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Reporting the R.G. & the particulars of
the reduction proposed by the R.G. in
the Budget estimate for 1897-98
under XVI A. Law & Justice -
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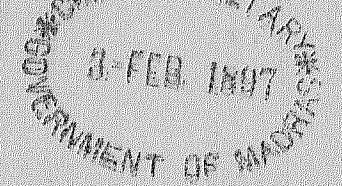
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From

The Accountant General
to the Govt of Madras

No. 384

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The reduction was proposed
on the following grounds:—

Item under para 3 (iii) of letter to Secy
No 47 of 15th Jan'y 1897—

"The receipts from magisterial fines -----
would be about 7 lakhs."

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Dated 3rd February 97

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SUBJECT.

Requesting to be furnished with particulars
of the reduction made by the Govt of Madras
in the Budget Estimate for 1897-98 under
XVI A Law and Justice Branch of Revenue

Note. There can be no reduction in the Budget Estimate for 1897-98 under
XVI A Law and Justice Branch of Revenue
as the Govt. has decided
not to reduce the estimate of 1897-98
under XVI A Law and Justice Branch of Revenue
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Budget DEPARTMENT.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
Accountant-General's Office,
3rd February 1897.

No. 384

From

F. C. Harrison Esquire,
Offg. ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE Chief Secretary to Government,
Financial Department.

SIR,

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of India states that it has reduced the Budget Estimate for 1897-98 under XVI A Law and Justice - Courts of Law from Rs 7,62,000/- to Rs 7,00,000/- in accordance with the desire of the Madras Government. I request therefore that I may be favoured with a copy of the Communication to the Government of India on the subject or with particulars of the reduction desired.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servt.,

J. H. Harrison

Offg. Accountant-General

The Accountant-General's revised estimate of expenditure appears to have been placed too low. The average surplus during the past four years has amounted to 2.52 lakhs as shown in the margin, and, if the figure of receipts is raised for the purposes of the contract, that under charges should be altered correspondingly.

1892-93	1.27
1893-94	2.95
1894-95	2.54
1895-96	3.32
Average	2.52

(iii) *XVI-A—Law and Justice—Courts of Law.*—The receipts from magisterial fines fluctuate considerably and if the Accountant-General's anticipations are justified by the actuals of later months, both the budget estimate (7.62) for 1897-98 and the contract figure (7.40) proposed in paragraph 36 of Appendix B to this Government's letter, No. 905 Financial, dated 29th December 1896, should be reduced to about 7 lakhs.

(iv) *3. Land Revenue.*—The budget estimate for 1897-98 includes a provision of .66 on account of the reorganization of the Department of Land Records. This amount has been entered pending the final disposal of the question by the Government of India, but it is not included in the figure 49.14 in column 4 of the expenditure statement in Appendix C to my letter, No. 905 Financial, of the 29th December last.

(v) *5. Salt and 7. Excise.*—The figures as given in the estimates include Orissa charges under Provincial, but exclude "Salt purchase and freight".

(vi) The Accountant-General's revised estimates of expenditure under several heads are placed at much lower figures than in the departmental estimates approved by Government and cannot, therefore, be accepted as representing the normal standard of expenditure during the ensuing contract period.

4. In conclusion I am to draw attention to the fact that, even after assuming that the Provincial share of the collections under *I. Land Revenue* in 1897-98 will exceed the normal standard by 5.76 lakhs and after providing the minimum grants only under *43. Minor Works* and *45. Civil Works*, nearly the whole of the estimated opening balance of 1897-98 will be absorbed unless the adjusting assignment proposed by the Government of India is raised as suggested in this Government's letter of the 29th December last.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
19th January 1897.

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Letter, No. 47, 19th January 1897.

JANUARY.

Civil Budget Estimates.

Forwarding, with remarks, the — of the Madras Presidency for 1897-98.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

LETTER—from

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
FORT ST. GEORGE,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed to forward the Civil budget estimates of this Presidency for 1897-98, together with a copy of the proceedings of this Government, of this day, No. 46, briefly reviewing the same.

2. The estimates have been worked out on the basis of the adjusting contribution of 8.43, proposed in your letter, No. 4420-A, dated 15th October 1896, and the closing balance of 1897-98 has been placed at 3.92 lakhs. His Excellency the Governor in Council, whilst regretting the necessity for adopting this course, has, I am to state, found it impossible, with the adjusting contribution proposed by the Government of India for the next contract, to frame estimates which would preserve the prescribed minimum balance of 20 lakhs. The grants under 43. *Minor Works and Navigation* and 45. *Civil Works* have been restricted to the amounts (35 and 27 lakhs respectively) specified in this Government's letter, No. 905 Financial, dated 29th December 1895, as the minimum assignments considered necessary for the next contract period. The requirements of the Public Works Department in 1897-98 under the former head were estimated at 35.35 lakhs and under the latter at 28.70 lakhs; it has been necessary, however, to reduce these amounts to 30.50 and 21.91 lakhs, respectively.

3. I am directed to request that the attention of the Government of India may be drawn to the following points in connection with the settlement of the terms of the approaching Provincial Contract:—

(i) The estimate for 1897-98 under *I. Land Revenue* includes collections postponed from the current year to the extent of 18.32 lakhs; and the Accountant-General's explanation that the estimate is based on the *normal demand* is therefore misleading.

(ii) *IX. and 11. Forest.*—The figures under these heads compare as follows:—

Provincial share.	Budget, 1896-97.	Departmental revised estimate.	Accountant- General's revised 1896-97.	Contract figures.		Budget, 1897-98.
				Government of India.	Government of Madras.	
Receipts	10.08	11.71	11.25	10.25	10.25	11.87
Expenditure	8.35	8.33	7.64	7.75	7.75	9.13
Surplus	1.73	3.38	3.61	2.50	2.50	2.74

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