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No. 66. Proceedings of Government, dated 18th January 1864, No. 48.

The Governor in Council proceeds to record the following observations on the Budget Estimate submitted by the Government Agent at Chepauk for 1864-65.

2. Of the sum of one lakh of Rupees provided for the commutation of Carnatic stipends in the *current* year 1863-64, the Agent appears to have expended only Rupees 22,409 to the present date, or a period of 8½ months, leaving a balance of Rupees 77,590. It is therefore not likely, at the rate these stipends are being commuted, that even so much as 50,000 Rupees *on the whole* will be disbursed by the end of the official year. The actual average expenditure of the last three years was only Rupees 39,719. It is observed that a similar sum of one lakh of Rupees has been provided in the Budget for the ensuing year 1864-65, which, for the foregoing reasons, may be safely reduced to Rupees 50,000. As the commutation of the stipends has been going on for some time, there must necessarily be now less to commute, and the Governor in Council thinks that half a lakh per annum would be quite sufficient for their gradual absorption.

Stipends of 1801	Rupees 25,000
„ of 1855	„ 75,000

3. The next item calling for notice is a sum of Rupees 80,000 provided in the Budget for 1864-65, for the payment of "Petty claims against the late Nawab of the Carnatic." For the reasons given by the Agent, the Governor in Council considers that this amount may be reduced to Rupees 20,000. Out of the Budget provision of Rupees 85,000 for 1862-63, only Rupees 37 were expended. Of a similar amount provided for the current year, only Rupees 5000 are *likely* to be expended, and the balance, Rupees 80,000, has been entered in the Budget for the ensuing year 1864-65. From the detailed explanation furnished by the Agent, it is doubtful whether at the slow pace at which the investigation into these claims is going on, so large a sum will be required for the payment of those that are admitted after due inquiry.

4. There are two small items which involve investigation, and on which account a less sum than that entered in the Budget may be provided. It would be sufficient to provide Rupees 1500 and Rupees 2000 to meet these respective claims.

Final Pension List	Rupees 3500
Arrears of increased rate of stipends	„ 7000

5. The charges on the several accounts above noticed being variable, should properly have been estimated with reference to the *probable expenditure* in the ensuing year, and not in accordance with the Budget provision for the current year, of which so little is shown to have been expended during the portion of the year that has elapsed.

6. A copy of these Proceedings will be furnished to the Agent, and he will be directed to offer any further remarks he may wish to make on the subject, forwarding his reply with as little delay as possible.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Financial Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Dated 18th January 1864 No. 40.

The Governor in Council proceeds to record the following Observations on the Budget Estimate submitted by the Government Agent at Shepaunk for 1864-65.

2. Of the sum of one lakh of Rupees provided for the commutation of Jaumatic stipends in the current year 1863-64, the Agent appears to have expended only Rs. 22,409 to the present date or a period of 8½ months, leaving a balance of Rs. 77,590. It is therefore not likely, at the rate these

Stipends of 1801 — Rs. 25,000
— do — of 1855 — 75,000

these stipends are being commuted, that even so much as 50,000 Rs: on the whole will be disbursed by the end of the official year. The actual average expenditure of the last three years was only Rs: 39,719. It is observed that a similar sum of one Lakh of Rupees has been provided in the Budget for the ensuing year 1864-'65, which for the foregoing reasons may be safely reduced to Rs: 50,000. Also the commutation of the stipend has been going on for some time, there must necessarily be now less to commute, If the Governor in Council thinks that half a Lak per annum would be quite sufficient for their gradual absorption.

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the Budget for the ensuing year 1864-'65 - From the detailed explanation furnished by the Agent, it is doubtful whether in the above case at which the investigation into these claims is going on, so large a sum will be required for the payment of those that are admitted after due enquiry -

4 There are two small items which involve investigation, & on which accounts a less sum than that entered in the Budget may be provided - It would be sufficient to provide Rs: 1,500 & Rs: 2,000 to meet these respective claims -

5 The charges on the general accounts above noticed being variable, should properly have been estimated with reference to the probable expenditure in the ensuing year & not in accordance with the Budget provision for the current year, of which so little is known to have been expended during the portion of the year that has elapsed -

b. A copy of these Proceedings will be furnished to the Agent, directed to offer any further remarks he may wish to make on the subject - forwarding his reply with as little delay as possible -

To the Govt: Agent
at Chepauk

Dated 2nd 18/1/64

inal Pension List - Rs: 3,500
Arrears of increased rate of stipends &c — 7,000

Lieut. 21st. Jan'y 64.

No. 48.

PROCEEDINGS *of* GOVERNMENT.

Dated 18th January 1864