of the proposed lump allotment may be made as shown below, the Curator having agreed to this arrangement :—

	Rs.
(a) Purchase of European articles each costing less than Rs. 5 ..	100
(b) " of " " " not less than Rs. 5 ..	500
(c) " of country " " less than Rs. 50 ..	100
(d) " of " " " not less than Rs. 50 ..	300
Total ..	1,000

8. *Paragraph 7.*—I see no objection to the lumping of all petty repairs under one general head "Petty repairs", but I am by no means in favour of petty repairs to buildings being carried out by the Public Works department. Its rates are high, its procedure slow, and such works as repairs to green houses might very well be left to the Curator, the Public Works department providing the funds. I believe a similar arrangement holds for the Lawrence Asylum.

9. *Paragraph 8.*—With regard to the Curator's proposal, I note that the two detailed heads "Carriage of plants" and "Railway fare, &c.," fall under two distinct minor heads "Supplies and services" and "Contingencies." "Carriage charges" is perhaps a more appropriate term than "Railway fare, &c.," and there seems no particular reason why "Carriage of plants" should appear as a separate detailed head instead of under a head, "Carriage charges," which would also include all railway charges.

10. *Paragraph 9.*—The Curator's proposals appear to be unobjectionable.

11. *Receipts—Paragraph 10—Government Gardens and Sale of Seeds; Paragraph 11—Medicinal Gardens—Value of drugs supplied to the Indian Medical Department.*—It will be observed that receipts under "Sale of seeds, &c.," are reduced in the budget for 1899-1900 from Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 2,000, because the Curator proposes to discontinue purchase of vegetable seeds for the public. On the expenditure side under "Developing vegetable products" no reduction appears and, questioned about this, the Curator explains that he proposes to spend what would otherwise have gone upon ordinary vegetable seeds upon the introduction of "Seeds and plants of ornamental and economic value" for experimental purposes. He admits that the proposed allotment under this head might be somewhat reduced, if the sale of seeds to the public is discontinued and, as I support his proposal to discontinue it, I would suggest that the allotment under "Developing vegetable products" be reduced from Rs. 800 to Rs. 600 for 1899-1900.

It may be said that the sale of seed to the public appears to be profitable and that it would therefore be unwise to discontinue it, but I have ascertained from the Curator that the receipts under "Sale of seeds, &c.," are swollen by the inclusion of surplus seed purchased, not from the grant under "Developing vegetable products" but from that under "Cost of supplying seeds to other gardens." The Curator does not, apparently, regard the sale of ordinary seeds to the public as a profitable business and it certainly hardly seems a business which the Curator should undertake now a days. The proposals of the Curator regarding the head "Medicinal gardens, &c.," are supported.

ENCLOSURE.

From R. L. PROUDLOCK, Esq., Curator, Government Botanical Gardens, Ootacamund, to the Collector of the Nilgiris, dated 19th September 1898, No. 470.

In continuation of, and with reference to, this office letter, No. 469, dated 19th September 1898, I have the honour to recommend that certain changes be made in the budget estimates for this department, which I trust you will be good enough to forward for the favourable consideration of Government. They are dealt with, as printed in the budget estimates, *seriatim*.

(1) The budgets for *Other Public Gardens* and for *Botanical Gardens* and for "Stationery and Printing at Private Presses" may be styled *BOTANICAL GARDENS AND PARKS, NILGIRIS* and be sent in as one budget for the whole department on a certain date, and not as two budgets sent in on different dates as is the practice at present.

(2) The *two servants* (peons) on Rs. 8 are, I think, too poorly paid. I recommend that they should receive at least Rs. 9 per month each, and I have accordingly made provisions in the budget estimate for 1899-1900 for the increments I recommend. The increments may be given from the 1st April 1899.

(3) The *working charges* are found insufficient for the proper maintenance of the gardens; so, I have the honour to request that an additional sum of Rs. 250 may be sanctioned for the current year and an additional sum of Rs. 500 for the year 1899-1900.

(4) *Horticultural and other implements.*—I find Rs. 200 insufficient for purchasing lawn mowers and other horticultural implements from England or elsewhere, so have to ask for transfer of allotment to meet the charges which legitimately fall under this head. I, therefore,

have the honour to request that Government may be pleased to sanction an additional grant of Rs. 300, making a total of Rs. 500, under this head. The additional allotment has been entered in the budget for 1899-1900.

(5) *Cost of supplying seeds to other gardens.*—The sum of Rs. 3,000 is provided for the purchase of seeds for soldiers' gardens, i.e., for all the regimental gardens in the Madras Command. I obtain vegetable seeds from England and supply each regiment on indent with what seeds I think are requisite. This would appear to be a military, rather than a civil, charge, and I request permission to strike the item of Rs. 3,000 out of the budget for 1899-1900.

(6) I request permission to lump the following items together, viz :—

	Rs.
"Purchase of European articles each costing less than ..	5
" of " " " not less than ..	5
" of country " " less than ..	50
" of " " " not less than ..	50

under one head, viz., "Purchase of European and country articles".

(7) *Petty Repairs to Buildings* is wrong as I do not undertake such repairs. The allotment is spent on the repair of tools, for which purpose two carpenters and a black-smith have to be employed temporarily but regularly and daily wages. With a large staff of coolies employed tool handles are being broken every day, and lawn mowers require daily attention and frequent adjustment and repairs. I therefore recommend that the head should read *Petty repairs*. The buildings in the garden are in charge of the Public Works department, and it would appear to be the duty of that department to keep them in good repair. The plant houses in particular are, I regret to say, in very bad order, and I would be very glad if they could be put into a state of thorough repair.

(8) *Railway fare, &c.*, is a somewhat limited and in appropriate term. The head would be more accurately designated *freight charges* as this term would cover carrying charges of every description by sea and on land, i.e., by ship, boat, rail, carriage, cart or cooly. The head *carriage of plants* may be omitted, as it would fall very appropriately under the proposed term of *freight charges* and I request that a sum of Rs. 800 be provided under this head for the year 1899-1900.

(9) I have the honour to request that the following new heads may be entered in the budget, viz :—

Heads.	Budget estimate, 1899-1900.	Revised estimate, 1898-1899.
Advertisement charges	150	50
Pleaders' fees	50	20
Purchase of chemicals	20	10

(10) *Receipts—Government Gardens—Sale of Seeds, Plants, &c.*—A considerable portion of the receipts is realized by the sale of imported vegetable seeds to the public. Last year I got out some of the finest varieties of vegetable seeds from Sutton and Sons with the object of selling them to cultivators of vegetables. I find, however, that the demand for such seeds is so limited that it scarcely justifies their purchase for sale to the public. The public demand is for cheap, to moderately priced, vegetable seeds; and such seeds can be easily obtained from nursery men and others in this country. This garden is not, therefore, in my opinion, now materially helping forward the resources of the country by importing and selling ordinary vegetable seeds to the public, and it appears to me to be rather a waste of energy to continue to do so. Of course the policy of introducing and cultivating anything new or rare in the way of seeds or plants of economic value will still be watchfully and carefully attended to for the benefit of the country. These vegetable seeds are purchased from the allotment of Rs. 800 for "developing the vegetable products", but I may mention that any surplus seeds that may remain after supplying soldiers' gardens are sold to the public without delay, as, if kept till the following season, they would lose their power of germination and thereby be rendered worthless. The amounts realized by such sales are credited as revenue to Government. If Government agree with my proposal, the budget estimate for 1899-1900 should be reduced to Rs. 2,000 under "Government gardens—Sale of seeds, plants, &c.," and I have entered these figures in it accordingly.

(11) *Medical Gardens—Value of drugs supplied to the Indian Medical Department*—There is scarcely any demand by the Indian Medical Department for drugs, and I have accordingly reduced the revised and budget estimates under this head to Rs. 60 and to Rs. 50, respectively. Jalap is grown on a large scale by the Cinchona department and not by this garden. Only a small supply of tubers is grown in the garden to meet the wants of intending growers of the drug.

ORDER—No. 1095, Financial, dated 22nd November 1898.

In submitting the budget estimates relating to the Botanical Gardens a number of questions have been raised which should be submitted separately for the consideration and orders of the Government. Further the estimates of the Curator have not been revised in the Collector's office with reference to the Collector's recommendations. The estimates, as thus recommended to be revised, are sanctioned subject to the following remarks :—

XXI-A. SCIENTIFIC, &C., DEPARTMENTS—BOTANICAL AND OTHER PUBLIC GARDENS—Receipts.—The question of the growth of Jalap by the Curator and its discontinuance by the Cinchona department will be dealt with separately. Pending the decision of the question, the provision of Rs. 200 made in the budget estimate for the current year under "Medicinal Gardens—Value of the Drugs supplied to the Indian Medical department" will be repeated both in the revised estimate for the current year and in the budget estimate for the ensuing year.

26-G. SCIENTIFIC, &C., DEPARTMENTS—BOTANICAL GARDENS—Charges.—(i) The increased provision made for raising the pay of the two servants from Rs. 8 to Rs. 9 will be retained; but, with reference to note (i) to article 156 of the Civil Account Code, separate proposals for increasing the pay of the servants should be submitted for the orders of Government.

(ii) The Government cannot accept without more detailed reasons than those now furnished the increased provision of Rs. 500 made in the budget estimate for the ensuing year under "Working Charges." The increase will accordingly be cut out.

(iii) The question of the debit of the cost of supplying seeds to Soldiers' Gardens to the budget of the Botanical Gardens cannot now be re-opened. A provision of Rs. 3,000 will accordingly be made for the purpose in the budget estimate for the ensuing year.

(iv) The proposal to add the following heads to the budget is approved, items (b) and (c) being shown under *Supplies and Services* :—

- (a) "Advertisement charges,"
- (b) "Pleaders' fees," and
- (c) "Purchase of chemicals".

(v) The heading "Petty Repairs to Buildings" will be altered into "Petty Repairs", and the heads "Carriage of Plants" under *Supplies and Services* and "Railway Fare" under *Contingencies* will be incorporated under one head "Freight Charges".

(vi) The Government sees no sufficient reason to incorporate the four heads now given under "Purchase of European and Country Articles" into a single head.

2. The Government does not approve the amalgamation of the two budgets "Other Public Gardens" and "Botanical Gardens." Both these budgets should, however, be submitted for the future so as to reach the Financial Department by the 1st October each year. The necessary alterations will be made in the appendices to G.O., No. 580, Financial, dated 5th July 1898.

(True Extract.)

A. Edington
for Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
" Collector of the Nilgiris.
" Accountant-General.
Editors' Table.

Exd. C. M. Thumbarwamy.

[Appendix.]

RECEIPTS.

DETAILED ACCOUNT No. XXI-A.—SCIENTIFIC, ETC., DEPARTMENTS—Botanical and other Public Garden Receipts.

	Budget estimate, 1899-1900.	Revised estimate, 1898-99.	Budget estimate, 1898-99.	Accounts, 1897-98.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
PROVINCIAL.				
Government Gardens—Sale of Seeds, Plants, &c.	(a) 2,000	3,000	3,000	3,395
Barlyar Gardens—Sale of Seeds, Plants, &c.	300	300	300	106
Medicinal Gardens—Value of Drugs supplied to the Indian Medical department.	200	200	200	..
Total ..	2,500	3,500	3,500	3,501

EXPENDITURE.

DETAILED ACCOUNT No. 26-G.—SCIENTIFIC, &c., DEPARTMENTS—Botanical and other Public Gardens.

	Numbers.		Budget estimate for 1899-1900.	Revised estimate for 1898-99.	Budget estimate for 1898-99.	Accounts, 1897-98.
	1898-99.	1899-1900.				
PROVINCIAL.						
BOTANICAL GARDENS.						
			RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Salaries—	1	1	Curator (350)	4,200	4,200	4,200
	1	1	Exchange compensation allowance	300	285	339
Establishment—	1	1	Overseer, General (50)	600	600	600
	1	1	Nursery Overseer (25)	300	300	300
	1	1	Clerk (50)	600	600	600
	2	2	Servants (9) (b)	216	192	192
				1,716	1,692	1,592
Allowances—			Travelling allowance	500	500	500
Supplies and Services—			Working charges	5,500	5,500	5,500
			Developing the vegetable products	(c) 600	800	800
			Horticultural and other implements	(d) 300	200	200
			Labelling	300	300	300
			Experimental Gardens, Gádalar	..	40	20
			Cabinets and materials for the Herbarium	20	20	20
			Library charges	300	300	300
			Cost of supplying seeds to other gardens	3,000	3,000	3,000
			Pleaders' fees (e)	50	20	..
			Purchase of chemicals (e)	20	10	..
			Freight charges	800	800	1,000
				10,890	10,990	11,140
Contingencies—			Purchase of European articles each costing less than Rs. 5	100	100	100
			Purchase of European articles each costing not less than Rs. 5	500	500	500
			Purchase of country articles each costing less than Rs. 50	100	100	164
			Purchase of country articles each costing not less than Rs. 50	300	300	300
			Petty repairs	800	800	879
			Liveries and clothing of servants	24	24	20
			Postage charges	50	50	47
			Telegraph charges	10	10	2
			Rents, rates and taxes	300	400	85
			Packing charges	200	200	29
			Advertisement charges (e)	150	50	..
				2,534	2,534	2,648
			Total, Botanical Gardens ..	20,140	20,201	20,519
				500		17,704
				20,640		

Accounts for four months from April to July 1898-99.	EXPLANATORY REMARKS.
RS. 1,068 64 ..	(a) The decrease in the budget estimate for the ensuing year is due to no provision having been made for the importation of seeds for sale to the public.
1,132	

Accounts for four months, 1898-99.	EXPLANATORY REMARKS.
RS. 1,400 92 149 47 164 63	
423	(b) It is proposed to raise the pay of the servants from Rs. 8 to Rs. 9.
252	
1,790	
..	(c) The decrease is due to the reduction made under XXI-A. Government Gardens—"Sale of seeds, plants, &c."—vide remark (a).
60	(d) The provision of Rs. 200 made for the current year has been found insufficient.
15	
51	
562	
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96	(e) Provision has been made for the expenditure likely to be incurred under these heads.
2,574	
118	
13	
..	
48	
..	
179	
4,920	

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(C No. 8537 of 98 & 514 of 99)

From The Financial Department

No 1095 of 98 & 70 of 99 Dated 22.11.98 & 10-1-1899.

FOR ORDERS.

DETAILED ACCOUNT No. 30-D.—STATIONERY AND PRINTING.—Printing at Private Presses.

Particulars.	Budget Estimate, 1899-1900.	Revised Estimate, 1898-99.	Budget Estimate, 1898-99.	Accounts, 1897-98.	Accounts for four months, April to July 1898-99.
SCIENTIFIC, &c., DEPARTMENTS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Botanical Gardens	50	50	50	49	..

To Under Secy.:

The Draft order on C. No 8537. was held over under directions from the Secy pending consideration of the question whether the amount of Rs 600 originally provided under "Working charges" should be restored, and whether the debit of the cost of supplying seeds to soldiers gardens to the Botanical Dept should be discontinued. The Financial Dept has now issued orders restoring the original figure of Rs 600 under "Working charges" (C. No. 514 of 99); and it is understood that the second question is under consideration and that separate orders will issue.

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if necessary.

For order as to whether
the draft on C. No. 8537
may now issue. Please
see also draft order sub-
mitted on C. No. 514 for
approval.

W.R.
23/1/89

Secy.

Both drafts may
issue if approved.

W.R.
24/1/89

Sollicitor
Hon. Mr. J. B. 11/5

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26.1.89

Prop of the Financial Dept.
No 1095. D 22. 11. 88
(C. No. 8537)

S.O. No. 388 D 26 Jan 1899

Recorded with the
following remarks:-
(i). The budget estimate for
the coming year under "Govt
Gardens". Sale of seeds, plants,
shows a decrease of Rs 1,000
as compared with the budget
and revised estimates for the
current year owing to the
fact that it is proposed
to discontinue the importation
and sale of seed to the public.
It should, however, be remembered
that one of the objects of the
Gardens is to rear and distribute
seed of useful and ornamental
plants. The Curator should
accordingly direct his attention
towards expanding the income
of the Gardens from this
source.

(ii) With reference to para

2 of the Prop both the budgets
should be submitted so
as to reach the Revenue
Dept by the 15th September
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The Collector of the Nilgiris
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