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[Despatch Abstract.]

Requesting the D.P.S. to report on the
proposal of the D.T. Board, Madras to
hand over the Normal Department of
the Technical Institute at Madras
to Govt.

BACK PAPERS.

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Streets of Ramnad, Devakottai and Paramagudi	2,000
Repairing the streets of Nilakkottai, Bódina, ...	500
Surveying Mélur and Nattam Unions	500
Total	8,100

45. Owing to the transfer of the dispensary at Tiruvádánai to Tondi to meet the wishes of the Ceylon Government, it has developed into a major dispensary, and an extra charge on account of establishment, Rs. 470 (besides the pay of the apothecary), has to be incurred. The Taluk Board requests that this amount may be contributed by that Government and that it may be addressed accordingly.

46. *Contributions.*—The provision is the same as in the current year, and the details are as follow:—

	RS.
(1) To Provincial funds towards sanitary inspection	1,600
(2) „ Madura Municipality for sanitary arrangements during the Chitral festival	200
(3) „ Madura Municipality for diet charges of patients	1,300
(4) „ Dindigul Municipality on account of women's and children's hospital	600
(5) „ Palni Municipality on account of dispensary	1,000
(6) „ Periyakulam Municipality on account of dispensary	750
(7) „ Periyakulam Municipality for vaccination in Local Fund villages	120
(8) „ American Mission dispensary at Madura	500
(9) „ American Mission dispensary at Dindigul	1,850
(10) „ American Mission dispensary at Pasumalai	90
(11) „ the American Mission authorities towards the upkeep of the Aruppukottai dispensary	550
Total	8,560

47. A sum of Rs. 1,400 under the Taluk Boards and Rs. 300 under the District Board have been provided for unforeseen charges which may be incurred in the course of the year on account of cholera, small-pox, &c.

48. *Grant 4, Public and Charitable Institutions.*—The provision for expenditure under this grant is Rs. 21,180 against the current year's allotment of Rs. 21,600 and Rs. 20,705, the actuals of 1897-98.

49. *Markets.*—A kavalgar on Rs. 4 has been entertained for the Aiyampalayam market. The decrease is mainly due to the Dindigul Taluk Board not having to pay ground rents for its markets as it has purchased sites of its own.

1898-99	RS. 3,120
1899-1900	2,850

agencies and Rs. 300 in was inadequate. The de... ingen- due to the Ramnad Taluk Board having by mistake hitherto shown the expenditure of Rs. 500 under Law charges under this head.

	RS.	
1898-99	640	51. <i>Miscellaneous Endowed Institutions.</i> —The increase is due to the entertainment of a man for distribution of water in the Tirumangalam water-pandal.
1899-1900	670	

	RS.	
1898-99	3,710	52. <i>Lighting charges.</i> —The decrease is due to the reduction of lights in Usilampatti union, abolition of lighting in Nattam union, and a decrease in the charges of the lights of the Ramnad Taluk Board. This is agreeable to the order of Government on the subject.
1899-1900	3,590	

53. *Grant 5, Supervision and Management.*—The expenditure under this grant is estimated at Rs. 38,830 against Rs. 32,820 in the current year and Rs. 29,414, the actuals of 1897-98.

	RS.	
1898-99	3,550	54. <i>Establishment in the Collector's Office.</i> —The provision for next year includes the annual increments to the pay of the head and second accountants of that department sanctioned in G.O., No. 564 L., dated 20th March 1897.
1899-1900	3,570	

	RS.	
1898-99	10,660	55. <i>Local Boards' Office Establishment.</i> —The pay of the 2nd and 3rd clerks of the District Board office having been considered inadequate compared with other districts of similar standing and in view of the heavy and increasing work in the
1899-1900	14,190	

District Board office, the District Board has sanctioned the increase of their pay from Rs. 35 to Rs. 40 and Rs. 25 to Rs. 30, respectively. It is requested that Government will be pleased to approve of this. The proposals of the President, Dindigul Taluk Board, to raise the pay of the 2nd clerk from Rs. 20 to Rs. 22½ and attender from Rs. 7 to Rs. 8, of the President, Melūr Taluk Board, to raise the pay of the head clerk from Rs. 17½ to Rs. 20, and of the Ramnad Taluk Board to increase the pay of the head clerk from Rs. 25 to Rs. 30 are recommended for approval, as the subordinates mentioned are of long standing and otherwise deserve the increase.

56. The Dindigul Taluk Board has provided a permanent bill-collector on Rs. 8 for the Bódináykkannūr union instead of a temporary one for six months as in the current year, in view of the fact that the rate of house-tax has been increased from half to the maximum rates and security has to be furnished. Temporary bill-collectors for six months have been provided for as in last year by that Taluk Board for Ayakkudi and Cumbum unions. A bill-collector on Rs. 5 for Tiruppattūr union, where collection is lax, has been provided for by the Sivaganga Taluk Board. The Ramnad

dated 25th November 189... current year.

61. The aggregate allotment of grants thus amounts to Rs. 6,29,490 against the current year's provision of Rs. 10 and Rs. 5,67,186, the actuals of 1897-98. The balance left is Rs. 8,150 which Rs. 8,150 appertain to the Union funds, Rs. 21,610 to Endowment funds, Rs. 23,920 or 5 per cent. of the general funds to General fund.

62. A map of the district is enclosed.

63. This report was passed at the District Board meeting of the 10th instant (copy of resolution enclosed).

From the President, District Board, Madura, dated 22nd December 1898, Dis. No. 1570.

ABSTRACT.—Stating that a sum of Rs. 46,930 has been provided in the revised estimate for 1898-99 on account of plague expenditure.

From the President, District Board, Madura, dated 9th January 1899, R.C. No. 147.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting sanction for the appointment of a clerk on Rs. 20 to work under the Special Deputy Collector in connection with the opening of Periyār cross roads.

From the Hon'ble Mr. D. DUNCAN, M.A., D.Sc., LL.D., Director of Public Instruction, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated Madras, 11th January 1899, No. 382.

With reference to the educational portion of the budget estimate of the Madura District Board for 1899-1900, I have the honour to state that the provision made therein under the several heads is in accordance with the recommendations of this department and may be accepted. The net expenditure under Grant 2 proposed by the Board is Rs. 52,800 (Rs. 71,820—19,020), which is 16·5 per cent. of the estimated income from land-cess as in the current year.

From Surgeon-General C. SIBTHORPE, C.B., F.R.C.P.I., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated Madras, 18th January 1899, No. 59.

I have the honour to state that the provision made in Grant 3 of the budget estimate of the District Board, Madura, for the maintenance of the hospitals and dispensaries for the year 1899-1900 is adequate and calls for no further remarks.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

From C. J. WEIR, Esq., President, District Board, Madura, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated 10th December 1898, Dis. No. 1569.

I have the honour to forward herewith the Local Fund budget estimate of receipts and charges of the Madura district for 1899-1900 together with the usual statements as per list enclosed and the map of the district.

REVISED ESTIMATE FOR 1898-99.

2. The difference between the original and revised estimates for 1898-99 is fully explained in the last column of statement IX. The closing balance of the revised estimate is Rs. 1,35,180 as against Rs. 58,900 in the budget estimate. The increase of Rs. 76,280 is the resultant of an increase of Rs. 1,00,160 in receipts over estimate and an increase in expenditure of Rs. 23,880. The increase in receipts is mainly due to the opening balance of 1898-99 having been larger by Rs. 57,380 than what was estimated owing to increase of receipts over estimate in 1897-98, and also to increase in the current year to the extent of Rs. 42,780 mainly under "Tolls," "Land-cess," "House-tax" and "Miscellaneous." The increase in expenditure is due to additional allotments having been made for plague charges, for sanitation, and for education. There was a reduction in expenditure on public works. Of the closing balance of Rs. 1,35,180, Rs. 15,860 appertain to Union funds, Rs. 27,080 to Endowment funds and Rs. 92,240 to General funds.

3. Under G.O., No. 889 L., dated 17th May 1894, the following changes and appointments were made by the Taluk Boards concerned in anticipation of sanction. By the Tirumangalam Taluk Board, owing to an increase in the strength of the infant standard class of the Lower Secondary school, a teacher on Rs. 5 per mensem was appointed. By the Ramnad Taluk Board, owing to the poor attendance in the Nainarkovil salary-result school, the provision made for this for a headmaster on Rs. 9 and a second master on Rs. 6 was transferred to the Uthrakosamangai school; the pay of the cook of the Narikudi chattram has been increased from Rs. 5 to Rs. 6; a karnam on Rs. 7 per mensem for the villages attached to the Vellayan Servai's chattram was entertained; and the pay of the clerks of the Abiramam and Kilakarai unions was increased from Rs. 10 and Rs. 11 to Rs. 11 and Rs. 12, respectively, in consideration of the dearness of living in these places. By the Sivaganga Taluk Board a kavalgar and a sweeper for the Tiruppattūr chattram, the management of which has been taken over by it, were entertained. A proposition statement for these and other changes is attached, and the sanction of Government is now solicited for the same. The approval of Government will be separately obtained for taking over the management of the chattram above referred to by the Taluk Board.

Under "Contributions" Board towards the

1,000 is expected from the Tinnevely District Board of the Aruppukottai.

BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR 1899-1900.

Receipts.

4. The total receipts including the opening balance are expected to amount to Rs. 6,83,170 against the current year's estimate of Rs. 6,37,510 and Rs. 7,44,724, the actuals of 1897-98. The difference is chiefly due to the difference in the opening balance and to the causes explained under the following items.

5. *Cess on Land*.—The estimated increase is due to extension of cultivation in the Periyār affected tracts.

	RS.
1898-99	3,15,000
1899-1900	3,19,480

6. *House-tax*.—The increase is mainly due to the rate of house-tax in Bodinayakanūr union having been increased from half to the maximum rates under G.O., Mis. No. 1870 L., dated 3rd October 1898, and also in part to the increase in the number of houses to be taxed in the unions under the Sivaganga Taluk Board.

	RS.
1898-99	49,890
1899-1900	52,810

7. *Tolls*.—The estimate for the current year has been adopted.

	RS.
1898-99	46,000
1899-1900	46,000

8. *Educational Receipts*.—The large increase is due to receipts from the work expected to be turned out by the Technical Institute owing to the development of the institute on the lines suggested by the Educational authorities, which the District Board has accepted (*vide* paragraph 32 *infra*) to the increased strength of the primary schools under the Madura and Mélūr Taluk Boards and of the Lower Secondary school in Tirumangalam, to the inclusion of two new schools under the management of the Sivaganga Taluk Board and to the levy of higher rate of fees in the primary schools under the Tirumangalam Taluk Board. The following usual contributions are budgeted for :—

	RS.
(1) From the Madura Municipality towards the industrial department of the Technical Institute, Madura	1,000
(2) From the Palni Municipality towards inspection by Local Fund inspecting schoolmaster of the municipal schools	50
Total	1,050

9. *Medical, Vaccination and Sanitation Receipts*.—The increase is mainly due to the inclusion of the sale-proceeds of street sweepings which were hitherto shown under sundry receipts. The contributions are as detailed below :—

	RS.
1898-99	3,240
1899-1900	3,690

	RS.
(1) From the Madura Municipality towards the District Medical and Sanitary Officer's establishment	190
(2) From the ryots of the Madura taluk for sanitary purposes	125
(3) From the Tiruparangundram Devasthanam for sanitation	75
(4) Contribution from Sāptūr estate towards the dispensary at Sāptūr and sanitation	760
(5) From the ryots of Mélūr for improvement of water-supply	50
(6) From the Travancore Government towards the upkeep of the Bodinayakanūr hospital	110
(7) From Rāmeswaram Devasthanam towards the upkeep of Pāmban and Rāmeswaram dispensaries (Rs. 540) and towards making sanitary arrangements during the Adi festival at Rāmeswaram (Rs. 100)	640
Total	1,950

1898-99	Rs. 1,170	10. <i>Interest</i> .—Increase is due to the additional investment of Rs. 2,000 proposed to be made out of the Narikudi and Muthanendal chattram funds.
1899-1900	Rs. 1,250	

1898-99	Rs. 2,270	11. <i>Miscellaneous — Contributions</i> .—The details of the contributions expected are as follow :—
1899-1900	Rs. 2,225	

1. From Sholavandan people for lighting Sholavandan union	Rs. 130
2. From the people of Peraiyur for lighting the Peraiyur union (Rs. 120) and of Usilampatti for Usilampatti union (Rs. 15)	Rs. 135
3. Contribution from the Raja of Ramnad for lighting Ramnad union	Rs. 800
4. From the Rameswaram Devasthanam for lighting Rameswaram and Pamban	Rs. 400
5. From the Palayampatti estate for lighting that union	Rs. 150
6. From the Chetties of Devakota for lighting that union	Rs. 600
7. From the people of Devipatam union for lighting that union	Rs. 10
Total	Rs. 2,225

12. *Income from Choultries*.—The increase is due to the incomes from the Karupatti chattram newly transferred to the management of the Madura Taluk Board (*vide* G.O., No. 1298 L., dated 18th July 1898), and from Tiruppattur chattram which has been taken under the Sivaganga Taluk Board in the year; to the increased receipts from the lands attached to the Vellayan Servai's chattram and also from the lands attached to the Narikudi and Muthanendal chattrams owing to the irrigation tanks having been thoroughly repaired recently.

1898-99	Rs. 23,420	13. <i>Income from Markets</i> .—The amount has been fixed with reference to the actual lease amount of the current year, which has been large owing to keen competition.
1899-1900	Rs. 19,350	

1898-99	Rs. 570	14. <i>Miscellaneous Endowed Institutions</i> .—The estimated receipts are about the same as the current year's.
1899-1900	Rs. 580	

1898-99	Rs. 3,280	15. <i>Fees and Fines</i> .—The increase is chiefly due to better working of the Towns Nuisances Act.
1899-1900	Rs. 3,985	

1898-99	Rs. 6,960	16. <i>Sale-proceeds of avenue clippings, &c.</i> —This is a fluctuating item.
1899-1900	Rs. 7,820	

17. *Ferry Receipts*.—The figures for the current year have been adopted. The establishment of a ferry over the Vaigai at Manamadura sanctioned in G.O., Mis. No. 1973 L., dated 18th October 1898, will not affect the receipts, as the ferry at Kunnur was washed away and some time will be taken before it is restored.

1898-99	Rs. 5,310	18. <i>Public Works Receipts</i> .—The sale of the Usilampatti chattram pettah is expected to fetch Rs. 1,000. The excess receipts for 1898-99 were mainly due to the sale of the Paramakudi Local Fund bungalow and the Tiruppattur and Tiruvadanai dispensary buildings.
1899-1900	Rs. 2,650	

1898-99	Rs. 1,090	19. <i>Staging Bungalows</i> .—The Dindigul Taluk Board expects larger receipts from the bungalows under its control.
1899-1900	Rs. 1,190	

Under "Contributions" Rs. 1,000 is expected from the Tinnevely District Board towards the construction of the Tinnevely portion of the Aruppukottai-Virudupatti road.

1898-99	Rs. 15,410	20. <i>Contribution from Provincial Funds</i> .—The details of this sum are as below :—
1899-1900	Rs. 18,660	

1. Grant towards pay, stipends, &c., of the Normal Department (Rs. 2,180), Industrial Department (Rs. 3,760) and Agricultural Department (Rs. 530)	Rs. 6,470
2. Grant towards pay of teachers in Board's Lower Secondary and 4th Standards of Upper Primary schools	Rs. 1,670
3. Grant towards treating the Police sick at Ramnad	Rs. 80
4. Grant towards the cost of medicines for Kodakanal	Rs. 120
5. One-eighth pay of medical subordinates	Rs. 2,540
6. Annual assignment to choultries	Rs. 7,780
Total	Rs. 18,660

The increase is mainly due to credit being taken for one-eighth pay of medical subordinates under G.O., No. 454 L., dated 11th March 1898, and towards the pay of the teachers of the Technical Institute.

21. *Allotment from the District Fund*.—Rs. 40,400 have been allotted to the several Taluk Boards from the District fund, to enable them to provide for their necessary charges and give a working balance. The amount includes the re-allotment of Rs. 10,000 to the Madura Taluk Board withdrawn from the Sholavandan chattram funds under G.O., Mis. No. 855 L., dated 7th May 1898.

Expenditure.

22. *Grant 1*.—The provision made is Rs. 3,07,310 against the current year's estimate of Rs. 3,36,020 and Rs. 3,12,368, the actuals of 1897-98. The reduction is due mainly to providing funds for the plague expenditure.

1898-99	Rs. 7,330	23. <i>New Works</i> .—The following are the important works provided for :—
1899-1900	Rs. 49,760	

1. Construction of road No. 23-A, Aruppukottai to Virudupatti (Madura portion)	Rs. 2,500
2. Construction of a girder bridge in the 65th mile of road No. 2, Madura to Ramnad	Rs. 4,460
3. Acquisition of lands for constructing a road from Madura to Sekkudi	Rs. 2,000
4. Acquisition of lands for cross roads in the Periyar affected tracts	Rs. 2,000
5. Construction of four miles of road No. 10, Ramnad to Devipatam	Rs. 3,950
6. Metalling 3rd and 4th miles of road No. 10, Ramnad to Devipatam	Rs. 2,000
7. Improving the town roads of Devakota (Rs. 1,200) of Karakudi (Rs. 1,000) and of Kandamur (Rs. 1,500)	Rs. 3,700
8. Construction of chattram near the Madura Railway station	Rs. 17,000
9. Construction of a Union office at Kandamur	Rs. 1,000
10. Constructing a tiled shed in the market at Ammayanayakanur	Rs. 1,500

Work No. 1 which has been in progress for the past some years will be completed with this allotment. Works Nos. 2 and 5 were begun in the current year. No. 3 is very important, as it will save the necessity of crossing the Vaigai at Manalur. Works Nos. 6 and 8 are also very necessary; Rs. 1,000 have been provided for planting avenues.

24. *Repairs.*—The important repairs are as follow:—

1898-99	..	..	..	..	Rs. 1,96,010
1899-1900	..	..	..	..	Rs. 1,97,640

	Rs.
Remetalling 27th, 28th and 29th miles of road No. 2, Madura to Ramnad	3,000
Remetalling 48th, 49th, 50th and 60th miles of road No. 2, Madura to Ramnad	9,000
Repairing the masonry works on road No. 2, Madura to Ramnad ..	2,000
Remetalling the bad portions of road No. 36, Periyakulam to Ammayanayakanur	1,500
Remetalling 12th, 13th, 16th, 17th, 25th, 26th, 32nd and 37th miles of road No. 3, Madura to Pandalgudi	4,000
Repairing masonry works on road No. 23-A, Aruppukottai to Virudupatti (Madura district portion)	1,000
Repairing masonry works on road No. 3, Madura to Pandalgudi ..	2,000
Do. village roads in Melur taluk	1,000
Do. road No. 9, Dindigul to Vattanam	1,000
Do. the Sundradoss chattram	1,000
Do. the irrigation tanks attached to the Narikudi chattram ..	4,000
Do. the Vellayan Servai's chattram	1,000
Do. the compound wall of the Singarapunari market	1,000
Repairs to dispensary buildings	1,190

Rupees 4,200 have been provided for the maintenance of avenues.

The allotment for communications, both new works and repairs, is over 100 per cent. of half land-cess and the net estimated receipts from tolls.

25. A number of urgent and important works as per list attached proposed, has not been included, as under orders of Government provision had to be made for plague charges. It is proposed to utilise such amounts as may become available each month by plague charges not being incurred, for these and other works the postponement of which is not desirable, and I request that Government will be pleased to sanction this proposal.

26. *Establishment.*—Provision has been made for the increment of the pay of the Engineer at Rs. 640 per mensem as sanctioned by Government in G.O., Mis., No. 918 L., dated 15th May 1897. The District Board has regraded the Local Fund Engineering subordinate establishment as suggested in G.O., No. 86 L., dated 16th January 1897, and the arrangements have been carried out. The District Board begs to reiterate its recommendations in its Dis No. 1711, dated 25th January 1898, in respect to the giving of increases to the following clerks and accountants in the Local Fund Engineer's office:—

	Rs.
Head clerk	5
1st Assistant Accountant	5
2nd Do.	2
3rd Do.	1½
Storekeeper	1½
Assistant clerk	2
Assistant clerk attached to the 1st grade overseer, Madura Sub-division.	4

The services of one lascar in the Dindigul Sub-division office have been done away with and the number of lascars in the District Board Engineer's office is increased by one.

27. *Travelling allowance.*—The current year's provision is repeated.

28. Under "Tolls and Ferries" there is an increase of Rs. 170 due to the opening of a ferry over the Vaigai at Manamadurai.

29. The provision of a sum of Rs. 16,000 under "unforeseen charges" is meant for charges such as monsoon damages to roads, &c., and for the Periyar cross roads for which estimates will get ready in the course of the year.

30. *Grant 2, Educational.*—The allotment made under this grant is Rs. 71,820 against the current year's estimate of Rs. 67,160 and Rs. 65,360, the actuals of 1897-98.

31. *Inspection.*—The increase is due to additional provision under "Travelling Allowance" and "Contingencies" Provision for the charges under this head has been made under the Taluk Boards agreeably to G.O., No. 2149 L., dated 8th November 1898. The purchase of 13 copies of the new Grant-in-Aid Code for distribution to the inspecting school masters has been provided for under contingencies.

32. *Technico Normal Institute—Salaries of Masters.*—The Technical Institute, which was originally started for the purpose of giving only elementary education in industries, has now made considerable progress, and it teaches pupils for the advanced and intermediate examinations in the several industries. Agreeably to the suggestions of the Director of Public Instruction, it is now resolved to hand over the Normal department of the institute to the Educational Department, and in view to extend the scope and utility of the technical department it is proposed to follow the example of the School of Arts and several other industrial schools and increase the number of working days by doing away with the Midsummer and Christmas vacations and by increasing the hours of work from 5 to 6 a day, and give the pupils a larger share of their earnings as an inducement for good work. These proposals are expected to bring in an increase of revenue, Rs. 3,980 (*vide* paragraph 8 *supra*), and it is also proposed to give, as a tentative measure, increases to the salaries of the Superintendent, his under-instructors and clerk as noted in the margin in consideration of increased labour and responsibilities. The increases to the salaries are also recommended on other grounds. The Superintendent has put in a long service of eight years, and he has been instrumental in raising the school to its present state of efficiency.

	Rs.
The Superintendent	25
The Assistant Superintendent	15
Senior Carpentry Instructor	10
Junior do	5
Metal-work Instructor	10
Blacksmith Instructor	10
Rattan Instructor	2½
Assistant Instructor of the Industrial Department, General Education Branch.	3
Clerk	5

The under-masters are all highly skilled technical men, and are not likely to continue under the Board unless they are given sufficient inducement. The proposals have been favourably recommended by the Educational authorities, and the net result of the changes will cause no loss to the Board. Though the increases under this and the following heads amount to Rs. 4,720, the result is a gain when it is set off against the estimated increased receipts of Rs. 5,380. For fuller details, a copy of the Superintendent's letter is enclosed. A proposition statement for the above changes is appended.

33. *Stipends of Students.*—For the reasons given above and with a view to induce advanced students to remain in the institute longer and make themselves better workmen, the rates of stipends have been increased as follows:—

Rs. 9 to Rs. 12 in the advanced classes.
Rs. 6 to Rs. 8 in the intermediate classes.
Rs. 5 to Rs. 6 in the elementary classes.

At present the demand for skilled labour is so great that even while the boys are in the elementary classes they are taken into railway workshops, &c. The reasons given above, the opening of advanced classes in cabinet-making and metal-work, and increase in the rate of stipends from one rupee to the old rate of Rs. 1-8-0 in standard A of all industries except rattan-work account for increase of expenditure under this head.

34. *Contingencies*.—The increase is due to a larger provision for job works on account of the estimated larger outturn of work. This increase is only apparent, for all materials spent on works are paid for when they are sold. A list of journals proposed to be purchased for the Technical Institute is enclosed.

	RS.
1898-99	2,820
1899-1900	4,480

35. *Sessional Schools*.—As recommended by the Assistant Inspector of Schools, the current year's provision has been adopted.

	RS.
1898-99	2,110
1899-1900	2,110

36. *Lower Secondary Schools*.—The increase is due to the entertainment of an additional teacher for the infant standard of the Tirumangalam Lower Secondary school necessitated by increased strength in that class. The allotment under "Miscellaneous" includes subscriptions for "Vivekachintamani" and the "Indian Journal of Education."

	RS.
1898-99	1,670
1899-1900	1,740

37. *Boards' Primary Schools*.—The increase to the pay of the masters of three schools in the Madura taluk by one rupee each, the appointment of sweepers in some of the schools, and establishment of a new Panchama school at Manapacheri in Melur taluk, have contributed to the increase over the current year's estimate. The provision under "Miscellaneous" includes subscriptions for "Vivekachintamani" for certain schools.

	RS.
1898-99	18,250
1899-1900	18,390

38. *Fixed and Result Grants to Private Schools*.—The increase is mainly due to grants being given to girls' schools in the Melur and Dindigul taluks. The grants will be paid at the maximum rates as usual.

	RS.
1898-99	21,410
1899-1900	21,650

39. *Contribution*.—The usual contribution of Rs. 480 to the American Mission authorities towards the training of upper secondary teachers is repeated.

40. *Grant 3, Medical, Vaccination and Sanitation*.—The expenditure under this grant is estimated at Rs. 1,90,100 against the current year's provision of Rs. 1,21,010 and Rs. 1,04,739, the actuals of 1897-98.

41. *Hospitals and Dispensaries*.—Full pay of the Medical subordinates has been provided for under G.O., No. 454 L., dated 11th March 1898. Provision has also been made for the usual increments to the hospital assistants of Batlagundu, Rameswaram, and Mudukalatur, to the compounders attached to the Sivaganga, Manamadura, Karakudi, Ramnad, Uthampalayam, Nelakota, and Saptur dispensaries; the pay of the toties of Pamban and Bódináyakkanúr dispensaries and of sweeper of Rameswaram dispensary has been increased. A cook is provided for the Bódináyakkanúr hospital. Under "Contingencies" provision has been made for purchasing furniture necessary for certain dispensaries and for the District Medical and Sanitary Officer's office. It also includes subscriptions to the District Gazette, Indian Medical Gazette, Indian Pharmacopœia and Warings' Bazaar Medicines, Nisbit's Manual and Clinical Manual for India to be supplied to certain institutions, and travelling allowance to reserve hospital assistants and hospital assistants on occasions; and there is less provision under medical pupils as out of the two students undergoing training at present, one will be passed out of the Medical College, Madras, at the end of the current official year.

42. Rs. 61,330 has been provided for bubonic plague charges.

	RS.
1898-99	12,710
1899-1900	12,790

43. *Vaccination*.—The slight increase is due to an increased provision under travelling allowance, postal charges, and rewards to vaccinators.

	Actuals, 1897-98.	Budget estimate, 1898-99.	Revised estimate, 1898-99.	Budget estimate, 1899-1900.			
				District fund.	Taluk funds.	Union funds.	Total.
<i>Charges—cont.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
GRANT 3—							
Hospitals and Dispensaries	47,468	49,370	43,290	5,379	50,020	..	55,399
Vaccination	12,266	12,710	12,090	12,790	..	..	12,790
Sanitation	40,027	54,310	56,660	..	6,630	49,540	56,170
Epidemic Charges	3,027	600	3,330	15,000	8.0	..	15,800
Refunds	20	..	..	..	..	..	..
Contributions to other District Boards on account of Plague Charges	1,931	1,920	22,480	29,200	..	..	29,200
Other Contributions	..	2,100	8,500	1,930	..	..	1,930
Unforeseen Charges	..	..	..	300	1,400	..	1,700
Total	1,04,739	1,21,010	1,46,350	64,590	58,850	49,540	1,72,980
GRANT 4—							
Markets	2,460	3,120	3,190	..	2,950	..	2,850
Choultries	14,712	13,440	14,150	..	14,070	..	14,070
Contributions	229	..	..	..	..	..	..
Miscellaneous	3,304	4,350	4,570	..	670	3,590	4,260
Total	20,705	20,910	21,910	..	17,590	3,590	21,180
GRANT 5—							
Establishments, &c.	29,397	31,890	35,120	18,530	12,720	7,080	38,330
Refunds	..	..	70	..	..	..	..
Miscellaneous	17	..	..	..	..	..	..
Unforeseen Charges	..	930	..	500	..	..	500
Total	29,414	32,820	35,190	19,030	12,720	7,080	38,830
Allotment to the Taluk Funds	..	..	..	40,400	..	..	..
Union Funds	..	..	..	..	4,100	..	..
Miscellaneous Debt Accounts	34,598	1,250	400	190	..	..	190
Grand Total	5,67,186	5,78,610	5,83,870	3,08,840	3,15,060	68,710	6,48,110
Balance	1,77,535	58,900	1,53,800	10,560	34,970	8,150	53,680
Deduct—							
Balance under Union Funds	21,907	7,770	15,860	..	..	8,150	8,150
Endowments	33,277	28,850	27,080	940	20,670	..	21,610
Net balance available for general purposes	1,22,351	22,280	1,10,860	9,620	14,300	..	23,920

REVISED ESTIMATE FOR 1898-99.

2. The receipts and charges for the current year are now placed at Rs. 5,65,060 and Rs. 6,02,490, respectively, against Rs. 5,22,280 and Rs. 5,78,610 anticipated in the sanctioned budget. The increase in the receipts appears mainly under land-cess, tolls, choultry and market rents and public works, while in the charges the increase under Grants 2-5 is partly counterbalanced by a decrease under Grant 1. With reference to paragraph 1 of G.O., No. 176 L., dated 25th January 1899, a sum of Rs. 2,500 will be provided as contribution towards the cost of a building for the American Mission hospital at Madura. The additions to, and alterations in, the establishments of the schools at Tirumangalam, Nainarkoil, Uthrakosamangai and Manapacheri, of the Narikudi and Vellayan Servai's chattrams and of the market at Aiyampalayam, referred to in paragraphs 3, 37 and 49 of the President's letter, are sanctioned. With reference to G.O., No. 1259, Financial, dated 28th December 1898, communicated with G.O., No. 44 L., dated 11th January 1899, the provision for plague charges will be reduced from Rs. 46,930 to Rs. 25,810. The application of the Sivaganga Taluk Board to take over the management of the Tirupattur chattram, promised in paragraph 3 of the President's letter, is awaited. The balance to be carried forward to the ensuing year's budget will be Rs. 1,53,800—Rs. 91,790 under the District Fund and Rs. 62,010 under Taluk Funds.

BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR 1899-1900.

3. *Receipts*.—The receipts for the ensuing year are put down at Rs. 5,47,990 against Rs. 5,65,060 in the revised estimate, the decrease appearing chiefly under tolls and public works.

4. *Expenditure*.—(1) The charges are estimated at Rs. 6,29,490 against Rupees 5,83,870 in the revised estimate, the increase occurring mainly under Grants 2, 3 and 5.

(2) *Grant 1*.—The construction of Mangammal's chattram at Madura should not be undertaken until the plan and estimate have been sanctioned by Government. As funds are now available for allotment owing to the reduction of the plague charges provided in the revised estimate for the current year and in the budget estimate for the next year, a lump sum of Rs. 36,000 will be provided for communications—Rupees 18,000 under new works and Rs. 18,000 under repairs—for expenditure on urgent and important works, the postponement of which is stated to be undesirable in paragraph 25 of the President's letter. The provision made for the scrutiny of Local Fund plans and estimates by the Public Works Department will be reduced from Rs. 500 to Rs. 300 with reference to G.O., No. 2420 L., dated 17th December 1898. The alterations in the Local Fund Engineering establishment, proposed in paragraph 26, are sanctioned.

(3) *Grant 2*.—The District Board's proposal to hand over the Normal department of the Technical institute at Madura to Government will be considered in the Educational Department. The additions to, and alterations in, the educational establishments, proposed in paragraphs 8, 32 and 37, and the increase of Re. 1 in the pay of the assistant teacher on Rs. 5 in the lower secondary school at Tirumangalam and the reduction from two to one in the number of teachers of the salary-result primary school at Ilayangudi, shewn in the proposition statement, but to which reference should have been made in the President's letter, are sanctioned.

(4) *Grant 3*.—The entertainment of a cook on Rs. 5 for the hospital at Bódináyakkanúr and the increases in the salaries of the toties of the hospitals at Pámban and Bódináyakkanúr by Rs. 2 and Re. 1, respectively, and of the sweeper of the dispensary at Rámésvaram by Rs. 1-8-0, proposed in paragraph 41, are sanctioned. The President is requested to submit a separate application through the Surgeon-General for converting the dispensary at Tondi into a hospital and for obtaining a contribution from the Ceylon Government towards the additional cost of this institution. With reference to G.O., No. 1259, Financial, dated 28th December 1898, communicated with G.O., No. 44 L., dated 11th January 1899, the provision for plague charges will be reduced from Rs. 61,330 to Rs. 44,200. The allotments for vaccination and sanitation will be passed subject to the remarks of the Sanitary Commissioner on this portion of the budget. Under contributions to Provincial Funds for sanitary inspection, the actuals of 1897-98 should have been repeated, as required in article 116 of the Local Fund Code.

(5) *Grant 4*.—The entertainment of a cook on Rs. 5 in the Sholavandan chattram, proposed in paragraph 50, and of a temporary waterman for R. V. Srinivasa Aiyangar's water-shed, shown in the proposition statement, but to which reference should have been made in the President's letter, are sanctioned.

(6) *Grant 5*.—The increases in the salaries of the clerks of the District and Taluk Boards' offices and of the attender in the Dindigul Taluk Board's office, proposed in paragraph 55, and the entertainment of a clerk on Rs. 15 for the Provident Fund, are sanctioned. The Government does not see the necessity for paying an extra allowance of Rs. 5 to the clerk who supervises the work of this fund. The President is requested to submit a separate application for the entertainment of the establishment proposed in paragraph 58 in connection with the Periyár cross roads, fully explaining the necessity for it and the period for which it is required.

5. As revised by Government, the budget closes with a balance of Rs. 53,680, of which Rs. 8,150 appertain to unions and Rs. 21,610 to endowed institutions, leaving Rs. 23,920 or 5 per cent. of the receipts available for general purposes. The deficits

with which the transactions of the choultries at Ammayanáyakkanúr and Palkanooth and of the water-shed at Palayam are expected to close the year should be made good by loans or contributions from general funds, as required in article 125 of the Local Fund Code.

(True Extract.)

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