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3rd May 1867.

No. 10. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 30th April 1867, No. 963.

Passing orders on the revision of the Revenue Budgets of this Presidency for 1867-68 by the Government of India. } (Vide Proceedings, Revenue Department, dated 30th April 1867, Nos. 417 and 418.)

No. 11. ORDER THEREON, 3rd May 1867, No. 197.

To be recorded.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 30th April 1867.

No. 417. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department:—

Communicating, to the Departments concerned, letter from Government of India, reviewing the Budget Estimate for 1867-68. } (Here enter 13th April 1867, No. 168.)

No. 418. ORDER THEREON, 30th April 1867, No. 963.

Land Revenue

		Rs.
Collectors' Establishments		38,76,000
Deduct one-fifth of salaries, &c., provided under 17 "Criminal Courts"		7,57,200
		31,18,800
Petty construction and repairs ...		3,92,200
Revenue Survey		6,51,000
Settlement Charges.		
Director of Revenue Settlement	3,36,500	
Inam Commission... ...	84,060	
		4,20,560
		45,82,560
Deduct retrenchments.		
Revenue Establishments ...	50,000	
Travelling and Tentage allowances	34,000	
		84,000
Net sanctioned grant		44,98,560

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, the Director of Revenue Settlement, and the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

2. The total amount authorized by this Government for entry in the Budget of 1867-68, under Land Revenue, amounted to Rupees 45,82,560; the retrenchments made by the Government of India consist of two sums, of the aggregate amount of Rupees 84,000, and the net sanctioned grant is Rupees 44,98,560.

3. The greater portion of the increase under Revenue Establishments, alluded to in paragraph 6 of the letter from the Government of India, dated 21st March 1867, No. 1,546, is owing to the revision of these Establishments by Mr. Pelly, and the retrenchment is made, apparently, in consequence of the final report of the results of that revision not having been submitted to them. This report is under preparation, and will be forwarded at an early date.

4. The provision under "Travelling and Tentage allowances" has been reduced from Rupees 1,49,571 to Rupees 1,15,571, on the ground that the actual expenditure of 1865-66 was only Rupees 94,938. There seems to be some error in the latter figure. According to the particulars given by the Board of Revenue in their Budget Estimate for 1867-68, the actual expenditure in the year alluded to, under the heads specified in the margin, amounted to Rupees 1,43,746.

	Rs.
Tentage allowances, &c.	86,748
Travelling charges	1,00,215
Total...	1,86,963
Deduct one-fifth under 17 "Criminal Courts."	37,392
Net amount ...	1,49,571

5. The Accountant General will submit a supplemental Budget, later in the year, if the progress of expenditure shews that the present sanctioned allotment under the major head "Land Revenue" is likely to be insufficient in consequence of these retrenchments.

6. The increase in the Revenue Survey Budget for 1867-68 over that of 1866-67 (inclusive of the supplemental grant of Rupees 20,000) is Rupees 1,44,500. This consists of the cost of new* parties and other sanctioned increases of charge fully explained in the Proceedings of Government, dated 11th December 1866, No. 3,345, and reported to the Government of India from time to time either in the monthly Statements or by separate letters. The cost of the new Survey and Demarcation parties in the Ganjam and Madras Districts formed the subject of the letter to the Government of India, dated 3rd January 1867, No. 4, (their reply has been recently received,) and this communication has apparently been lost sight of by them in making their remarks in paragraph 9 of their letter under notice.

* Increase on account of sanctioned parties	Rs. 20,500
New parties...	1,24,000
Total...	1,44,500

7. The Superintendent of Revenue Survey and the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement will, however, be requested to put themselves in communication with one another, and to furnish the Statements called for in paragraph 10, with such explanation as they may deem it necessary to submit with reference to the remarks of the Government of India in regard to the expenditure of their respective departments.

8. The attention of the Inam Commissioner will be requested to paragraph 11 of the letter from the Government of India.

9. The Board of Revenue will be requested to submit the Statement required in paragraph 13. They will so revise the list which accompanied their Proceedings, dated 2nd November 1866, No. 7,932, for the distribution of Rupees 1,25,000 for salt works, as to include the additional works pointed out by Government in paragraph 43 of their Proceedings, dated 8th December 1866, No. 3,309, and to give clearly the information required by the Government of India, viz., "whether "all the works, for which the two lacs are proposed, are such as to be excluded "from the prescribed definition of Public Works."

10. The Government of India disallow the sum of Rupees 7,886, provided for the additional charge consequent on the revision of the Establishment of the Board of Revenue by Mr. Pelly, agreeably to the orders of Government. They take exception to effect having been given to the increase without their sanction, but in doing this they appear to have overlooked the arrangement under which the revision of the Establishments by Mr. Pelly has been carried out. A preliminary report* of the revision of the General Revenue Establishments was submitted to that Government, and effect was given to parts of it from time to time as approved, the alterations so made being included in the monthly Statements, as subject to report hereafter. The revision of the Revenue Board's Office was similarly treated, and included in the Statement for December last. It is true that the general revision was commenced in 1861, but the task was so important and laborious as to render its satisfactory completion within a shorter time impossible, although prosecuted with the utmost zeal by Mr. Pelly. Experience of the working of the changes was necessary before they could be finally

* To Government of India, dated 14th September 1860, No. 1,596.

settled. The whole having, however, now been completed, the revision of the Board's Office will, as already determined,* be included in the General Report about to be submitted to that Government. Pending their orders, the Accountant General will continue to pass the monthly abstract for the Board's Office according to the new scale.

* Procs. dated 22nd Dec. 1866, No. 3,485.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Director of Revenue Settlement.
" the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
" the Officiating Inam Commissioner.
" the Accountant General.
" the Financial Department.

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