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No. 15. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Financial Department, dated Simla, 25th May 1870, No. 619 :—

Read the Civil Accounts for the first eleven months of 1869-70, or to the end of February 1870, and the Military Accounts for the first ten months of 1869-70, or to the end of January 1870.

RECEIPTS.

I., Land Revenue.—The improvement continues to be satisfactory, and indeed remarkable; the excess in February 1870 over February 1869 is £168,287, and the excess in the eleven months is no less than £1,056,092. The revenue in Madras is especially encouraging.

II. Tributes, and III. Forest.—Require no particular remarks.

IV., Excise.—The increase under this head also in Madras is very considerable. In most of the other Provinces this branch of revenue has not yielded so much as in the preceding year.

V., Assessed Taxes.—The collections are, everywhere, going on well.

VI., Customs.—It is satisfactory to observe a considerable improvement everywhere in the month; but the deficit on the eleven months is very considerable. The condition of both this head and that of *Excise* indicates a depressed state of the population.

VII., Salt.—There is a large increase in the month which is not confined to Madras and Bombay, in which provinces the additional duty is still less productive than might have been hoped.

VIII., Opium.—No remarks. Much later information is before the Government.

IX., Stamps.—The recovery of this revenue, though not considerable, is noticeable. In November and December there was a general falling off. In January there was a slight recovery, and now in February the revival, though not considerable, is healthy.

X., Mint—Shows a considerable decrease, importations of silver being smaller.

XI. and XII., Post Office and Telegraph.—So far as can be judged, the progress in the month is good.

XIII. and XIV., Law, Justice, and Police.—The receipts under the head are too fluctuating for comparison from month to month. But the month's accounts are good.

XV., Marine.—The Abyssinian expedition disturbed this account last year, and no comparison can this year be attempted.

XVI., Education.—Bombay alone shows a decrease in the eleven months, which the Government of Bombay should explain.

XVII., Interest.—Bombay shows again a large increase, due to the recovery of sundry outstanding claims. The improvement in India is on account of the increase in the currency investment.

XVIII., Miscellaneous.—No remarks. The improvement is considerable in the month and in the eleven months.

TOTAL, CIVIL.—The revenues in February are better than they were in February 1869 by £592,945, and upon the eleven months' account there is an improvement of £1½ millions.

ARMY.—The recoveries in the ten months are better than those of the corresponding period of the previous year by £45,338. It looks as if the regular estimate would be exceeded.

PUBLIC WORKS.—The accounts of the tenth month have not yet been received. The department must explain the delay.

EXPENDITURE.

1, INTEREST.—No remarks.

2, INTEREST ON OTHER ACCOUNTS.—There is a large decrease in the month reducing the excess on the whole account of the year so far as known.

4, LAND REVENUE.—Bengal and Bombay show each a large increase in the month, but of all the Governments, Bombay alone will largely exceed its grant.

6, EXCISE.—Bombay shows a large increase for opium purchased for Kattywar. This is an unsatisfactory item; it is an outlay of money yielding no profit. The decrease in Bengal is in the same sub-head of opium.

7, ASSESSED TAXES.—The main increase is in Bengal, and is necessary and proper.

8, OPIUM.—The estimate for Bengal has been raised as it is thought proper to take delivery of the crude opium earlier than heretofore; otherwise the consistence becomes inconveniently high, and an unprofitable expenditure is incurred.

16, ADMINISTRATION.—The estimate is raised since last month. India, the North-Western Provinces, Madras, and Bombay will all exceed their grants; India and Madras considerably. Explanations will be expected in due course.

17, LAW AND JUSTICE.—India will largely exceed the grant, but this is to a considerable extent nominal, being counterbalanced by receipts under the same head. The Central Provinces and North-Western Provinces, and the Punjab will all be in excess owing to the cost of rations in jails.

18, POLICE.—The month shows a considerable reduction. The general excess over grant is nominal, owing to the postponement of the abolition of the Superannuation Fund and the consequent issue of gross pay instead of net pay as expected when the grants were made. The difference is re-credited under "Miscellaneous."

19, MARINE.—The large excess over grant now expected is due to the resolution to write off as irrecoverable the balances due from the Calcutta, Mutlah, and Bûrmah Port Funds, and to an old claim for contract mail service turning up for payment.

20, EDUCATION.—The marks of economy everywhere are satisfactory.

22, MEDICAL.—Bengal and Bombay alone show any considerable excess over grant. In Bengal the cause is the Lock-Hospitals. The cause in Bombay must be explained in due course.

23, STATIONERY AND PRINTING.—India, Madras, and Bombay show each a considerable increase. In India, the excess occurs in the Government Press, the

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demands upon which are to a large extent uncertain. The Governments of Madras and Bombay must, in due course, explain their transgressions of their grants.

24, POLITICAL.—India, the Punjab, and Bombay each exceed their grants largely. In the Punjab the expenses concerning the Ameer were not estimated. Explanations must be submitted in respect to India and Bombay.

25, ALLOWANCES.—The estimate is raised again as it is thought desirable to write off the payment to Azeem Jah at once, in order to avoid further disturbance of the estimate. Its eventual payment is certain, and till paid the money will remain in deposit. The excess over grant in Bombay must be explained.

26, MISCELLANEOUS.—Remarks may be postponed till the accounts of the year are completed.

TOTAL CIVIL DISBURSEMENTS.—The disbursements of the month are less than last year by £178,114. But the eleven months show an increase of £1,178,456.

Ordered that copy of the above Resolution be sent to the several Departments of the Supreme Government, (except the Legislative,) to the Local Governments, and to the Comptroller-General of Accounts and Accountants-General.

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 16. ORDER THEREON, 9th September 1870, No. 378.

To be recorded.

(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

23. *Stationery and Printing*—India, Madras and Bombay show each a considerable increase. In India, the excess occurs in the Government Press, the demands upon which are to a large extent uncertain. The Governments of Madras and Bombay must in due course explain their transgressions of their grants.

24. *Political.*—India, the Punjab, and Bombay each exceed their grants largely. In the Punjab, the expenses concerning the Amir were not estimated. Explanations must be submitted in respect to India and Bombay.

25. *Allowances.*—The estimate is raised again as it is thought desirable to write off the payment to Azim Jah at once, in order to avoid further disturbance of the estimate. Its eventual payment is certain, and till paid the money will remain in deposit. The excess over grant in Bombay must be explained.

26. *Miscellaneous.*—Remarks may be postponed till the accounts of the year are completed.

Total Civil Disbursements.—The disbursements of the month are less than last year by £178,114. But the eleven months show an increase of £1,178,456.

ORDERED, that copy of the above Resolution be sent to the several Departments of the Supreme Government (except the Legislative), to the Local Governments, and to the Comptroller General of Accounts and Accountants General.

R. B. CHAPMAN,
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W. M. Hatten
Under Secy. to the Govt of India

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