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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

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5th November 1881, No. 2147.

Budget Estimate.

Read the following paper:—

From N. R. POGSON, Esq., Government Astronomer, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 10th October 1881 [Current No. 2795].

Herewith I have the honor to submit my Budget Estimate for the official year ending 1883, March 31. The actuals for 1880-81 have been verified by the Accountant-General, and a duplicate copy forwarded, as usual, to that officer. Its submission has been delayed through awaiting the estimate for various very necessary repairs and additions to the Observatory and the Astronomer's quarters (amounting in all to Rs. 6,400) which had to be obtained from the Superintendent of Works, Public Works Department, and respecting which I beg leave to offer a few brief explanations.

2. The first item requires no remark, except that the last general repairs to the Observatory and residence were made more than ten years ago, and that leaking roofs, decayed joists and ordinary dilapidations, due to fair wear and tear render such very necessary at the present time. The renewal of the front verandah roof is only suggested because the present heavy structure is pronounced unsafe. The additional room to the Astronomer's quarters is a most reasonable request, arising from the circumstance of so much of the private dwellinghouse having been appropriated to office purposes. Two of the best rooms in the house have long been used, one for the Library and another for the Astronomer's office; while a third is taken up as a Meteorological office, and instruments and telegraphic arrangements are scattered over various parts of the house, destroying much of its privacy as a dwelling, for which purpose alone it was originally provided for the Astronomer. The construction of the new room estimated for will set at liberty a suite of three good rooms for the use of the Meteorological Superintendent, and is so much needed that I have long intended having it built, whether at my own expense or that of Government. A compound wall has been a standing want ever since the place existed. The compound is freely open to all trespassers being used as a short cut to the Spur Tank Road, and hence probably the frequent robberies which have occurred at the Observatory.

ORDER THEREON, 5th November 1881, No. 2147.

The Budget Estimate of charges of the Madras Observatory for 1882-83 amounts to Rs. 17,000, the same amount as the estimate for the current year. The average of the actuals of the past three years amounts to Rs. 16,034. The estimate calls for no remarks and is passed for inclusion in the Imperial Budget under Minor Departments.

			RS.
Actuals ..	{ 1878-79	16,879	
	{ 1879-80	15,966	
	{ 1880-81	15,258	
Estimates ..	{ 1881-82	17,000	
	{ 1882-83	17,000	

2. Paragraph 2 will be disposed of in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Government Astronomer.
" Public Works Department, with extract from the budget.
" Accountant-General.
Exd. T. O'Connor.

Govt. of (1881) Madras. FINANCIAL.

To
THE GOVERNMENT ASTRONOMER,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated November 5th.

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G.O., 5th November 1881, No. 2147.

NOVEMBER.

Budget Estimate of charges of the Madras Observatory for 1882-83, passed for inclusion in the Imperial Budget under Minor Departments.

Madras Government Observatory.
F. Estimates... Civil service... For the year ending 31st March 1883.

Numbers			Public Observatory.	Actuals		Estimates	Explanation of the variation between the estimation for 1881-82 and 1882-83 and reference to orders thereon.
1880-81	1881-82	1882-83		1880-81	1881-82	1882-83	
			16 Minor Departments.	1880-81	1881-82	1882-83	
1	1	1	Salaries and Allowances				
			Government Astronomer	9600-00	9600	9600	Proceedings of the Madras Government Public Department 27th March 1868 No 397.
1	1	1	Assistant to the Govt. Astronomer	701-99	1800	1800	Proceedings of the Madras Government Public Department 21st August 1870.
6	6	6	Assistants.				
5	5	5	Servants	4622-14	4620	4620	Extract minutes of Council No 1015/12 No. 1015 modified by Proceedings of the Madras Govt. Public Department 3rd Nov 1862 No 1100.
			Contingent expenses	594-10	980	980	Rs. 500 assigned for ordinary office charges, and the rest for instrumental repairs, books, binding and printing charges.
				15258-0-11	17000	17000	

Estimated cost of necessary repairs and additions to the Observatory as furnished by the Presidency Superintending Engineer.

General repairs to Observatory and Astronomer's quarters	1200
Renewal of front verandah roof	200
Additional room to Astronomer's quarters	1000
Compound Wall in front with gates and hedges at sides of compound	5000

Madras Observatory,
1001 October 8.

M. R. Pagon
Government Astronomer

Madras Observatory, October 10th - 1887.

From

N. R. Pogson, Esq.,
Government Astronomer, and Meteorological Superintendent.

NO. 2795

To

The Hon. R. Davidson C.S.I.

Chief Secretary to Government - Cochin.

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Sir,

Herewith I have the honor to submit my Budget Estimate for the official year ending 1888 March 31. - The actuals for 1880-81 have been verified by the Accountant General, and a duplicate copy forwarded, as usual, to that Officer. Its submission has been delayed through awaiting the estimate for various very necessary repairs and additions to the Observatory and the Astronomer's quarters (amounting in all to Rs 6400) which had to be obtained from the Superintendent of Works, Public Works Department, and respecting which I beg leave to offer a few brief explanations. -

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I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

N. R. Pogson
Government Astronomer.

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 Madras Observatory

From
 The Government Astronomer
 R. D.
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Dated October 10 } 1881
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CORRESP NO. 2195

Submitting Budget Estimate for the
 Madras Observatory for the official year
 1882 March 31st, together with estimates
 for repairs and building works, furnished
 by the Superintendent of Works P. W. D.

Financia Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter
 from the Government Astro-
 -nomer, Madras, d 10th Oct.
 1881, -

Order thereon 5th Nov. 1881, No. 2147.

The budget estimate
 of charges of the Madras
 Observatory for 1882-83
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~~which is of the same amount~~
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in the Imperial Budget
under Minor Departments.

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2. Para. 2 will be
disposed of in the Public
Works Department.

B. S. M.

To

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To H. P. W. Secy. for
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To
The Govt. Astronomer, Desps 10/11
Public Works Dept, with extract from the
Accountant General, Desps 10/11 Budget Desps 10/11

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R. S. M.

N. P.

31/10/81

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C. A. P.

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Govt. of 1881 Madras.

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*Budget estimate of charges of
the Madras Observatory for 1882/83
proposed for inclusion in the Suppl.
budget under Minor Depto.*