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Read the following papers :—

No. 97. From the President of the Municipal Commission, Ootacamund, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 25th May 1871, No. 20.

With reference to paragraph 24, G. O., No. 619, of the 9th May, I have the honour to forward Extract of the Minutes of a Meeting of the Ootacamund Municipal Commissioners held on the 22nd instant. The conditions on which the chuttrum in the Agraharum was handed over to Government are fully set forth in my letter of the 13th instant, No. 49:—

"Read paragraph 24, G. O., 9th May 1871, No. 619: 'Resolved that the "Government be informed that the only institution which the Commissioners are "prepared to take over, under Sections 15 and 16 of Act III. of 1871, is the public "chuttrum near the market. The Commissioners object to the transfer of the "chuttrum in the Agraharum, as it is a purely caste chuttrum, and the conditions "on which it was handed over to Government, and must be maintained, are such, "that it cannot be made available for the general public."

No. 98. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th June 1871, No. 2585.

Read the following letter from the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 22nd May 1871, No. 57:—

I have the honour to reply to paragraph 24 of Proceedings of Government, Public Department, 9th instant, No. 50.

2. As set forth in my letter to the Board, No. 30, of the 31st March 1871, there are four tolls in this district let at a total monthly rent of 831 Rupees—831 × 12 = 9,972 Rupees.*

* The half-anna road cess of the district has hitherto brought in 900 Rupees, the new anna rate will bring in 1,800 Rupees — 9,972 + 1,800 = 11,772.

3. By Section 36 of Act IV. of 1871, the net proceeds of all tolls (9,972), and not less than two-thirds of the road cess ($\frac{1,800}{\text{2rds}} = 1,200$), are to be applied to the construction, repair, and maintenance of roads (Section 26, Act IV. of 1871) — 9,972 + 1,200 = 11,172; 11,772 — 11,172 = 600 left for other purposes mentioned in Clause 3, Act IV. of 1871.

4. In paragraph 40 of the letter of the 1st of May 1871, No. 1826, from the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, it is said "a toll-gate might be placed on the road from Kotagherry to Wellington." I am now having the traffic on the road noted. I am nearly sure that the toll receipts would not pay the cost of collection.

5. Under these circumstances, how are the local funds of this district to be charged with Rupees 5,816 for the Coonoor, Kotagherry, and Ootacamund Dispensaries, as suggested in Proceedings of the Board, 27th April 1871, No. 1755?

	Rs.
Coonoor	1,025
Kotagherry	3,380
Ootacamund	1,411
Total...	5,816

6. There are at present two vaccinators employed on the hills (exclusive of Municipalities) on a salary of 23 Rupees per mensem. Apart from any charges

for instruments, &c., the pay of each for the year amounts to 276 Rupees — $276 \times 2 = 552$.

7. There were, till lately, fifteen chuttrums in the district for which Government sanctioned an annual grant of Rupees 492 as per margin. But by Proceedings of Government, 1st November 1870, No. 1684, the Coonoor Chuttrum was handed over to the Coonoor Municipality; this diminished the Government grant by 60 Rupees—(492 — 60 = 432). Subsequently, in reply to a petition from Subba Rov, I pointed out in my letter, No. 49, of the 13th instart, that the allowance for the Ootacamund Brahmin Chuttrum (Subba Row's Chuttrum) for which 4 Rupees a month only had been sanctioned* out of the 492 Rupees grant, would have to be raised to 10 Rupees a month— 432 + 72 = 504.

	Rs.	A.	P.
1. Ootacamund, Subba Row's	4	0	0
2. Ootacamund, lower road	2	8	0
3. Coonoor	5	0	0
4. Yellanhully	2	8	0
5. Craigmore	2	8	0
6. Aravanghat	2	8	0
7. Kotagherry	2	8	0
8. Avalanche	2	0	0
9. Nangenad	2	8	0
10. Pykara	2	8	0
11. Neddiwattam	2	8	0
12. Ouchterlony	2	8	0
13. Burliar	2	8	0
14. New Chuttrum	2	8	0
15. Seegoor	2	8	0
	41	0	0

* Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, 14th September 1869, No. 2575.

8. I find I made an error in my letter, No. 49, of the 13th instant, when I stated that an increase of only 42 Rupees per annum would be needed for the Government grant to the chuttrums of this district under the circumstances brought to light in Subba Row's petition. The mistake arose by considering that the Manager of Subba Row's Chuttrum was in receipt of Rupees 6-8-0 per mensem, whereas under the terms sanctioned in Government Order, Revenue Department, 14th September 1869, No. 2575, he is in receipt of only 4 Rupees per mensem.

9. I am disposed to recommend that the two chuttrums at Ootacamund, at a cost of Rupees 12-8-0 per mensem, be handed over to the Ootacamund Municipality, and that the remaining chuttrums, Nos. 4 to 15 (inclusive), at a monthly cost of Rupees 29-8-0,† be maintained by a Government grant as heretofore.

† 29-8-0 × 12 = 354 per annum.

10. I am also of opinion that one vaccinator, in addition to the two maintained by the Ootacamund and Coonoor Municipalities, would be sufficient for the wants of this district, and the pay of this man (Rupees 276 per annum) can be met by local funds out of the 600 Rupees alluded to in paragraph 3 *ante*.

11. 600 — 276 leaves 324 Rupees; out of this I propose to give (if approved) Rupees 15 a month to a clerk in my office to keep the minutes of the proceedings, and conduct the correspondence of the Local Fund Board.

Submitted to Government, with reference to the Order quoted by the Commissioner.

2. The Board concur with him in thinking that the two Ootacamund Chuttrums should be handed over to the Ootacamund Municipality. The remaining thirteen chuttrums may be made over to the Local Fund Board.

3. The Commissioner points out that there will be only 600 Rupees to meet the expenditure of Rupees 5,816 imposed on local funds by Government in their Order of the 17th April 1871, No. 491, as well as all other expenses (except those for communications).

4. The deficit will, it is hoped, be made good by a grant from the Provincial Service Funds, and this will have to be arranged in preparing the Provincial Budget.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Transferred to the Public Department.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
14*th July* 1871.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Ag. Secy. to Govt., Rev. Dept.

No. 99. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th August 1871, No. 3744.

Read the following papers:—

From the President of the Local Fund Board, Neilgherry Circle, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 7th August 1871, No. 6.

Agreeably to Local Fund Rule, No. XX., I have the honour to forward the Budget Estimates of the Neilgherry District for your information, and for disposal in the manner prescribed by rule.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 to 14.—Budget Estimates.

From the same Officer, dated Ootacamund, 12th August 1871, No. 9.

I have the honour to forward for the information of the Board of Revenue, and for such action as they may deem necessary, copies of letter and lists of incomplete works, and works not commenced, received from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, after the Budget Estimates of receipts and expenditure had been laid before, and passed by the, Local Fund Board.

2. I would observe that no funds are available for these works.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Lieutenant-Colonel W. T. F. FAREWELL, S. C., Acting Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the President of the Local Fund Board, Neilgherry Circle, dated Avenashypolliem, 28th July 1871, No. 5.

With reference to the Local Fund Rules received with Government Order, No. 70,* of 10th July 1871, I have the honour to forward extracts of my lists of funds required for incomplete and uncommenced new works, respectively, under the head of "Communication."

* Financial, Government Order, No. 265, of 30th June 1871.

2. The original lists were forwarded to Government in April 1871 under the rules hitherto in force, but Government have passed no orders on them, and when applied to have referred me to you under the Local Fund Rules. I trust the Board will be so good as to allot funds for such of these works as can be provided with funds in the current year.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 and 3.—Lists of incomplete and uncommenced works.

From the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Bangalore, 21st August 1871, No. 23.

I have the honour to state that the Budget Estimate of the Neilgherry Circle Fund Board contains no provision for sanitary expenditure during the current year.

The current year's Local Fund Budget Estimates of the Neilgherry Circle, received with the first of the foregoing letters, are submitted to Government with reference to Rule XXI.

2. Statement I., Revenues and Receipts.—The income from the cess on the rent value of land seems to be fairly estimated at Rupees 1,200.

3. The total assets of the year are given as Rupees 59,420, but this is exclusive of the Government grant for chuttrums, viz., Rupees 360, which is provided for in the Imperial Budget, and which will probably not be withdrawn in consideration of the state of the fund. The assets may, therefore, be taken to be Rupees 59,780.

Vide Board's Procs., dated 27th June 1871, No. 2585.

4. Statement I. B., Expenditure, Grant I.—Statement II., Road Fund Receipts and Expenditure.—It will be observed from Statement II. that the assets of the Road Fund consist of an opening balance of Rupees 1,640 and an income of Rupees 57,280. The land cess is Rupees 800, which is stated to be two-thirds of the collections within the year. This is simply two-thirds of the sum of Rupees 1,200, the income from land cess for the year. The correct sum ought to be Rupees 930, which is made up of the collections of Fusly 1280 inclusive of arrears after the 1st April, and two-thirds of the collections of the nine months of the current year.

5. The full cost of the Public Works Department General Establishment, viz., Rupees 8,405, is entered as the share of the cost of Public Works Department supervision chargeable to the Road Fund, losing sight of the fact that a portion of this is to be charged to the Endowment Fund. The correct amount, Rupees 8,370, has been inserted, subject to an adjustment by the Board when the General Budget is prepared.

6. The allotment for "Tools and Plant" is given as Rupees 368, but it should be Rupees 470.

7. The Reserve is entered at Rupees 1,561 instead of Rupees 5,730, calculated at ten per cent. on the estimated income of Rupees 57,280. It appears from the second communication quoted above that there is not sufficient money for incomplete works, and the reduced amount is evidently proposed for want of funds.

8. An unappropriated balance is left of Rupees 1,680. This together with Rupees 560 of the Reserve, or Rupees 2,240, should be allotted to incomplete works. The distribution should be left to Colonel Farewell, who states the full amount required by him to be Rupees 30,520.

9. Statement II. A., Part I., New Works.—This list contains three works with a total allotment of Rupees 11,230. The first two appear in the Budget of Government Order, 7th June 1871, No. 216, and the third is "Petty New Works" sanctioned by the Superintending Engineer of the Division. A new entry must be added, viz., incomplete works, with an allotment of Rupees 2,240.

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10. Statement II. A., Part II., Repairs.—Part II. contains eleven works with an aggregate allotment of Rupees 28,580, and separate provisions of Rupees 4,940 and 500 on account of "Petty Repairs" of roads and repairs of chuttrums. With the exception of the last item, all the other works appear in the budget alluded to in the preceding paragraph. The last item must be reduced by Rupees 300 in order to balance the Budget.

11. Grant II., Education.—A sum of Rupees 51 is proposed as the results' grant for the Wellington School, and Rupees 49 for any others that may be sanctioned. Rupees 100 is provided for the payment on account of inspection. Results' grants and inspection allotments are paid out of general funds and should not be entered (as in this case) in Statement III. There is, however, no income under this head, and the state of the fund makes it necessary that there should be no expenditure.

12. Grant III., Sanitation, Medical Service, and Public and Charitable Institutions.—The income of the Endowment Fund is given as Rupees 100, which is the rent of a chuttrum used as a market. To this must be added, as has been already pointed out, Rupees 360, the Government allowance for chuttrums.

13. Statement IV., Endowment Funds—Statement IV. A., Public and Charitable Institutions.—Rupees 552 are provided for the Vaccination Establishment, which is double the sum proposed in paragraph 10 of the Commissioner's letter,* dated 22nd May 1871, No. 57, for one vaccinator. The state of the fund is such that it cannot be charged with any expenditure on account of vaccination.

* Recorded in Board's Procs., dated 27th June 1871, No. 2585.

14. No provision is made for charges on account of Hospitals and Dispensaries for want of funds, and with reference to the concluding part of paragraph 10 of the Government Order, Financial Department, dated 30th June 1871, No. 265, the Sanitary Commissioner has pointed out that nothing is provided for miscellaneous sanitary expenditure, but this is unavoidable.

15. There is an allotment of Rupees 504 proposed for the establishment and contingencies of the fourteen chuttrums of the district, of which the Board have recommended that the first two should be handed over to the Ootacamund Municipality and the remaining twelve to the Local Fund Board.—*Vide* paragraph 2 of the Proceedings quoted above. No orders have as yet been received from Government regarding these proposals, but the Board, on the supposition that they will be accepted, have entered the charges at Rupees 360 for twelve chuttrums.

16. Grant IV., Miscellaneous.—According to the Government Order, Public Department, dated 16th August 1871, No. 1242, and the rules, the cost of the controlling establishment at the Presidency will be about Rupees 100. The cost of the Local Fund Board Establishment is given as Rupees 360 without any particulars, but none has yet been sanctioned. Considering the amount of work to be done, the Board think it will be sufficient to provide a clerk on Rupees 30 and a peon on Rupees 8. This for six months will amount to Rupees 228, or say Rupees 230.

17. Balance and General Reserve.—According to these suggestions Grant I. will be increased from Rupees 57,314 to Rupees 58,800, Grant II. will be expunged, Grant III. will be reduced from Rupees 1,056 to Rupees 360, Grant IV. will be

reduced from Rupees 500 to Rupees 380 and equilibrium will be produced as shown below:—

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
	Rs.		Rs.
Road Fund	59,050	Grant I.	58,800
Union do.	.....	Do. II.	.....
Endowment Fund	460	Do. III.	360
General...	270	Do. IV.	380
		General Reserve	30
		Road Fund Balance	110
		Endowment Fund Balance	100
Total...	59,780	Total...	59,780

18. The Board resolve to call the attention of Government to the desirability of giving the Neilgherries an additional grant-in-aid from Provincial funds if there is any money available.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. B. PENNINGTON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 100. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th September 1871, No. 3862.

Read the following letter from the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 22nd July 1871, No. 84:—

The enclosures, being letter and estimate from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, for the construction of the second section of the Mailkoondah Road, were referred to me by endorsement of the Under Secretary to Government, dated 17th ultimo, for what purpose I have not been able to ascertain.

2. In paragraph 2 of Government Order, No. 548, of 24th March last, Government wished to know what expenditure is now being incurred on the road in question. This information was submitted to the Revenue Secretary in my letter, No. 29, of 13th April 1871.

3. I beg to return the enclosures alluded to, and to request Government will be pleased to intimate to me the specific object of the reference.

Enclosure No. 1.

From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Department of Public Works, Madras, dated Cochin, 19th May 1871, No. 38.

With reference to Government Order, No. 183, dated 30th March 1871, and my letter printed with Government Order, No. 1257, of 6th May 1871, I have the honour to submit the estimate therein referred to for No. 2 section of the road designed to open out the Koondah Mountains and to connect the Government Chinchona Plantations situated on the Koondah Plateau with Ootacamund.

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25th September 1871.

Enclosure No. 2.—Estimate.

Transferred to the Revenue Department.

Fort St. George, (Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Colonel, R. E.,
1st June 1871. *Secy. to Govt., P. W. D.*

Referred to the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills through the Board of Revenue.

Fort St. George, (Signed) H. WELLESLEY,
17th June 1871. *Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., Rev. Dept.*

Submitted for the information and orders of Government with reference to the endorsement of the Acting Under Secretary to Government, dated 17th June 1871, on a letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

2. As under the new rules the distinction between Imperial and Local roads no longer exists, the papers mentioned by the Commissioner, which relate to the Mailkoondah Road, were obviously referred to him for the purpose of being placed before the Local Fund Board for their consideration.

3. The Local Fund Budget for the current year has been received; but the Board observe that it contains no provision either for the completion of the first section of the Mailkoondah Road or for the commencement of the second section of the same road, for which an estimate, amounting to Rupees 38,800, is submitted by the Acting Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

4. The latter Officer has entered a sum of Rupees 12,770 for the first section in his list* of incomplete works; but the President of the Local Fund Board, in forwarding to this office this list as well as another of sanctioned new works not commenced, points out that it was received by him after the Local Fund Budget had been passed, and that there are no funds available for the works included in it.

* Dated 28th July 1871.

Vide letter, dated 12th August 1871, No. 9.

5. In their review of the current year's Budget, the Board have provided Rupees 2,240 for incomplete works, and pointed out to Government the desirability of giving the Neilgherries an additional grant from Provincial funds.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. B. PENNINGTON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 101. From the Executive Engineer, Neilgherry Hills, to the Under Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 16th September 1871, No. 958.

With reference to your Official Memorandum, No. 250, of this day's date, I have the honour to inform you that Rupees 5,903-10-7 have been expended† from the allotment of Rupees 0,000 since 1st April 1871.

† Up to 31st August 1871.

No. 102. ORDER THEREON, 25th September 1871, No. 486.

With the foregoing Proceedings the Board of Revenue submit the Budget Estimates of the Neilgherry Local Funds for the current year 1871-72.

2. The Government must first remark that the exclusion altogether of the charges proposed by the Local Fund Board on account of education and vaccination cannot be sanctioned. Some provision for these charges must be made, and, if money is not available from funds not necessarily special, the only course is to take what is required from the Provincial grant which in the budget is credited to the road fund reducing in consequence some of the allotments for works. A sum of Rupees 1,000 will, accordingly, be taken from the road fund allotment of Rupees 19,900 for parapets on the new Coonoor ghaut, and distributed as ordered below. The expenditure up to date on the parapets has been ascertained to be Rupees 5,903-10-7.

3. The Government approve the proposals of the Board of Revenue in regard to the provision, scanty as it is, which they have found it possible to make for incomplete works.

4. The reduction of the expenditure from the road fund renders certain corrections necessary. The Provincial grant credited in Statement II. will be Rupees 43,790, and the total road fund receipts, Rupees 58,050; the allotment for new works Rupees 10,230, and for tools and plant 460 Rupees, and the charges for general and controlling establishment, Rupees 370, to be adjusted hereafter by the Revenue Board when the general Local Fund Budget is framed.

5. Steps should be taken to ascertain the exact sum payable by the Neilgherry Circle on account of inspection. The Deputy Inspector and Inspecting Schoolmaster of Sattiamangalam range are now, the Government believe, also employed on the Neilgherries. The Government are not in a position to estimate the charge to be made against the Neilgherry Circle, but believe that the sum of Rupees 100 originally provided by the Local Fund Board will suffice. This will be restored and an allotment of Rupees 200 for results' grants inserted. There will probably be no charge against the Neilgherries for training schools, and the total of Grant II. will, therefore, be Rupees 300.

6. Rupees 552 is the provision made in the medical budget of the current year on account of vaccination, and Rupees 550 will be entered under that head. The suggestion made by the Commissioner in paragraph 10 of his letter to the Revenue Board, dated 22nd May 1871, No. 57, that one vaccinator will suffice for the Neilgherry Hills, is referred for the opinion of the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, and the Superintendent-General of Vaccine. The Government approve the Board's proposal to hand over to the Local Fund Board, with the Government allowance, the twelve chuttrums situated in the circle. As regards the two in Ootacamund the President states in his letter 25th May 1871, No. 20, above recorded, that the Commissioners are willing to accept one only. There is no pressing necessity for the transfer of either, and the Commissioner's objection may be allowed. The Agraharum Chuttrum will, therefore, continue to be managed as hitherto. Grant III. will amount to Rupees 910.

7. The establishment proposed by the Revenue Board for the Local Board's Office is approved. Grant IV. subject to revision will be Rupees 380.

8. The following is a summary of the budget as now revised:—

	RS.
Balances	1,640
Allotments from general revenue ...	44,790
Rates and taxes	12,890
Endowments	360
Miscellaneous	100
Total...	59,780

	RS.
Grant I...	57,800
Grant II...	300
Grant III...	910
Grant IV...	380
Total...	59,390
Balance—	
Road Fund	130
General	260
Total...	59,780

9. The Government cannot sanction an increase of the provincial grant, and the works left unprovided for must be postponed. The estimate received with the Board's Proceedings, dated 8th September 1871, No. 3862, will be returned to the President through the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue, with 14 Estimates.
,, Accountant-General.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.
,, Director of Public Instruction.
,, Sanitary Commissioner.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1871} Madras.

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To

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

Dated September, 25th.

Read. Encl.

G. O., 25th September 1871, *No.* 486.

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 97—102.

Reviewing the Budget Estimates of the Neilgherry Local Funds for the current year 1871-72.