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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 17th March 1870.

No. 24. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd February 1870, No. 768.

Read the following letters :—

From Ganjam,	dated 13th Nov. 1869,	No. 1,228.
Do. do.	,, 20th Dec. 1869.	
Do. Vizagapatam,	,, 13th Nov. ,, ,,	688.
Do. Godavery,	,, 30th Oct. ,, ,,	278.
Do. do.	,, 10th Dec. ,, ,,	326.
Do. Kistna,	,, 23rd Nov. ,, ,,	351.
Do. do.	,, 30th ,, ,, ,,	363.
Do. Nellore,	,, 6th Aug. ,, ,,	584.
Do. do.	,, 28th Oct. ,, ,,	2037.
Do. do.	,, 20th Dec. ,, ,,	2527.
Do. Cuddapah,	,, 17th Aug. ,, ,,	130.
Do. do.	,, 30th Oct. ,, ,,	183.
Do. Bellary,	,, 4th Dec. ,, ,,	289.
Do. do.	,, 6th Jan. 1870, ,,	1.
Do. do.	,, 10th ,, ,, ,,	3.
Do. Kurnool,	,, 8th Nov. 1869, ,,	395.
Do. Madras,	,, 30th ,, ,, ,,	427.
Do. do.	,, 19th Jan. 1870, ,,	10.
Do. North Arcot,	,, 27th Oct. 1869, ,,	330.
Do. do.	,, 19th Nov. ,, ,,	358.
Do. South Arcot,	,, 6th ,, ,, ,,	262.
Do. Tanjore,	,, 24th Dec. ,, ,,	1,664.
Do. do.	,, 29th Oct. ,, ,,	237.
Do. do.	,, 9th Dec. ,, ,,	284.
Do. Trichinopoly,	,, 10th Nov. ,, ,,	272.
Do. Madura,	,, 15th Dec. ,, ,,	346.
Do. Tinnevelly,	,, 26th Oct. ,, ,,	421.
Do. Coimbatore,	,, 4th Nov. ,, ,,	204.
Do. Neilgherries,	,, 22nd ,, ,, ,,	196.
Do. Salem,	,, 1st ,, ,, ,,	254.
Do. do.	,, 20th Dec. ,, ,,	284.
Do. South Canara,	,, 4th Nov. ,, ,,	1426.
Do. do.	,, 21st Dec. ,, ,,	620.
Do. Malabar,	,, 4th Nov. ,, ,,	303.
Do. Acct.-General,	,, 21st Dec. 1869.	

From the Director of Revenue Settlement, dated 18th January 1870, No. 63-6.

The Board in their letter, dated 15th October 1869, No. 7685, issued stringent instructions to Collectors to enforce observance of all possible economy in the expenditure of the year, and at the same time called upon them to report what amount can be saved from the Budget grant of the year 1869-70. Nearly all the letters above recorded are the replies to this requisition.

1. Godavery.
2. Kistna.
3. Nellore.
4. Kurnool.
5. Tanjore.
6. Coimbatore.
7. Salem.
8. South Canara.

2. The Board observe that only eight Collectors named in the margin have gone into the question fully and showed the probable savings and deficit under the various heads of expenditure. The information furnished by the rest is incomplete.

3. The main results which the Board gather from all these reports are thrown into the accompanying tabular form, similar to that appended to their Proceedings, dated 13th October 1869, No. 7619.

4. Refunds and Drawbacks.—From this it will be observed that, under the head "Refunds and Drawbacks," a further increase of Rupees 52,000 over and above the increase of Rupees 65,000 then calculated by the Board, is inevitable, having been occasioned by unforeseen and heavy payments during the year as noted in the margin.

	Rs.
Vizagapatam—Paid to Vizianagram Zemindar in satisfaction of a suit decided in his favour—(*Vide* G. O., 21st May 1869, No. 1427) ...	19,862
Godavery—Paid to Cottam Estate—(*Vide* G. O., 26th Feb. 1869, No. 512)...	5,020
Kistna—Paid to Davaracottah Zemindar—(*Vide* G. O., 1st March 1869, No. 536)...	19,219
Bellary—Paid to an Abkarry Contractor—(*Vide* G. O., 10th July 1869, No. 2000)...	35,667
North Arcot—Paid to Arnee Jaghiredar—(*Vide* G. O., 15th Dec. 1868, No. 3123)...	18,223
Total...	97,991

5. The expenditure up to the end of November has been Rupees 2,27,355, or Rupees 91,355 more than the Budget grant as per Progress Reports of Collectors. For the remaining four months the most absolute and unavoidable requirements have been estimated at Rupees 25,645.

6. Land Revenue.—In the charges under the head of "Land Revenue," the Board find it difficult to foresee what will be the approximate expenditure at the end of the year under certain heads. The Collectors have, generally speaking, responded to the call of the Board by taking immediate steps for the curtailment of expenditure under various heads; some have discontinued temporary establishments, others have suspended the grant of batta to Taluq Establishments, while all have strictly put a stop to all but unavoidable travelling. But as the Jummahbundy tours take place generally within the last four monhts, some travelling will be urgently required with a view to secure the revenue, and it is difficult at present to calculate the prospective expenditure under this head. The sum that will be required will probably not far exceed Rupees 30,000, including Law charges.

7. The Collector of South Canara is, under the circumstances set forth by him, permitted to submit bills for the tours which he states had to be unavoidably undertaken for the inspection of fisheries.

8. The Board observe that under Land Revenue, Miscellaneous, there will be, according to Collectors' reports, a saving of Rupees 23,611. This, however, includes Rupees 17,410 on account of purchase of Service Postage Labels which should not be taken into account. The saving properly will thus be Rupees 6000 in round number.

9. Deducting this, the net amount probably required under Land Revenue will be Rupees 24,000.

10. Assessed Taxes.—The Board observe that the Collectors of several districts report savings under this head, chiefly in consequence of the temporary establishments having been entertained late in the year. But this circumstances has been already taken into account in the Board's previous estimates, and the former estimate must therefore stand, viz., Rupees 7200 in round number required in excess of the grant.

11. Stamps.—To the former estimate an addition of Rupees 10,000 required for the Stamp Department must be added, Rupees 6200 on account of stamp Commission due on expected increased sales, and Rupees 600 on account of extra establishment in the Superintendent's office in consequence of increased work created by the new Stamp Act. The total requirement will thus be Rupees 16,800.

12. The Collector of Godavery suggests a reduction of the rate of discount from four to three per cent., the latter, as he observes, obtaining in regard to sales at the Hoozoor station. The Board consider that there is not sufficient ground for making this change.

13. Under Agricultural Exhibition there appears promise of a saving of Rupees 11,500, or Rupees 1500 in excess of Board's former estimate.

14. Under the head "Stationery and Printing," the Collectors report a probable saving of Rupees 2235. Taking it as Rupees 2000, the Board's former estimate of saving will be increased to Rupees 4682.

	Rs.
Charges for remitting treasure beyond the district.	2,000
Charges for stamping weights and measures..... ...	3,000
District tappal establishment.....	7,000
Total...	12,000

15. Under "27—Miscellaneous," the reports of Collectors show probable savings in three items noted marginally of Rupees 12,000.

16. The total expected deficits and savings under each head treated of above will stand thus :—

	Rs.
Refunds and Drawbacks...	1,17,000
Land Revenue...	24,000
Assessed Taxes	7,200
Stamps	16,800
	1,65,000
Savings	1,24,212
Deficit	40,788

17. Against this deficit there is a saving in the Budget of the Director of Revenue Settlement, amounting now to Rupees 72,150, still leaving a margin for excess expenditure in other items of Rupees 31,362.

18. On the whole the Board hope that the total excess expenditure under certain heads will be balanced by the expected savings under other major heads.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary.

Statement showing the Budget Allotment with the expected expenditure of the year 1869-70.

Items.	Budget grant.	Expected expenditure of	Increase.	Decrease.
4—*Allowances, Refunds, and Drawbacks.*	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
a. Refunds	96,000	2,53,000	1,17,000	.....
b. Drawbacks	40,000			
V. Land Revenue	30,98,300	31,22,300	24,000	.....
Revenue Settlement	3,20,600	2,48,450	.....	72,150
Do. Survey	6,67,000	6,67,000	.....	.....
VII. Abkarry	2,36,000	2,36,000	.....	.....
VIII. Assessed Tax	25,000	32,200	7,200	.....
IX. Customs	1,76,600	1,72,600	.....	4,000
X. Salt	14,72,000	14,00,000	.....	72,000
XII. Stamps	1,57,900	1,74,700	16,800	.....
17—*Administration and Public Department.*				
Board of Revenue	2,51,000	2,33,470	.....	17,530
21—*Education, Science, and Art.*				
Agricultural Exhibitions	30,000	17,000	.....	13,000
24. Stationery and Printing	59,700	55,018	.....	4,682
27—*Miscellaneous.*				
Charges for remitting treasure beyond the district...	26,000	24,000	.....	2,000
Grant-in-aid to Public Bungalow Fund	10,000	10,000	.....	.....
Grant-in-aid to Native Choultries	10,000	10,000	.....	.....
Charges for stamping Weights and Measures ...	7,600	4,600	.....	3,000
District Tappal Establishment...	1,17,020	1,10,020	.....	7,000
Do. Stationery and Saderward	2,380	2,380	.....	.....
Freight and Landing charges	5,000	5,000	.....	.....
Charges for the transmission of Agricultural Implements	1,000	.....	.....	1,000
Rain-gauges required for the district	1,000	1,000	.....	.....
Total...	68,10,100	67,78,738	1,65,000	1,96,362
Net...	.....	.....	.....	31,362

Transferred to the Financial Department, with the suggestion that the Board of Revenue be instructed to prepare these statements in strict accordance with the form of the Imperial Budget. The exclusion of Revenue Settlement, Revenue Survey, and Inam Commission from the main head "Land Revenue" is likely to lead to mistakes.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
19*th February* 1870.

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Actg. Secy. to Govt.

No. 25.

ORDER THEREON, 17th March 1870, No. 133.

Resolved that the Board of Revenue be requested to cause statements similar to those submitted with the Proceedings above recorded, to be prepared in strict accordance with the form of the Imperial Budget.

2. The Accountant-General will also be requested to inform Government whether he considers any change now necessary in the transfers adverted to in paragraph 13 of G. O., dated the 29th October last, No. 512, with a view to a fresh application being made to the Government of India.

(True Extract)

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1870} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.
&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 17th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 17th March 1870, No. 133.

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Nos. 24-25.

Requesting the Board of Revenue to cause statements showing the Budget allotment with the expected expenditure of 1869-70 to be prepared in strict accordance with the form of the Imperial Budget.

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Asst Secy to Govt

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Budget allotment of 1869-70.—Rem passed on Collectors' reports as to amount th can be saved from—. Statement showing all ment with expected expenditure, submitted Government.

Financial Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd February 1870. No. 768.

Order thereon No. 133. 17 March 70.

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To.
The Board of Revenue.
— Revenue Department.
— Accountant General.

Govt. of {1870} Madras.

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To

The Board of Revenue.

Dated March 17. } 1870, No. 133.
Recd.

Nos. 24. 25.

Requesting the Board of Revenue to cause Statements showing the Budget allotment with the expected expenditure of 1869-70, to be prepared in strict accordance with the form of the Imperial Budget.

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