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13th March 1872.

No. 124. Read the following letter from D. BARBOUR, Esq., Officiating Additional Under Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort William, 30th January 1872, No. 748:—

With reference to Madras Budget Estimate for 1872-73, "XIII., Law and Justice," it appears that, in the Madras Presidency, Court process fees are not paid by stamps as intended by the law. But it is not understood why they should not be so paid, and I am accordingly desired to request that you will, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, furnish a report on the subject.

2. Also in the Accountant-General's Estimate for 1872-73, the cost of Petty Constructions and Repairs under Grant 9, "Salt," is estimated at £17,600; but, as the expenditure on this account is generally about £10,000 a year, the large sum applied for cannot be granted without explanation. Any needful petty works might be constructed from this year's savings; and, as there have been large savings in each recent year, it is not understood why urgent works have been left, as is said by the Accountant-General, undone.

3. About £16,000 more than was granted this year is asked for the purchase, manufacture, and storing of salt. Here, again, it is not understood why the savings of the current year should not be used, and why the stocks have fallen so low. All needful manufacture may proceed, but the past figures make it highly improbable that anything like the money asked will be wanted. The expenditure in the Salt Department has never yet reached £150,000, and it is usually well below it. The consumption is not increasing just now. Pending, therefore, any further particular explanation or application by the Local Government, showing the reason why the past expenditure is likely to be exceeded, anything beyond £150,000 cannot be granted.

4. It should also be explained why so large a sum as £2,810 is provided for civil servants out of employ, and further why no provision is made for the census *this year*, and why the whole sum of £2,500 is thrown into 1872-73. It might be expected that some at least of the expenditure must fall into 1871-72.

A copy to the Accountant-General.

No. 125. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort St. George, 13th March 1872, No. 301.

Referring to Mr. Officiating Additional Under-Secretary D. Barbour's letter, dated the 30th January 1872, No. 748, I am directed to refer you to paragraph 12 of my letter, dated the 26th idem, No. 99, from which it will be seen that the system of paying Court fees by stamps will be enforced from the commencement of the ensuing financial year. The reason why such a course has not been followed earlier is due to the rules on the subject not having yet been passed. They are now under preparation, and will be shortly issued.

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of the letter under reference, I am to refer you to paragraph 25 of my letter, No. 99, of the 26th ultimo, and to state that the grant and expenditure for Petty Construction and Repairs under Salt in each of the last five years was as follows :—

	Grant.	Expenditure.
	RS.	RS.
1867-68	1,27,401	1,25,819
1868-69	2,42,800	1,81,515
1869-70	1,92,000	86,300
1870-71	92,000	1,01,237
1871-72	1,52,000	65,740

3. It has been ascertained from the Accountant-General's Department that the actual expenditure under this head in the current year up to December was Rupees 65,740, and, as it is only after the cessation of the north-east monsoon and the subsidence of the annual flooding of these low swampy tracts that the works can be undertaken and prosecuted with any vigour, the Government have every reason to believe that the grant for the year will be fully employed. But it must be remembered that, as the funds are distributed over many districts somewhat variously circumstanced, it is possible, as work is carried on to the latest possible date, that small balances may remain in some places at the close of the financial year while funds were deficient elsewhere. In the present season, owing to the cyclone, it is probable that the insufficiency of the grant will be more than ordinarily felt.

4. Another reason why the grant may not be always fully utilized, although great need is felt for its increase, is that it entirely depends on the season when work can be undertaken. A prolonged monsoon absolutely postpones work. Unusual rains in the manufacturing season may destroy what has been done and make the condition of the works worse than ever. This was the case in 1869-70, when an extraordinary amount of rain fell throughout the year. The works were in more than ordinary need of repair, but the season checked operations, and at the same time seriously impeded manufacture. It is to this last cause that the present insufficient stock of salt is attributable, regarding which explanation is asked in paragraph 3 of the above letter. There is every reason to think that the grant for the current year will be fully expended on manufacture, &c. It is observed that the regular estimate anticipates a saving of only Rupees 3,100, out of a grant of 15 lakhs, but, on the understanding that as stated in the above letter "all needful manufacture may proceed" without reference to the amount of the grant, this Government do not desire to press for a larger assignment than the Government of India propose. The full estimated amount for petty construction and repairs will be allotted from the total grant, and Collectors will be urged to use it fully to the best advantage, and to carry on manufacture to the fullest extent required without deeming themselves restricted by the nominal amount of the grant for this purpose.

5. The charge of £2,810 for Civil Servants out of employ is based on the actuals for 1869-70 and 1870-71, viz., Rupees 28,036, and Rupees 28,173, respectively.

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13th March 1872.

6. To the enquiry why no provision was made for the census this year, and why the whole sum of £2,500 has been thrown into 1872-73, I am to state that, as intimated in paragraph 35 of my letter dated 7th February 1871, No. 60, a sum of Rupees 75,000 was provided in the Budget for 1871-72 for taking the census in this Presidency in November 1871, but the amount was struck out by the Government of India for the reasons assigned in your letter, dated 31st March 1871, No. 2008 (Accounts), viz., "As the census is not to be taken in the next year, this provision of Rupees 75,000 for that object is withdrawn." A sum of Rupees 20,000 has, however, been provided in the Regular Estimate of the Accountant-General for 1871-72 for the purpose.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

1872.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

From

The Offg. Chief Secretary to Govt.,
Fort St. George.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Financial Department.

Dated 13th March 1872.

Recd.

No. 301.

Enclosure.

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Nos. 124-125.

Furnishing the explanation called for on certain items in the Madras Budget for 1872-73.

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No. 748.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most Obedt Servant
D Cameron

Fort William,
the 30 January 1872.

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The Offg: Addtl
Under Secy to the
Govt of India
Finl. Dept.
No. 748.

Dated 30 January.
Recd. 8 February 1872

No 231.

Requesting to be furnished with reports as to certain heads of charge in the Madras Budget Estimate for 1872-73.

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Financial Department.

No. 301.

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1871-72	152,000	65,740

3. It has been ascertained from the Accountant General's Department that

that the actual expenditure under this head in the current year up to Dec.r was Rs. 65,740, and as it is only after the cessation of the North East Monsoon and the subsidence of the annual flooding of these low swampy tracts that the works can be undertaken and prosecuted with any vigour, the Com.r have every reason to believe that the grant for the year will be fully employed. But it must be remembered that, as the funds are distributed over many districts some what variously circumstanced, it is possible, as work is carried on to the latest possible date, that small balances may remain in some places at the

the close of the Financial year while funds were deficient elsewhere. In the present season, owing to the cyclone, it is probable that the insufficiency of the grant will be more than ordinarily felt.

4 Another reason why the grant may not be always fully utilized, although great need is felt for its increase, is that it entirely depends on the season when work can be undertaken. A prolonged monsoon absolutely postpones work. Unusual rains in the manufacturing season, may destroy what has been done and make the condition of the works worse than ever. This was

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The full estimated amount
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year, and why the whole
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thrown into 1872-73, I am
to state that, as intimated
in paragraph 35 of my
letter dated 7th February
1871 No 60, a sum of Rs
75,000 was provided in
the Budget for 1871-72 for
taking the census in this
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but the amount was
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Fort St. George
13th March 1872

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To

The Secretary to the
Government of

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Dated 187 .

1872.

Financial DEPARTMENT

From
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George,

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Financial Department.

Dated March. 13 1872.

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