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29th August 1873.

No. 216. Read the following letter from H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 21st August 1873, No. 1629 :—

I AM directed to solicit the sanction of Government for the addition of seven Accountants and an Attender to the part of the office which deals with the Local Fund and with Special Funds. The cost will be Rupees 253 a-month, of which Rupees 120 will appertain to the Local Fund and Rupees 133 to Special Funds.

2. In March 1871, the Board proposed the existing establishment which gave Local Funds a separate staff and increased the salary of some of the Accountants but did not increase the number of men employed on the work. The Board were hopeful at the time that the increase of working power gained by freeing all the employés from other duties would be sufficient to meet the increase of work which they foresaw would come directly the Local Fund Act was brought into operation, but could not calculate accurately without experience of the new system.

G. O., dated 12th July 1871, No. 1,206, R. D.
,, ,, 16th Aug. ,, ,, 1,242, P. D.

3. The establishment has now been tried for two years and the result leaves no room for doubt that it is not strong enough for its work. Arrears have been heavy from the commencement ; but it was resolved to persevere until the exceptional press of correspondence, etc., which necessarily attended the inauguration of a new system had subsided. The Manager and his Clerks have worked unremittingly both in and out of office hours ; holidays are almost unknown in the Local Fund Department ; the Secretary has taken an unusual share of the work ; but the arrears remain and are so heavy as to be inconsistent with good administration.

4. If the proposed additions to the establishment are sanctioned the work will be distributed as follows, and the Board are confident that each Clerk will have enough to keep him fully employed during the whole year :—

Account and Statistical Branch.

	Rs	
1 Accountant	125	1. To examine the Monthly and Annual Local Fund Accounts.
1 do.	60	2. To draw up a skeleton of the Annual Report with its statements.
1 do.	25	3. To prepare Returns called for by the Accountant-General, local Government, or by the Government of India.
Total...	210	4. To dispose of the Monthly Statements of Objectionable Items received from the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
		5. To dispose of letters connected with accounts.
		6. To look after the printed forms of Monthly and Annual Accounts to be supplied to the districts.

Budget Branch.

		Rs.	
1	Accountant	80	1. To examine original Local Fund Budgets.
1	do.	40	2. Do. revised do.
1	do.	25	3. Do. supplemental do.
	Total...	145	4. Do. Lists of Incomplete Works.
			5. To prepare notes of mistakes and omissions in the Budgets, etc.
			6. To look after the printing of the Budgets, etc.
			7. To prepare General Budget Statements and to see them printed.
			8. To mark off changes in Budgets.

Appropriation Branch.

		Rs.	
1	Accountant	100	1. To keep a General Register of Allotments from the Road Fund.
1	do.	30	2. To keep Register of Allotments from the Reserve and Unappropriated Balance of Road and General Funds.
	Total...	130	3. To keep Register of Establishments sanctioned.
			4. To keep files of papers connected with the above.

Miscellaneous Branch.

		Rs.	
1	Accountant	70	1. To keep Registers of letters and periodical Returns received into the department.
1	do.	50	2. To dispose of papers connected with—
1	Clerk	25	(1.) Estimates.
	Total...	145	(2.) Allotment of Funds for Public Works.
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5. The following abstract will give an idea of the amount of work done now compared with that done formerly; but it must be remembered that most items represent more work now than they did then. A Budget under the Local Fund Rules, for instance, is at least ten times as difficult to examine as a Budget under the old Act:—

———	1870-71.	1872-73.
Letters connected with—	No.	No.
1. Estimates—Original, Revised, and Supplemental	271	257
2. Local Fund Budgets	81	193
3. Special Fund do.	...	50
4. Lists of Incomplete Works	24	31
5. Local Fund Reports	20	72
6. Special Fund do.	...	28
7. Transfer of Funds	82	127
8. Allotment of do.	186	390
9. Contributions as Grants-in-aid	13	27
10. Loans from Local to Imperial Funds	24	8
11. Tools and Plant	5	7
12. Local Fund Accounts	79	121
13. Monthly Statements of Objectionable Items from the Controller of Public Works Accounts	12	53
14. Miscellaneous	468	1,227
Total...	1,265	2,591

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Local Fund Budget Estimates of Receipts and Charges	1	Special Local Fund Budget Estimates of Receipts and Charges	1
District Road Fund Budgets	20	Local Fund Budgets including the Road Fund Budgets	35
.....	...	General Local Fund Budget Statements.	6
Cochrane's and Sadras Canal Fund Budget	1	Cochrane's and Sadras Canal Fund Budget	1
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Local Fund Report	1	Local Fund Report	1
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Total...	24	Total...	47

6. The Board propose that the staff employed on Special Funds should be paid rateably from the Jungle Conservancy Funds of the districts. The Jungle Conservancy Fund gives infinitely more trouble than any other Special Fund, and it is the largest of them, with the exception of the Village Service Fund, which cannot be legally saddled with such a charge.

7. If this is allowed the additional charge to the Local Funds will be only ·0023 per cent. on its estimated income for the current year, and the charge to the Jungle Conservancy Fund will be ·0402 per cent. on its income.

8. The following is an abstract of the present and proposed establishments:—

Present Establishment.			Proposed Establishment.	
	Rs.			Rs.
1 Manager	400	1	Manager	400
1 Accountant	125	1	Accountant	125
1 do.	100	1	do.	100
1 do.	80	1	do.	80
1 do.	70	1	do.	70
1 do.	60	1	do.	60
1 do.	50	1	do.	50
.....	...	1	do.	40
.....	...	1	do.	30
.....	...	2	do. at 25 Rupees each	50
1 Clerk	25	1	Clerk	25
1 Attender	10	1	Attender	10
1 Moochee	10	1	Moochee	10
2 Peons, at 7 Rupees each	14	2	Peons, at 7 Rupees each	14
Total...	944		Total...	1,064

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Special Local Fund Branch.

		Rs.
1	Accountant	70
1	do.	30
1	do.	25
1	Attender	8
	Total...	133

1. To prepare an Abstract Budget showing the receipts and charges of all minor Funds and to see it printed.
2. To compile the detailed Jungle Conservancy Fund Budget of Expenditure.
3. To compile Taluqwar Abstract Statement of Expenditure and to see it printed.
4. To keep a Register of allotments.
5. To examine the Monthly and Annual Accounts.
6. To prepare a skeleton Annual Report.
7. To dispose of papers connected with Special Local Funds.

No. 217. ORDER THEREON, 29th August 1873, No. 1229.

The Governor in Council sanctions the proposed addition to the Revenue Board Establishment, the charge being distributed as proposed.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. J. Wright.

Revenue Board Office
Madras 21st August 1873.

From,

The Secretary to the Board,

To,

The Chief Secretary to
Government,
Financial Department.

Sir,

I am directed to solicit the sanction of Government to the addition of 2 accountants and an Attender to the Office which deals with the Local Funds and with the Special Funds. The cost will be Rs 2,553 a month, of which Rs 120 will be payable from the Local Funds and the remainder Rs 133 from Special Funds.

2. In March 1871, the Board submitted a statement which fixed the establishment which should be entertained on the Local Funds a separate establishment for the management of the Funds of the Local Boards, but did not sanction the number of men employed on the work. The Board were then informed that the time that the increase of Establishment should be considered was when the Local Funds should be in a position to bear the charge.

G.O. 12 July 1871. No 1200 R.D.
G.O. 16 August 1871 No 1242 R.D.

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

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

Dated August, 29th.

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 29th August 1873, No. 1229.

AUGUST.
Nos. 216-217.

Local and Special Funds.—The entertainment of certain additional hands in the Revenue Board's Establishment, involving an increase of Rupees 253 per mensem, sanctioned, Rupees 120 being debitable to Local, and Rupees 133 to Special Funds.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

H. E. Stokes
Acting Secretary

H. E. Stokes
Collector
To
The Karasima Chavy

1873
Financial Departm^t.

From,
The Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

To,
The Chief Secretary to
Government Ft. D.

Dated 21st August 1873
Desp^d. 21 — " — "
Received 25. — " —

No. 1509

Ft. No. 22__

Requesting sanction
for an increase to
that part of Board's
Office establishment
which deals with
Local Fund & with
Special Funds.

With solns

Forwarded 29 August 1873. No. 1229.

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Govt. of {1873} Madras.

Financial

To The Board of Revenue.

Dated Augt. 29
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