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27th November 1866.

No. 658. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue :—

Submitting, with remarks, Budget Estimate of Revenues and Receipts for 1867-68. } (Here enter 22nd October 1866, No. 7,601.)

No. 659. ORDER THEREON, 27th November 1866, No. 3,244.

General.

1. With their Proceedings above recorded, the Board of Revenue submit the Budget Estimate of Receipts for 1867-68.

2. LAND REVENUE.—The receipts under this head are estimated by the Board at Rupees 4,27,20,000 against Rupees 4,22,20,000, the estimate for 1866-67, and Rupees 4,29,16,946, the actual collection of 1865-66. The Budget, as settled by the Board, is below the actual of 1865-66 by nearly two lacs of Rupees. As the Board remark, the revenue of the current year will no doubt be affected by the recent disastrous season; but there is no reason to apprehend that the country will again suffer from similar calamity next year, and though the loss in cattle has been great, the high price of produce will stimulate agricultural operations. Moreover, the current year's estimate does not include the full amount of the additional quit-rent imposed by the Inám Commissioner, and the actual revenue of 1865-66 must have comprised still less. The estimate for the ensuing year, on the other hand includes a large portion of this quit-rent. These circumstances entitle the Government to expect that the revenue of 1867-68 will not be less than the actual of 1865-66, and the estimate now before them may be safely raised to Rs. 4,30,00,000. The difference of 2,80,000 between this and the Board's estimate, will be distributed among the following Districts :—

	Actual of 1865-66.	Board's estimate for 1867-68.	Estimate as revised by Government.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Godavery...	41,37,003	39,70,000	41,00,000
Nellore	21,68,653	21,30,000	21,50,000
Cuddapah	20,35,253	19,70,000	20,00,000
Madras	16,71,393	15,00,000	15,50,000
Trichinopoly	13,82,494	13,50,000	13,60,000
Madura...	22,59,625	22,10,000	22,50,000

3. The information now placed before Government does not shew the grounds on which the estimate of each district is fixed below or above the actual of the past year and the estimate of the current year. The Board of Revenue will be requested to submit hereafter, with the Budget Estimate, an explanatory Memorandum on the subject.

4. ABKARRY.—The Board's Estimate under this head amounts to Rupees 56,35,000 against Rupees 41,42,803, the actual of 1865-66, and 41,00,000, the

estimate for 1866-67. The increase is attributed partly to the enhanced rates which the farms have recently realized in some districts, and partly to the higher competition which the Board anticipate in the districts noted in the margin. The leases in fourteen districts expired with Fusly 1265, and were re-sold for Rupees 34,26,763, the increase being 14,02,903, or nearly 70 per cent. In four districts the increase ranged between 80 and 143 per cent. The particulars are clearly shewn in the Statement which accompanied the Board's letter, dated 26th July 1866, No. 5,149. The Government consider that the estimate for 1867-68 may be fixed in round numbers at Rupees 56,50,000, by raising the North Arcot and Salem estimates to the sums shewn in the margin.

	From	To
Madras	10,55,000	11,00,000
North Arcot	2,90,100	3,50,000
Salem...	1,91,500	2,50,000
Malabar	1,82,000	2,00,000

Bellary	80 per cent.
Cuddapah...	98 ,,
Kurnool	143 ,,
Coimbatore	95 ,,

North Arcot	3,60,000
Salem	2,55,000

5. Customs.—The Board's Estimate under Customs amounts to 20,95,000 against Rupees 20,79,691, the actual of 1865-66, and Rupees 21,00,000 the estimate for 1866-67. There is a small increase under "Sea Customs." The decrease under "Land Customs" below the actual of 1865-66 is attributed by the Board to the abolition of frontier Chowkies in the Districts of Madura and Tinnevelly under the recent convention with Travancore and Cochin. But no grounds are assigned for fixing the estimate at a lower amount than that of the current year, from the estimate of which the revenue from frontier duties in the two districts alluded to were altogether omitted. The Government therefore raise the Board's estimate to 21½ lacs.

	Actual of 1865-66.	Estimate of 1866-67.	Estimate of 1867-68.
Sea Customs	19,45,225	19,63,500	19,69,000
Land do.	1,34,466	1,36,500	1,26,000
Total...	20,79,691	21,00,000	20,95,000

	Rs.
Sea Customs	20,10,500
Land do.	1,39,500
Total...	21,50,000

6. Salt.—The Board's estimate of Rupees 1,24,00,000 under this head exceeds the actual of 1865-66 by nearly twenty-three lacs, and the estimate of 1866-67 by two and a half lacs. The recent increase in the monopoly price, the general development of the salt revenue as railways are extended and communication improved, the more efficient management of the department, and the increasing wealth of the people justify the estimate proposed by the Board, and it is accordingly accepted.

	Rs.
Board's Estimate	1,24,00,000
Actual of 1865-66	1,01,12,488
Estimate of 1866-67	1,21,50,000

7. Stamps.—The Board's estimate of Rupees 30,00,000, under this head, against Rupees 30,64,131, the actual of 1865-66, and Rupees 29,00,00, the estimate for 1866-67, is accepted.

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8. The total estimated revenue under the above heads amounts to Rupees 6,62,00,000, as shewn in the following table:—

Items.	Actual of 1865-66.	Estimate for 1866-67.	Estimate for 1867-68.
		Rs.	
Land Revenue	4,29,16,946	4,22,20,000	4,30,00,000
Abkarry	41,42,803	41,00,000	56,50,000
Customs	20,79,691	21,00,000	21,50,000
Salt	1,01,12,488	1,21,50,000	1,24,00,000
Stamps	30,64,131	29,00,000	30,00,000
Total ...	6,23,16,059	6,34,70,000	6,62,00,000

	Rs.
Stamping Weights and Measures ...	11,350
Sale proceeds of waste lands and money paid in redemption of quit-rent on Inâms	3,39,900

9. The Government accept the Board's estimates on account of the items noted in the margin.

10. With these remarks the Budget will be transmitted to the Accountant General, with a copy of the Board's Proceedings above recorded.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant General, with Budget.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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