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No. 13. Read the following letter from the Registrar General of Assurances, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 1st October 1866, No. 265.

I have the honor to submit the following remarks on the accompanying Budget Estimates.

2. The Government are aware that, pending the disposal of the questions referred to in the Proceedings of the Government of India, No. 1268, of the 30th June 1866, there is some difficulty in estimating some of the most important items, both for the current, as well as for the ensuing year, as it is uncertain whether any, and if so what, changes will be made in the existing establishments and in the mode of remunerating the Officers employed in the Department, and from what date these changes will take effect. The Accountant General has furnished me with the figures denoting the receipts and expenditure of 1866-67, which are arrived at by deducting one-twelfth of the assignment for the year from the estimated expenditure. and a corresponding sum from the estimated receipts, but the data on which these calculations are based have been disturbed by the passing of Act XX of 1866, the introduction of a new table of fees, the preparation of two sets of new seals, the entertainment of temporary Establishments for bringing up arrears, changes in the system of remunerating the Registrars of Districts, and by other circumstances which could not be foreseen when the Budget Estimates of last year were framed. I have, therefore, deemed it proper to submit two distinct sets of estimates, marked A and B, in the former of which I have inserted the figures received from the Accountant General's Office, while, in the latter, I have assumed that the changes advocated by the Government of India, and reported on in my letter, No. 233, of the 11th August 1866, will take effect from the 1st November 1866, and have made such further alterations as seem necessary for reasons which I shall now proceed to state.

3. In the estimate A for 1866-67, no provision is made for the extra Establishment of Rupees 130 sanctioned for my office in the Government Order, No. 364, of the 10th March 1866, or for the extra Establishments sanctioned for the Registrars of ten Districts in the Government Orders, No. 652, of the 30th April 1866, and No. 1175, of the 2nd August 1866. The necessary sums have been entered in estimate B, and, in both estimates, I have assumed that the extra Clerks employed in my own office will be retained up to the 31st March 1868, as there is but little probability of the arrears being brought up much before that period.

4. In estimate A, it is assumed that the Mofussil Registrars will draw commission at the rate of 25 per cent. on the collections of their Districts, but as this rate was altered by the Government Order, No. 364, of the 10th March 1866, and as fixed salaries will probably be assigned to these Officers, the necessary alterations under both these heads have been made in the estimate B for 1866-67. Such slight changes as the new table of fees has rendered necessary have been made in the amount of commission receivable by the Registrar of Madras and Sub-Registrars.

5. The whole amount of estimated travelling allowance for myself will probably be drawn in 1866-67, while a large portion of that estimated for my establishment will not be required. Some changes under both these heads have, accordingly, been made in estimate B. It is at present uncertain whether the Registrars of Districts will be allowed to visit their Sub-Districts, as recommended in my letter, No. 103, of the 1st May 1866. If they are allowed to do so, provision must be made for travelling allowances for them, and this has been accordingly done in estimate B.

6. The estimate of last year for printing and binding Registers and Indexes included both the value of the paper supplied from the Stationery Office and the expenses incurred in the Government Press, which are met by contingent bills. It seems, however, desirable that the cash expenditure should be separated from charges which are merely debitable to the Department. This has been accordingly done in estimate B.

7. None of the Registrars, except those of Madras and Tranquebar, have received any office furniture, and it seems necessary that they should be provided with some. A number of almirahs for storing registers and indexes are also required. The cost of these items cannot be put under Rupees 6000 for the ensuing year.

8. The estimate for carriage of Registers and Indexes has been found too low. The amount has, therefore, been raised to Rupees 700.

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9. No provision has been made in estimate A for seals. The probable cost of the two sets which will have been made up during the year is entered in estimate B.

10. The only other item which seems to call for remark is that of service postage, on which account provision is made to the extent of Rupees 3000, both for the current and for the ensuing year.

11. It will be observed, from the Statement in the margin, that the receipts as now estimated leave a considerable balance after deducting the estimated expenditure. This balance, if realized, will about cover the deficits of the two past years. It is probable, however, that the whole or some portion of the cost of the building sanctioned for the General Registry Office and Registry Office of Madras will have to be placed on the debit side of the account, and in that case a further period must elapse before the Department can be pronounced fully self-supporting.

	1866-67.			1867-68.
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.
Receipts.....	2,45,000	0	0	2,67,300
Expenditure.....	2,20,866	8	0	2,20,814
Balance...	24,133	8	0	46,486

P. S.—The Accountant General will be furnished with a copy of this letter, which it is presumed will render unnecessary the entry of any remarks in the Budget Estimates themselves.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, 2nd November 1866, No. 404.

The Registrar General is right in having framed estimate B in the manner explained by him, except that, under G. O., 15th instant, No. 1623, no provision is necessary for travelling allowance to District Registrars. Estimate B will accordingly be passed on to the Accountant General, together with a copy of the letter addressed to the Government of India of this date, 2nd November, No. 1732, Judicial Department.

(True Extract).

Secretary to Government.

To the Registrar General of Assurances, with estimate A.
" Accountant General, with estimate B and Letter No. 1733.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

General Registry Office
Madras
1st October 1866.

No. 265

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The Registrar General of Assurances
Madras.

To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

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of Estimates marked A and B, in the former of which I have inserted the figures received from the Accountant General's Office while in the latter, I have assumed that the changes advocated by the Government of India and reported on in my letter No 233 of the 11th August 1866 will take effect from the 1st November 1866 and have made such further alterations as seem necessary for reasons which I shall now proceed to state.

3. In the Estimate A for 1866-67, no provision is made for the Extra Establishment of Rs 130 sanctioned for my office in the Government Order No 364 of the 10th March 1866 or for the Extra Establishments sanctioned for the Registrars of 10 Districts in the Government Orders No 652 of the 30th April 1866 and No 1175 of the 2d August 1866. The necessary sums have been entered in Estimate B and in both Estimates I have assumed that the Extra clerks employed in my own office will be retained up to the 31st March 1868, as there is but little probability of the arrears being brought up much before that period.

4. In Estimate A, it is assumed that the Mofussil Registrars will draw Commission at the rate of 25 per cent on the collections of their Districts, but as this rate was altered by the Government Order No 364 of the 10th March 1866 and as fixed salaries will probably be assigned to these officers, the necessary alterations under both these heads have been made in the Estimate B for 1866-67. Such slight changes as the new table of fees has rendered necessary have been made in the amount of Commission receivable by the Registrar of Madras and Sub Registrars.

5. The whole amount of estimated travelling allowance for myself will probably be drawn in 1866-67, while a large portion of that estimated for my establishment will not be required. Some changes under both these heads have accordingly been made in Estimate B.

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8. The estimate for carriage of Registers & Indexes has been found too low. The amount has therefore been raised to Rs 700.

9. No provision has been made in Estimate A for seals. The probable cost of the two sets which will have been made up during the year is entered in Estimate B.

10. The only other item which seems to call for remark is that of service postage on which account provision is made to the extent of Rs 3000 both for the current & for the ensuing year.

	1866-67	1867-68
Receipts	245000-0	267300
Expenditure	220866-8	220814
Balance	24133-8	46486

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt servant

J. F. Hamund
Depy Registrar General
for
Registrar General

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J. F. H.

Financial Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Registrar General of Assurances.

(Here enter 1st October 1866 No. 265)

No. 6106

Order thereon 2nd November 1866.

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By Order of the Board of Revenue,

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Secretary.

To the Registrar Genl. of Assurances with Estimate A
Accountant General with Estimate B and
Letter No. 1733.

No. 1733.

Financial Department.

Madras 1866 October 22.

From

The Registrar General of Assurances. Madras

To

The Chief Secretary to Govt.

Dated 15th October 1866
Rec'd 17th "

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Dated. 2d November 1866.

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