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READ—the following papers:—

From J. D. REES, Esq., C.I.E., President, District Board, Nilgiris, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 26th November 1895, Ref. on Cur. No. 821.

I have the honour to lay before Government the revised estimate for the current year (1895–96) and the budget for the next year (1896–97), together with the prescribed statements.

2. The present report is drafted upon the same lines as those of its predecessor, but has been much abridged. The resolution of the Board approving this report will be submitted in due course with any remarks or alterations which may be found necessary, but such approval is merely formal, as the budget proposals have all been discussed and practically passed at the district board meeting held on the 31st October 1895. The submission of this report before the next meeting in January 1896 is considered necessary, so as to ensure punctuality, and it is desirable I should submit it before leaving the district temporarily, as I am well acquainted with all the matters to which it relates.

REVISED ESTIMATE, 1895–96.

3. *Opening Balance.*—The year opened with a credit balance of Rs. 14,892 (or Rs. 14,890 in round numbers) against Rs. 2,860 anticipated in the budget estimate. The excess of Rs. 12,032 is accounted for as follows:—

Excluding balance under debt head transactions (Rs. 341), which, in accordance with rule 19 of Local Fund rules, were excluded from the estimate of 1894–95, from which estimate the opening balance of Rs. 2,860 for 1895–96 has been deduced, and leaving also out of account the sum of Rs. 9,650 (three months' security deposit of tolls for 1894–95) adjusted in the actual accounts of 1894–95, but which, for the reasons already explained in the concluding portion of paragraph 11 of my last budget report (reviewed by G.O., No. 373 L., dated 2nd March 1895), was not available so as to be taken credit for in 1894–95, the increase that has practically to be accounted for is but (Rs. 12,032—9,991) Rs. 2,041.

This increase is due to the combined cause of receipts having improved to the extent of Rs. 979 and to reduction of expenditure under grants I, II, and IV aggregating Rs. 1,698. The aggregate of these particulars is Rs. 2,677, deducting from which the excess expenditure of Rs. 636 under grant III, Medical Services, &c., the increase arrived at is Rs. 2,041 as shown above.

The improvement in receipts accrued chiefly under Land-cess, Public Works receipts and contributions from Provincial Funds on account of education.

In grant I the savings amounting to Rs. 569 resulted chiefly under repairs, communications and establishment charges; in grant II Rs. 453 were saved under salary grants and salary results system; and in grant IV the savings were Rs. 676 under establishment and miscellaneous charges. In grant III the excess expenditure was Rs. 636 under sanitation and contributions to provincial services.

4. Statement IX explains in full detail the revised figures of receipts and expenditure for 1895–96 and explanations of variations have been furnished in detail in the statement.

5. The current receipts and charges are now estimated at Rs. 1,54,300 and Rs. 1,46,930, respectively, against Rs. 1,52,370 and Rs. 1,46,980 anticipated in the sanctioned budget, the increase in the receipts chiefly occurring under "Opening balance" and Public Works receipts, counterbalanced by a reduction in the estimate under land-cess caused by the exemption of South-east Wynaad from the operation of the double rate.

6. The following provisions have been made in the revised budget, for which the sanction of Government is solicited:—

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7. The year closes with a balance of Rs. 7,370, which will be adopted in accordance with rule as the opening balance in the budget for 1896–97.

BUDGET ESTIMATE, 1896–97.

8. *Receipts.*—The receipts for next year are put down at Rs. 1,64,170 against Rs. 1,54,300 anticipated in the revised estimate, the increase occurring chiefly under "Contributions from Provincial Funds," necessitated in consequence of increased expenditure proposed under Grant I, Public Works, for reasons explained in paragraphs 13, 14, and 15 *infra*.

	Rs.
* General purposes	18,000
Communications	74,000
Total ..	92,000

Credit is taken for a provincial grant of Rs. 1,02,240 (Rs. 18,880 for general purposes and Rs. 83,360 for communications) against * Rs. 92,000 in the current year's budget.

9. The nature of receipts and the variations as compared with the budget estimate for 1895–96 have been explained in foot-notes in the statement book.

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	Rs.
1891–92	15,540
1892–93	17,460
1893–94	12,490
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11. *Public Works.*—A statement similar to that furnished for general purposes is added at the end of the statement book, which will furnish adequate information regarding the financial position of this fund.

The total available assets for 1896–97 excluding the provincial grant amount to no more than Rs. 55,064, while absolutely necessary expenditure is estimated at Rs. 1,38,426. A grant of Rs. 83,360 is solicited and credit for this amount is, subject to the approval of Government, taken in the budget. The provincial contributions for works during the past five years are given below:—

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1892–93	66,580
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1894–95	67,000
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There are seven dams to be thus dealt with, aggregating a total length of 295 feet. I hope that in next year a larger grant will be available for this road, the condition of the lower portion of which is very inadequate to its requirements.

(4) *Re-metalling portions of Ootacamund-Kolacombay Road, Rs.* 1,000.—This is a cart-road, 18 miles in length, cut in the natural soil traversed and unprovided with any made surface of metal or gravel, except in a few places, where such work has been carried out from maintenance allotments. About 6 or 7 furlongs are being metalled or gravelled every year from maintenance provision and in this manner an aggregate length of 6 to 7 miles has been treated. But this does not meet requirements and complaints about its condition are frequent and well founded. The road is subjected to the strain of two trying monsoons, in addition to a heavy traffic, and becomes saturated with moisture and heavy with mud during the period when it is most required.

With the provision now made about 6 furlongs will be metalled and the length selected will embrace the worst portions.

(5) *Metalling Dolphin's Nose Road, Rs.* 1,000.—This road, which is 5½ miles in length, leads out from Coonoor by Lamb's Rock and Lady Canning's seat, both general resorts to Hallicarai and Dolphin's Nose, and being the only tolerably level road in the vicinity of the town with in addition very attractive and picturesque surroundings, it is a most favourite carriage drive and in constant use by residents and visitors of both Coonoor and Wellington.

There are also extensive and valuable estates along the latter portion of the road, and about its end at Hallicarai and Dolphin's Nose. The outturn from these estates was nearly 300 tons of coffee last year, and the traffic in this direction is very considerable.

The present road is merely the original track opened some thirty or forty years ago before the recent developments in coffee and cultivation and has never been materially improved. The width is moreover only from eight to ten feet; hence it is exceedingly inconvenient and difficult for carts to cross or pass other carts, and as the entire length of the line is across steep hill slopes with a high scarp above, and a precipitous fall below, the extreme narrowness of the road is not only inconvenient and difficult, but in many parts is a source of positive danger. The road has never been metalled, and during the heavy monsoons the sodden soil is cut into by the traffic and turned into a deep mass of mud. Metalling is therefore necessary to its maintenance as a practicable road.

The widening and metalling of the whole road would cost Rs. 10,000, but for lack of funds an allotment of but Rs. 1,000 is proposed for the present.

With this sum about six furlongs can be metalled, and it is proposed to take up the worst portions in the first two miles. I have inspected the whole road furlong by furlong and can vouch for the need for this small provision.

14. (i) *New Works—Civil Buildings—Construction of a Board school-house at Aravanghat*, Rs. 500.—It is proposed to erect a Board school-house at Aravanghat on the often-repeated recommendations of the Educational authorities including the Director.

This school has been held in a rented and incommodious building for the past six years, and as its success has been permanently established, it is desirable to build, which will prove more economical in the end. The difficulty that first presents itself in starting a school in a Badaga village is the absence of any suitable building. In the climate of Nilgiris it is absolutely necessary to have a substantial house, capable of resisting wind and rain, well lighted and warmed.

15. (*b*) *Repairs—Communications.*—The sum of Rs. 84,660 is provided against Rs. 73,960 in the previous budget—*Vide* details of outlay in statement III-B. The increase of Rs. 10,700 over the current year's budget provision is due to the following additions and alterations. In the case of other works the maintenance grants continue unaltered:—

	Rs.
Increase—	
Item 33, new maintenance provision for the Gúdalúr-Vayittiri Road (25½ miles) at Rs. 300 per mile, the management of which has been retransferred from Public Works Department to the Local Board.	7,650
Item 5, increased provision for the Gúdalúr-Sultan's Battery Road (17 miles) from Rs. 200 to Rs. 400 per mile or from Rs. 3,400, present total maintenance, to Rs. 6,800	3,400
Item 38, increased provision for toll-huts from Rs. 250 (for ten huts) to Rs. 400 (for sixteen huts)	150
Total increase ..	11,200
Decrease—	
Item 12, decreased provision for Ootacamund-Sholur Road (six miles) from Rs. 150 to Rs. 100 per mile	300
Item 31, decreased provision for Sholur-Buckapuram Bridle Road (five miles) from Rs. 100 to Rs. 60 per mile	200
Total decrease ..	500
Net increase ..	10,700

The reasons for the above variations are explained *seriatim* below:—

Item 33.—This road is being taken up for maintenance under orders of Government—*Vide* G.O., No. 1357 L., dated 1st August 1895, and provision for its maintenance is accordingly made as arranged. The Public Works Department rate of maintenance was Rs. 600 per mile, but as the consolidation of the road is understood to be complete, a reduced provision of Rs. 300 per mile is considered adequate. Fears are however expressed that the amount may not suffice.

Item 5.—This road has gradually been converted from an ordinary district into a metalled road, and thus needs an adequate allowance to admit of the proper maintenance of a metalled communication in the way of systematic renewals with granite in place of quartz metal.

The following is the report of the Engineer in reference to the necessity for doubling the existing maintenance rate. Mr. Haldwell gives his reasons in which I fully concur:—

"A metalled road needs constant repairs with metal, as every little depression, hole or rut, must be at once thus filled. Being situated in Wynaad, this road particularly needs constant and heavy repairs, as it is subject to the strain of two trying monsoons, which prevail from June to December, causing a heavy surface scour, and, in addition, keeping the road constantly saturated with moisture during all this period.

"Granite metal is the only material that can be used (as the quartz about is inferior and has proved very worthless) and this being scarce, costs with carriage, about Rs. 10 per 100 cubic feet.

"Thus for petty repairs alone at the scanty allowance of 6 cubic yards per furlong the material cost Rs. 135 per mile with about Rs. 50 more for spreadage and consolidation. Surface repairs and clearance of drainage and slips cost Rs. 35, thus making the aggregate cost of repairs about Rs. 220 per mile.

"To this must be added the outlay on systematic renewals of metalling on which Public Works rules insist and which, indeed, are absolutely essential, as any neglect or starvation in such renewals leads inevitably to total exhaustion and disappearance of all metalling.

"The metalling of a mile costs about Rs. 2,200, and as only about Rs. 3,000 of the proposed allotment will be available for this work, barely a mile and a half of renewal can be effected in a year, out of the total length of 17 miles, thus making the proportion $\frac{1}{11}$ instead of $\frac{1}{5}$ or so, which should be the proper proportion."

Item 38.—Previous to August 1893 there were only ten toll bars in charge of the district board, and the maintenance allowance was Rs. 250 or Rs. 25 for each bar.

Three additional gates were established at Devashola, Nellacotta and Kil-Kotagiri in August 1893 (*Vide* G.O., No. 1541 L., dated 17th July 1893), and maintenance was not provided in the budget for 1895–96. During the current year the Board has had to assume charge of the three provincial gates, viz., Burliar, Benhope and Craigmore on the Kullar-Ootacamund road, and attend to their maintenance, as the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Coimbatore, declined to carry out any repairs for the reason that, as the Board received two-thirds of the toll collections, it was its business to maintain the buildings and that the Public Works Department could only contribute a third of the cost. This addition makes the total number of toll-gates in charge of the district board sixteen and the increased allotment is necessary to provide for their due maintenance.

Items 12 *and* 31.—These are minor roads and a higher rate than the usual allotment was made in previous years to admit of necessary improvements. Such having been effected the provision is reduced to the normal rate prescribed for minor roads.

16. *Total, Grant I, Public Works.*—The total expenditure is Rs. 1,29,570 against Rs. 1,16,720, budget estimate for 1895–96. It will be observed that an increased expenditure of Rs. 12,850 is proposed in the budget over the current year's budget provision. The increase occurs under the following items:—

	Rs.
New Works—Communications	1,500
Do. Civil Buildings	500
Repairs—Communications	10,700
Contribution to Provincial funds (tolls)	200
Total ..	12,900
Deduct decreased expenditure under other establishment charges (Public Works Department)	50
Net increase ..	12,850

This increase appears at first sight large, but of the amount no less than Rs. 7,650 is already promised by Government (*Vide* G.O., No. 1357 L., dated 1st August 1895) for the upkeep of the newly transferred Gúdalúr-Vayittiri Road; Government in its Order, No. 2352, Financial, dated 3rd October 1884, was pleased to promise "such annual grants as the varying circumstances of each year may render necessary;" and the district board hope and believe that it has been able to show under the details of expenditure sufficient cause for asking for the grant entered in the budget.

17. *Grant II, Education.*—The total expenditure under this grant is Rs. 6,660 against Rs. 6,350, the budget grant for 1895–96.

The net increase of Rs. 310 over the current year's budget provision is accounted for by the inclusion of a new provision of Rs. 50 under "Stipends of students, Training schools" and by an increased provision of Rs. 310 and Rs. 50, respectively, under "Salary-results schools" and "Miscellaneous grants," counterbalanced by a reduction of expenditure of Rs. 100 under salary grants.

The small provision under "Stipends to students" is made under the express advice of the Inspector of Schools, Western Circle, so as to enable the grant of a small stipend of Rs. 2 per mensem from local funds to two Badaga teachers who are deputed by the local board for departmental training at Coimbatore.

This stipend is intended to supplement the Provincial stipend of Rs. 5 per mensem to which each teacher under training is entitled and to serve as an encouragement to the inhabitants of this educationally-backward district. The increase of Rs. 310 under "Salary-results schools" is due to the proposal to increase the pay of the Head and Assistant masters of the Board's school at Eddapalli by Rs. 3 and Rs. 2, respectively, as an incentive to better work, and to secure the services of a lower secondary teacher for the post of Assistant, and to the proposal to appoint an

Assistant master on Rs. 5 per mensem for the Board's Upper Primary school at Petala, which consists of five classes, which are beyond the proper control of a single teacher. These proposals account for an addition of Rs. 120. The increases are all recommended by the Educational authorities, including the Director, provided funds at the disposal of the district board will permit it.

An increase of Rs. 120 under results grants is rendered necessary owing to the improvement in efficiency and strength of the Board schools, and an increase of Rs. 30 under "House-rent" is proposed to pay for extension of certain rented school-houses effected by the owners, to render them more suitable for schools. Increased provision for furniture and maps has been made in accordance with the requirements of each school as ascertained at last inspection of the Educational authorities.

A sum of Rs. 50 has been provided under "Miscellaneous grants" on the recommendation of the Director of Public Instruction to meet rent and furniture grants to results schools.

A reduction of Rs. 100 is effected under "Salary grants," as half grants are not now authorized by the provisions of the revised Grant-in-Aid Code.

18. *Grant III, Medical Services, &c.*—The total expenditure under Grant III amounts to Rs. 13,640 as compared with Rs. 12,570, the budget grant for 1895–96 and Rs. 13,446, the actuals of the previous year (1894–95). The increase of Rs. 1,070 is caused by an enhanced provision of Rs. 180 under "Medical services" and Rs. 240 under "Vaccination," and Rs. 200 under "Sanitation" and Rs. 450 under "Contributions to Provincial services." Under "Medical services" an enhanced provision of Rs. 70 and Rs. 180 has been made respectively under "Clerks and servants" and "Midwives and midwifery pupils" owing to the proposed entertainment of a nurse on Rs. 6 per mensem for the Kotagiri hospital, and of a trained midwife on Rs. 15 per mensem for the Gúdalúr hospital with reference to the remarks of Government in clause 3, paragraph 4 of G.O., No. 1911 L., dated 14th October 1895.

An additional sum of Rs. 60 has been provided under "District Medical and Sanitary Officer's establishment," being an increase of pay at Rs. 5 per mensem sanctioned by the local board under paragraph 8 of G.O., No. 391, Public, dated the 22nd February 1883, for the writer to the District Medical and Sanitary Officer. Provision of Rs. 100 has been made under "Clothing and bedding" against *nil* provision in current year's budget. All these particulars mount up to Rs. 430 including a slight addition of Rs. 20 made under "Cholera services," while reductions have been made under "Diets" (Rs. 200) and Rs. 50 under "Contingencies and miscellaneous" justified by the actuals of the previous and the revised estimate of the current year; the net addition in the aggregate being Rs. 180.

The entertainment of a probationary vaccinator on Rs. 10 per mensem (Rs. 120 per annum) and a slight addition of Rs. 70 to travelling allowances and an enhanced provision of Rs. 50 under "Animal vaccine contingencies" justified by the actuals of the previous and the revised estimate for the current year, account for the increased provision of Rs. 240 made under "Vaccination." A slight addition of Rs. 200 has been made to "Sanitation," as the existing allotment of Rs. 1,000 is manifestly inadequate to meet the requirements of the whole district.

The adoption of the actuals of the previous year as required by the rules under "Contributions to provincial services" accounts for the increase of Rs. 450 provided under this head.

19. *Grant IV, Miscellaneous.*—The aggregate expenditure under this grant is Rs. 6,380 against Rs. 6,560, the budget estimate for 1894–95. The variations do not call for any special remark here as they have been explained in the statement book itself.

20. The district map and a proposition statement accompany the budget.

21. It will be noticed that a small deficit of Rs. 80 occurs under general funds, in spite of Rs. 1,02,240, (or Rs. 10,240) in excess of last year, being taken credit for from Provincial funds.

From Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 30th December 1895, No. 35-S.

I have the honour to state that the Nílgiri District Board proposes to spend next year Rs. 1,640 and Rs. 3,120 on vaccination and sanitation, respectively, against Rs. 1,400 and Rs. 2,920 sanctioned for the current year. The allotment for vaccination calls for no remarks; that for sanitation, which forms only 2 per cent. of the estimated receipts, is in my opinion much below requirements. For the improvement of water-supply, the small provision of Rs. 400 is made. In view of the fact that the drinking-water sources of many of the villages inspected by the local Civil Surgeons are much exposed to pollution, notwithstanding the original purity of the sources, this assignment cannot be considered adequate. I would therefore advise that this most important item of village sanitation be reconsidered in consultation with the local sanitary officers.

2. Statement VI, which professes to exhibit in detail the proposed sanitary expenditure, conveys no information whatever as to the towns and villages which will be conserved.

3. Under Grant I, no works of a sanitary nature are proposed for execution.

From the Hon'ble Mr. D. DUNCAN, M.A., D.Sc., Director of Public Instruction, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 8th January 1896, No. 77.

With reference to the Educational portion of the budget estimate of the Nilgiri District Board for 1896–97, I have the honour to state that the proposals made therein are in accordance with the recommendations of this department and to request that they may be adopted.

2. As regards the President's remark in the last paragraph of page 38 of the statements in connection with the recommendations of the Assistant Inspector of Schools to strike out the rate of results stipends, namely, 75 per cent., I beg to observe that the Assistant Inspector seems to have considered such an entry to be unnecessary, as he has recommended that the lump allotment of Rs. 710 under this head should be distributed among the several schools in proportion to their earnings. Being salary-results schools it will suffice if they are given 75 per cent. of their earnings under result stipends, and the entry under the head in Statement IV-A, namely, 75 per cent., may therefore stand.

From Surgeon-Major-General C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.I., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 22nd January 1896, No. 40.

I have the honour to state that the provision made in Grant III of the budget estimate of the District Board, Nilgiris, for the maintenance of the dispensaries for the year 1896–97, is sufficient.

2. The native nurse proposed to be entertained on Rs. 6 per mensem for the Kóttagiri hospital should be designated "Female ward attendant."

3. The increase provided for the clerk attached to the office of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer meets with my approval.

From the President, District Board, Nilgiris, dated 24th January 1896, R. C. No. 821.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting copy of the District Board's resolution approving the budget for 1896–97.

From the President, District Board, Nilgiris, dated 27th January 1896, R. C. No. 548-B.

ABSTRACT.—Stating how the amount of Rs. 3,240 (which has to be arranged for in consequence of the sum disallowed in the amount of Provincial contribution budgeted for) may be met.

From the President, District Board, Nilgiris, dated 25th February 1896, R. C. No. 548-D.

ABSTRACT.—Explaining the necessity for the existing rate of expenditure on certain roads in the district.

ORDER—No. 509 L., dated 16th March 1896.

The estimated local fund receipts and charges of the Nilgiri district for 1896–97, as passed by Government, are compared below with the budget and revised estimates for 1895–96 and the actuals of 1894–95:—

	Actuals of 1894–95.	Budget estimate for 1895–96.	Revised estimate for 1895–96.	Budget estimate for 1896–97.
Receipts.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Balance	17,296	2,860	14,890	11,850
Rates and Taxes—				
Cess on Land	8,383	16,000	12,790	12,800
Tolls	39,766	38,400	29,940	38,400
Education—				
Other Items	201	260	260	260
Medical—				
Other Items	607	430	530	510
Miscellaneous—				
Choultry Rents	110	110	110	110
Other Items	865	960	970	930
Public Works	1,770	680	2,140	760
Contributions from Provincial Funds—				
Education	341	180	180	300
General Purposes	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
Public Works	67,000	74,000	74,000	81,000
Choultries	490	490	490	490
Miscellaneous Debt Accounts	10,877	..	..	..
Total	1,65,706	1,52,370	1,54,300	1,65,410
Charges.				
GRANT I—				
New Works—				
Communications	9,955	15,000	15,000	16,500
Buildings	1,616	..	..	500
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	691	..	..	..
Repairs—				
Communications	75,071	73,960	73,960	84,660
Buildings	2,207	2,680	2,680	2,680
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	104	..	..	..
Establishment	16,242	15,550	15,560	15,500
Tools and Plant	972	1,000	1,000	1,000
Contingencies	353	430	430	430
Contributions	8,650	8,100	8,740	8,300
Total	1,15,861	1,16,720	1,17,370	1,29,570
GRANT II—				
Inspection	813	1,050	1,050	1,050
Training Schools	..	..	..	50
Elementary Schools—				
Salary-result System	2,680	3,100	3,100	3,410
Grant-in-aid Schools—				
Salary Grants	1,535	2,000	1,900	1,900
Result Grants	284	150	150	150
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	50
Miscellaneous	35	50	50	50
Total	5,347	6,350	6,250	6,660

	Actuals of 1894–65.	Budget estimate for 1895–96.	Revised estimate for 1895–96.	Budget estimate for 1896–97.
Charges—cont.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
GRANT III—				
Hospitals and Dispensaries	4,467	4,610	4,670	4,730
Vaccination	1,510	1,400	1,550	1,640
Sanitation	2,894	2,920	2,920	3,120
Choultries	462	460	460	460
Bungalows	1,085	1,090	1,090	1,090
Contributions	3,013	2,060	2,060	2,510
Miscellaneous	15	30	30	30
Total ..	13,446	12,570	12,780	13,580
GRANT IV—				
Establishments, &c.	5,503	6,250	5,780	6,000
Refunds	3	10	70	30
Miscellaneous	118	300	200	300
Total ..	5,624	6,560	6,050	6,330
Miscellaneous Debt Accounts	10,536	..	..	..
Reserve	..	4,780	..	5,400
Grand Total ..	1,50,814	1,46,980	1,42,450	1,61,540
Balance	14,892	5,390	11,850	3,870
Deduct—				
Balance under Endowments	3,679	2,890	2,900	2,720
Net balance available for general purposes ..	11,213	2,500	8,950	1,150

REVISED ESTIMATE FOR 1895–96.

2. The current receipts and charges are now estimated at Rs. 1,39,410 and Rupees 1,46,930, respectively, against Rs. 1,49,510 and Rs. 1,46,980 anticipated in the sanctioned budget. The decrease in the receipts occurs chiefly under land-cess and tolls, being partly counterbalanced by an increase under public works. The entertainment of a paid probationary vaccinator on Rs. 10, referred to in paragraph 6 (*a*) of the President's letter, is sanctioned. The unallotted portion of the reserve amounting to Rs. 4,480 is provided for expenditure in the revised estimate; but in the absence of any explanation as to its necessity, it will be struck out so as to avoid the deficit with which the general funds of the year 1896–97 would otherwise close. The closing balance of the current year will then be Rs. 11,850.

BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR 1896–97.

3. *Receipts.*—The receipts are placed at Rs. 1,56,800 against Rs. 1,39,410 in the revised estimate, the increase occurring chiefly under tolls and contribution from Provincial funds. With reference to G.O., No. 2418 L., dated 12th December 1895, the credit taken under the latter head will be reduced from Rs. 1,02,240 to Rs. 99,000 (Rs. 18,000 for general purposes and Rs. 81,000 for public works).

4. *Expenditure.*—(1) The probable charges are put down at Rs. 1,61,530 against Rs. 1,42,450 in the revised estimate, the increase appearing under all grants, but chiefly under Grant I.

(2) *Grant I.*—A sum of Rs. 1,29,570 is provided under this head against Rs. 1,17,370 in the revised estimate, the increase, which occurs mainly under Repairs —Communications, being explained in paragraph 15 of the President's letter.

(3) *Grant II.*—The increase in the salaries of the head and assistant masters of the Eddapalli school and the entertainment of an assistant master on Rs. 5 for the Petala school, proposed in paragraph 17 of the President's letter, are sanctioned.

(4) *Grant III.*—The entertainment of a female ward attendant on Rs. 6 for the Kóttagiri hospital and a trained midwife on Rs. 15 for the Gúdalúr hospital, proposed in paragraph 18, is sanctioned. The proposed increase of Rs. 5 in the pay of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer's clerk, which has not been shown in the proposition statement submitted with the budget, cannot be approved in the absence of any

explanation of its necessity. The suggestion made by the Sanitary Commissioner in paragraph 1 of his letter read above will be referred to the district board for consideration, and the President's attention will be drawn to the omission pointed out by him in paragraph 2.

(5) *Grant IV.*—The entertainment of a temporary clerk on Rs. 20 for two months to arrange the records of the district board's office, which should have been mentioned in the President's letter, is sanctioned.

5. *Reserve and Balance.*—The reserve calculated at 10 per cent. of the estimated receipts, excluding those relating to endowments and special grants, should be Rs. 5,460. The budget, as revised by Government, closes with a balance of Rs. 3,870, of which, however, Rs. 2,720 appertain to endowed choultries, leaving only Rs. 1,150, or 2·1 per cent. of the receipts, available for general purposes.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the President, District Board, Nilgiris.
„ Public Works Department.
„ Accountant-General.
„ Director of Public Instruction.
„ Surgeon-General.
„ Sanitary Commissioner.
„ Chairmen of Municipal Councils in the Nilgiri district.
„ Collector of Nilgiris.
„ Sanitary Engineer.
Editors' Table.

Exd. A. Raitt.

APPENDIX.

I.—Consolidated Budget Estimate of the District Board of Nilgiris for the official year 1896–97.

A.—Revenue and Receipts.

Heads.	Estimate, 1896–97. Details (Minor heads).	Estimate, 1896–97. Total (Major heads).	Estimate, 1895–96.	Actuals, 1894–95.
1	2	3	4	5
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Balance on 1st April 1896	11,850	11,850	2,860	17,296
1. Rates and Taxes—				
(*a*) Cess on land	12,800		16,000	8,383
(*b*) Tolls .. { Under Act V of 1884	38,100		38,400	39,766
(*b*) Tolls .. { Contributions from Municipalities	..		..	..
(*c*) House-tax	..		..	..
		51,200		
2. Education—				
(*a*) School-fees	..		..	..
(*b*) Contributions—				
(1) From Municipalities	260		260	200
(2) From other District Boards	..		..	..
(3) From private individuals	..		..	..
(*c*) Sale-proceeds of books	..		..	..
(*d*) Income from endowments	..		..	..
(*e*) Miscellaneous	..		..	1
		260		
3. Medical—				
(*a*) Hospital receipts	..		..	..
(*b*) Sale of medicines	250		250	254
(*c*) Contributions—	..		..	..
(1) From Municipalities	140		120	141
(2) From other District Boards	..		..	..
(3) From private individuals	60		60	95
(*d*) Income from endowments	..		..	..
(*e*) Miscellaneous	60		..	117
		510		
4. Interest—				
(*a*) On Government securities	..		..	..
(*b*) On arrears of revenue (land-cess)	..		..	..
		..		
5. Miscellaneous—				
(*a*) Contributions for purposes other than Education, Medical or Public Works—				
(1) From Municipalities	..		..	..
(2) From other District Boards	..		..	..
(3) From private individuals	..		..	..
(*b*) Choultry rents	110		110	110
(*c*) Market rents	..		..	..
(*d*) Ferry rents	..		..	..
(*e*) Bungalow fees	750		750	653
(*f*) Fees and fines under Police Act	50		100	51
(*g*) Grass rents	..		..	..
(*h*) Fishery rents	..		..	..
(*i*) Rents and produce of land	30		10	33
(*j*) Avenues	..		..	33
(*k*) Sale of stores	..		..	..
(*l*) Sundry receipts	100		100	87
Other fees and fines	..		..	7
		1,040		
6. Public Works—				
(*a*) Sale of buildings	..		..	..
(*b*) Sale of tools and plant	100		..	174
(*c*) Sale of old materials	40		60	37
(*d*) Contributions—				
(1) From Municipalities	100		100	100
(2) From other District Boards	520		520	520
(3) From private individuals	..		..	..
(*e*) Refund of expenditure	..		..	..
(*f*) Miscellaneous	..		..	940
		760		
7. Contributions from Provincial Funds—				
(*a*) Education	300		180	341
(*b*) Public works	81,000		74,000	67,000
(*c*) Hospitals and dispensaries	..		..	..
(*d*) Choultries	490		490	490
(*e*) General purposes	18,000		18,000	18,000
(*f*) Refunds	..		..	..
		99,790		
8. Contributions from Special Funds	..	..	..	..
9. Allotments from the District Fund	..	..	..	..
10. Do. do. Taluk Funds	..	..	..	..
11. Miscellaneous Debt Accounts (under actuals only)	..	..	..	10,877
Total ..		1,65,410	1,52,370	1,65,706

I.—Consolidated Budget Estimate of the District Board of Nilgiris for the official year 1896–97.

B.—Expenditure.

Heads.	Estimate, 1896–97. Details (Minor heads).	Estimate, 1896–97. Total (Major heads).	Estimate, 1895–96.	Actuals, 1894–95.
1	2	3	4	5
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Grant I, Public Works—				
(*a*) New works—				
(1) Communications	16,500		15,000	9,955
(2) Buildings	500		..	1,616
(3) Miscellaneous public improvements	..		..	691
		17,000		
(*b*) Repairs—				
(1) Communications	84,660		73,960	75,071
(2) Buildings	2,680		2,680	2,207
(3) Miscellaneous public improvements	..		..	104
		87,340		
(*c*) Establishment—				
(1) Public Works Department supervision	..		..	250
(2) Scrutiny of plans and estimates (other establishment)	330		380	..
(3) Local Fund Engineering establishment	13,850		13,850	14,616
Travelling allowances	1,320		1,320	1,376
(4) Tolls and ferries	..		..	..
		15,500		
(*d*) Tools and plant	1,000	1,000	1,000	972
(*e*) Contingencies	430	430	430	353
(*f*) Contributions to—				
(1) Provincial Funds	8,200		8,000	8,550
(2) Other District Boards	..		..	..
(3) Municipalities	100		100	100
(4) Private individuals	..		..	..
		8,300		
(*g*) Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..
Total, Grant I		1,29,570	1,16,720	1,15,861
Grant II, Education—				
(*a*) Inspection— Salaries	600		600	
Travelling allowance	200		200	
Contingencies	70		70	813
Local allowances	180		180	
		1,050		
(*b*) Training Schools—				
(1) Salaries of masters	..		..	..
(2) Stipends of students	50		..	..
(3) Clerks and servants	..		..	..
(4) Miscellaneous	..		..	..
		50		
(*c*) Sessional Schools—				
(1) Salaries of masters	..		..	..
(2) Stipends of students	..		..	..
(3) Clerks and servants	..		..	..
(4) Miscellaneous	..		..	..
		..		
(*d*) Secondary Schools—				
(i) Salary System—				
(1) Salaries of masters	..		..	..
(2) Clerks and servants	..		..	..
(3) Miscellaneous	..		..	..
(ii) Salary-result system—				
(1) Salaries of masters— Fixed	..		..	..
School-fees	..		..	..
Results	..		..	..
(2) Clerks and servants	..		..	..
(3) Miscellaneous	..		..	..
		..		
(*e*) Elementary Schools—				
(i) Salary system—				
(1) Salaries of masters	..		..	..
(2) Clerks and servants	..		..	..
(3) Miscellaneous	..		..	..
(ii) Salary-result system—				
(1) Salaries of masters— Fixed	..		..	..
School-fees	2,280		2,160	1,855
Results	..		..	..
(2) Clerks and servants	710		590	559
(3) Miscellaneous	..		..	..
House-rent	200		160	134
	220		190	132
		3,410		

I.—Consolidated Budget Estimate of the District Board of Nilgiris for the official year 1896–97—*cont.*

B.—Expenditure—cont.

Heads.	Estimate, 1896–97. Details (Minor heads.)	Estimate, 1896–97. Total (Major heads.)	Estimate, 1895–96.	Actuals, 1894–95.
1	2	3	4	5
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Grant II, Education—*cont.*				
(*f*) Grants-in-aid—				
(1) Salary grants	1,900		2,000	1,535
(2) Result grants	150		150	284
(3) Building grants	..		..	..
(4) Miscellaneous grants	50		..	..
		2,100		
(*g*) Contributions to—				
(1) Provincial services	..		..	..
(2) Other District Boards	..		..	..
(3) Municipalities	..		..	..
(4) Private individuals	..		..	..
(*h*) Miscellaneous—		..		
(1) Purchase of books	50		50	..
(2) Commission on sale of books	..		..	..
(3) Miscellaneous	..		..	9
Refunds	..		..	26
		50		
Total, Grant II		6,660	6,350	5,347
Grant III, Medical Services, Vaccination, Sanitation and Public and Charitable Institutions—				
(*a*) Hospitals and Dispensaries—				
(1) Superintendents	..		..	..
(2) Medical subordinates	..		..	66
(3) Clerks and servants	1,200		1,130	1,108
(4) Diet of patients	1,100		1,300	979
(5) Medicines and surgical instruments	1,000		1,000	1,280
(6) Supplies	350		350	314
(7) Midwives and Midwifery pupils	180		..	..
(8) Medical pupils	..		..	..
(9) Medical practitioners	..		..	..
(10) District Medical and Sanitary officer's establishment, including travelling allowance, &c.	200		200	190
(11) Cholera charges	200		180	..
(12) House-rent to Hospital Assistants	..		..	..
(13) Contingencies	200		250	376
(14) Miscellaneous	200		200	
(15) Clothing and bedding	100		..	..
		4,730		
(*b*) Vaccination—				
(1) Fixed charges	970		850	785
Travelling batta	320		250	284
(2) Contingencies— Cost of Medical Stores by Military Department.	50		50	45
Cost of vaccination direct from the cow.	300		250	347
		1,640		
(*c*) Sanitation—				
(1) Improvement of water-supply	400		300	525
(2) Improvement of village-sites	600		500	364
(3) Scavenging establishments	1,920		1,920	1,702
(4) Arrangements at fairs and festivals	..		..	..
(5) Other sanitary outlay	200		200	456
Refunds	..		..	50
		3,120		
(*d*) Markets	..	..	..	..
(*e*) Choultries—				
(1) Establishment	460		460	462
(2) Feeding travellers	..		..	..
(3) Contingencies	..		..	..
		460		
(*f*) Public bungalows	890		890	888
Contingencies	200		200	197
(*g*) Contributions to—		1,090		
(i) Provincial services—				
(1) Medical College	720		250	724
(2) Sanitary inspection	460		470	458
(3) Medical reserve staff	80		90	75
(4) Cutler's establishment	..		..	6
(ii) Other District Boards	..		..	..
(iii) Municipalities	500		500	500
(iv) Private Institutions	750		750	1,250
		2,510		

I.—Consolidated Budget Estimate of the District Board of Nilgiris for the official year 1896-97—*cont.*

B.—Expenditure—cont.

Heads.	Estimate, 1896-97. Details (Minor heads).	Estimate, 1896-97. Total (Major heads).	Estimate, 1895-96.	Estimate, 1894-95.
1	2	3	4	5
Grant III, Medical Services, Vaccination, Sanitation and Public and Charitable Institutions—*cont.*	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
(h) Miscellaneous—				
(1) Miscellaneous endowed institutions	..		..	..
(2) Rewards for killing dogs	..		..	..
(3) Miscellaneous	30		30	..
Refunds	..		..	15
		30		
Total, Grant III ..		13,580	12,570	13,446
Grant IV, Miscellaneous—				
(a) (1) Controlling establishments at the Presidency	860		910	740
(2) Printing work done at the Government Press	210		250	259
		1,070		
(b) Establishment in the Collector's Office	1,340	1,340	1,340	1,312
(c) Local Boards' office establishments	1,050	1,050	1,010	997
(d) Contingencies—				
(1) Stationery	250		250	153
(2) Postal charges	70		70	61
(3) Printing charges	200		200	265
(4) Travelling allowance to non-official members ..	1,800		2,000	1,583
(5) Travelling allowance to office establishments ..	..		..	13
(6) Miscellaneous	..		..	..
		2,320		
(e) Pensions	220	220	220	120
(f) Refunds of cesses	30	30	10	3
(g) Loans—				
(1) Principal	..		..	..
(2) Interest	..		..	..
		..		
(h) Law charges	150	150	300	118
(i) Miscellaneous	150	150		
Total, Grant IV ..		6,330	6,560	5,624
Reserve		5,400	4,780	..
Allotments to the Taluk Funds		..	..	..
Do. District Fund		..	..	..
Miscellaneous Debt Accounts (under actuals only)		..	..	10,536
Grand Total ..		1,61,540	1,46,980	1,50,814
Balance		3,870	5,390	14,892
Deduct—				
(1) Balance under Union Funds		2,720	2,890	3,679
(2) Balance under Endowments		..	..	..
Net balance available for general purposes		1,150	2,500	11,213

Appendix to Statement I-A.

Demand, Collection and Balance of Land-cess for the official year 1896-97.

—	Demand for 1896-97. Balance outstanding at the close of the previous year.	Demand for 1896-97. Current.	Demand for 1896-97. Total.	Collections in 1896-97.	Balance at the end of March 1897.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Nilgiri district ..	Rs. 934	Rs. 12,790	Rs. 13,724	Rs. 12,800	Rs. 924

III.—Details of Allotments for Public Works in the District of Nilgiris for the official year 1896-97.

A.—New Works.

No.	District.	Description of work.	Amount of estimate.	Computed expenditure up to 31st March 1896.	Estimated expenditure for 1896-97.	Remarks and references.
		I.—Communications.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1	Nilgiri ..	Remetalling portions Gudalur-Sultan's Battery road.	10,000	..	10,000	The estimate which is ready will be submitted to Government for sanction after intimation of the allotment being passed by Government is received—*vide* paragraph 13, item (1).
2	Do. ..	Re-construction of a bridge 25 feetspan, 8th mile, Ootacamund-Maisur road.	1,500	..	1,500	District Board to sanction estimate—*vide* paragraph 13, item (2).
3	Do. ..	Construction of road dams, Mettupalaiyam-Kotagiri ghat road.	3,000	..	3,000	The estimate will be submitted to the Superintending Engineer of the circle for sanction—*vide* paragraph 13, item (3).
4	Do. ..	Metalling portions, Ootacamund-Kolacombay road.	1,000	..	1,000	District Board to sanction estimate— *vide* paragraph 13, item (4).
5	Do. ..	Metalling Coonoor Dolphins' Nose road.	1,000	..	1,000	District Board to sanction estimate— *vide* paragraph 13, item (5).
		Total ..	16,500	..	16,500	
		II.—Civil Buildings.				
1	Nilgiri ..	Construction of a Board school at Aravanghat.	500	..	500	District Board to sanction estimate —*vide* paragraph 14, item (1).
		III.—Miscellaneous Public Improvements—*Nil.*				
		Grand Total ..	17,000	..	17,000	

III.—Details of Allotments for Public Works in the District of Nilgiris for the official year 1896–97.

B.—Repairs.

No.	District.	Description of work.	Number of miles.	Rate per mile.	Estimated expenditure.	Remarks and references.
		I.—Communications.		Rs.	Rs.	
1	Nilgiri ..	Ootacamund-Gudalur road ..	28½	500	14,250	
2	Do. ..	Maisur-Gudalur-Karkur ghat road.	18	500	9,000	
3	Do. ..	Mettupolaiyam-Kotagiri ghat road.	18	400	7,200	
4	Do. ..	Coonoor-Kolacombay road ..	11	400	4,400	
5	Do. ..	Gudalur Sultan's Battery road ..	17	400	6,800	Increased from Rs. 3,400 to Rs. 6,800 or increased from Rs. 200 per mile to Rs. 400 per mile.
6	Do. ..	Ootacamund-Maisur road ..	24	175	4,200	
7	Do. ..	Ootacamund-Kolacombay road ..	18	100	1,800	
8	Do. ..	Ootacamund-Kotagiri road ..	12	100	1,200	
9	Do. ..	Wellington-Kotagiri road ..	12	100	1,200	
10	Do. ..	Kotagiri-Kodanaad road ..	10	100	1,000	
11	Do. ..	Ootacamund Governor hola road.	4	100	400	
12	Do. ..	Ootacamund-Sholur road ..	6	100	600	Reduced from Rs. 900 to Rs. 600 or from a rate of Rs. 150 per mile to Rs. 100 per mile.
13	Do. ..	Pykara Falls road	6	100	600	
14	Do. ..	The Grant Duff road	6¼	150	940	
15	Do. ..	The Connemara road	4	150	600	*Note.*—The items of work from No. 1 to 32 (inclusive) specified in this statement exactly correspond to the items of works printed in statement III-B. Embodied in G.O., No. 373 L., dated 2nd March 1895, so far as serial numbers are concerned. Variations in allotments have been noted against the items concerned.
16	Do. ..	Ootacamund-Avalanche road ..	13	75	980	
17	Do. ..	Kundah road	6	100	600	
18	Do. ..	Karteri Yellenhulli road ..	5	100	500	
19	Do. ..	Coonoor Dolphin's Nose road ..	5	100	500	
20	Do. ..	Karteri Pillur saddle road ..	4	100	400	
21	Do. ..	Karteri Devashola road ..	6	100	600	
22	Do. ..	Kotagiri station road	6	100	600	
23	Do. ..	Nellacotta Devala road	10	100	1,000	
24	Do. ..	Cherambady Sultan's Battery road.	7	100	700	
25	Do. ..	Ootacamund-Gudalur Bridle road.	21	60	1,260	
26	Do. ..	Nanjanaad McIvor's Bund Bridle road.	6	60	360	
27	Do. ..	Kotagiri-Kilkotagiri Bridle road.	10	50	500	
28	Do. ..	Kotagiri-Kengarai Bridle road ..	10	50	500	
29	Do. ..	Taimalai-Bhavani Valley Bridle road (including Sullivan's ghat).	9	73	660	
30	Do. ..	Ootacamund-Coonoor old ghat ..	7	120	840	
31	Do. ..	Sholur-Buckapuram Bridle road	5	60	300	
32	Do. ..	Aramby road	2	300	600	Reduced from Rs. 500 to Rs. 300 or from a rate of Rs. 100 per mile to Rs. 60 per mile.
33	Do. ..	Gudalur-Vayittiri road	25½	300	7,650	This is a new item—*vide* body of report.
34	Do. ..	Minor roads	46	..	2,820	Item 33 in last budget.
35	Do. ..	Bridle paths, Ootacamund division .. .. .. Rs. 1,300	..	..	..	Item 34.
		Bridle paths, Coonoor division 800	..	..	..	
		Bridle paths, Kotagiri division 800	..	..	..	
		Bridle paths, Wynaad division 600	* 177¼	..	3,500	*A decrease of one mile as compared with that of last year. Deduction of Wynaad bridle-path transferred to district roads.
36	Do. ..	Special repairs to bridges ..	..	..	2,000	Items 35 and 36 in last budget.
37	Do. ..	Storm repairs	..	..	3,000	
		Total ..	575½	..	84,060	
		Tolls and Inspection Lodges.				
38	Nilgiri ..	Repairs to toll huts	16	..	400	Increased from Rs. 250 to Rs. 400 owing to an increase in the numbers of toll-bars.
39	Do. ..	Repairs to inspection lodges ..	5	..	200	Items 37 and 38 in last budget.
		Total ..	21	..	600	
		Total, Communications ..			84,660	

III.—Details of allotments for Public Works in the District of Nilgiris for the official year 1896–97—*cont.*

B.—Repairs—cont.

No.	District.	Description of works.	Number of miles.	Rate per mile.	Estimated expenditure.	Remarks and references.
		II.—Civil Buildings.		Rs.	Rs.	
40	Nilgiri ..	Repairs to chatrams	17	..	980	Item 39 in last budget
41	Do. ..	Repairs to Travellers' bungalows.	8	..	1,000	Item 40 ,,
42	Do. ..	Repairs to Hospitals	2	..	500	Item 41 ,,
43	Do. ..	Repairs to Engineer's office ..	1	..	100	Item 42 ,,
44	Do. ..	Repairs to School-houses ..	2	..	100	Item 43 ,,
		Total ..	30	..	2,680	MILES. *Note.*—Mileage given in last budget .. 551
		Grand Total ..		..	87,340	*Add*—Addition Gudalur-Vayittiri road .. 25½
						Total .. 576½
		Minor Roads.				*Deduct*—one mile under bridle paths. 1
1	Nilgiri ..	Coonoor-Hulikal road	4	75	300	Total .. 575½
2	Do. ..	Coonoor-Kotagiri road	2	100	200	
3	Do. ..	Coonoor-Hullacorai road ..	3	70	210	
4	Do. ..	Kotagiri old ghat road	3	83	250	
5	Do. ..	Kotagiri Cockburn road	3	70	210	
6	Do. ..	Kaity Bridle road	2½	50	130	
7	Do. ..	Ootacamund Billicut road ..	4	30	120	
8	Do. ..	Rookery-Mettupalaiyam road ..	10	30	300	
9	Do. ..	Nellacotta Devala Hospital road.	4	100	400	
10	Do. ..	Pillur Bridle road	3	50	150	
11	Do. ..	Kotagiri ghat old road at mango tree.	2	100	200	
12	Do. ..	Kullar-Kalloor Bridle road ..	5	50	250	
13	Do. ..	Kotagiri Town lanes	½	200	100	
		Total ..	46	..	2,820	

IV-A.—Statement showing the Receipts and Charges of Local Fund Schools in the District of Nilgiris for the official year 1896–97.

Names of schools.	Average attendance for the first six months of the year.	Receipts.										Charges.											
		Grants from Government.		School-fees.		Contributions from other Local Boards, Municipalities and private individuals.		Miscellaneous.		Total.		Salaries of masters.											
												1895–96.					1896–97.						
		1895–96.	1896–97.	1895–96.	1896–97.	1895–96.	1896–97.	1895–96.	1896–97.	1895–96.	1896–97.	Number.	Fixed.	School-fees.	Result Grant.		Total.	Number.	Fixed.	School-fees.	Result Grant.		Total.
															Rate.	Amount.					Rate.	Amount.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Rs.	Rs.							Rs.	Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				Rs.
1. Yeddapalli	49	60	80	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	80	3	420	..	125		545	3	480	..			480
2. Kilkotagiri	13	30	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	20	1	180	..	35		215	1	180	..			180
3. Aravanghat	37	50	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	20	2	264	..	100		364	2	264	..			264
4. Jegatala	28	20	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	30		144	..	60		204	1	144	..			144
5. Selekorai	13	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	1	144	..	30		174	1	144	..			144
6. Bilikambay	23	..	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	1	144	..	40		184	1	144	..			144
7. Kattapet	17	10	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	30	1	144	..	45		189	1	144	..			144
8. Nanjanaad	24	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	1	144	..	25		169	1	144	..			144
9. Anikorai	35	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	144	..	25		169	1	144	..			144
10. Petala	24	10	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	40	1	144	..	50		194	2	204	..			204
11. Hosatti	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	144	..	25		169	1	144	..			144
12. Nandhala	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	144	..	30		174	1	144	..			144
Grand Total	..	180	300	..	..	..	..	..	..	180	300	15	2,160	..	590	..	2,750	16	2,280	..	710	..	2,280

Lamp provision of Rs. 710.

75 per cent.

IV-A.—Statement showing the Receipts and Charges of Local Fund Schools in the District of Nilgiris for the official year 1896–97—*cont.*

Names of Schools.	Charges—*cont.*																						
	Stipends of students.				Clerks.				Servants.				Rents.		Furniture.		Maps, books, &c.		Miscellaneous.		Total.		
	1895–96.		1896–97.		1895–96.		1896–97.		1895–96.		1896–97.												
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	1895–96.	1896–97.	1895–96.	1896–97.	1895–96.	1896–97.	1895–96.	1896–97.	1895–96.	1896–97.
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46
													Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Yeddapalli	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	12	563	642
2. Kilkotagiri	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	6	233	221
3. Aravanghat	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	48	48	8	10	..	..	6	6	426	428
4. Jegatala	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	24	6	10	..	..	6	6	240	259
5. Selekorai	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	12	6	10	..	10	6	6	198	212
6. Bilikambay	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	24	6	10	..	..	6	6	220	234
7. Kattapet	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	24	6	10	..	..	6	6	213	234
8. Nanjanaad	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	12	6	10	..	10	6	6	193	222
9. Anikorai	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	12	6	10	..	..	6	6	193	212
10. Petala	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	30	6	10	..	..	6	6	230	310
11. Hosatti	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	12	6	10	..	..	6	6	193	212
12. Nandhala	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	24	6	10	..	..	6	6	198	224
Grand Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	192	222	62	100	..	20	96	78	3,100	3,410

V.—Details of Charges in the Local Fund Hospitals, Dispensaries and Public and Charitable Institutions in the District of Nilgiris for the official year 1896–97.

Name of Institution.	Fixed charges.																			
	Superintendence.				Medical subordinates.				Clerks.				Servants.				Midwives and midwifery pupils.			
	1895–96.		1896–97.		1895–96.		1896–97.		1895–96.		1896–97.		1895–96.		1896–97.		1895–96.		1896–97.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
(a) Hospitals and Dispensaries.														Rs.		Rs.				Rs.
1. Gudalur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	660	6	660	..	..	1	180
2. Kotagiri	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	470	6	540	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	1,130	12	1,200	..	..	1	180
(b) Choultries.																				
1. Barliar	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	30	1	30	..	..	..	..
2. Aravanghat	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	30	1	30	..	..	..	..
3. Yellenhully	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	30	1	30	..	..	..	..
4. Craigmore	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	30	1	30	..	..	..	..
5. Ouchterlony	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	30	1	30	..	..	..	..
6. Pykara	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	30	1	30	..	..	..	..
7. Hamilton	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	30	1	30	..	..	..	..
8. Naduvattam	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	30	1	30	..	..	..	..
9. Gudalur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10. Nadghani	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	30	1	30	..	..	..	..
11. Devala	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	30	1	30	..	..	..	..
12. Tippacadu	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
13. Masinigudi	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	70	1	70	..	..	..	..
14. Sigur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	30	1	30	..	..	..	..
15. Sandynalla	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	30	1	30	..	..	..	..
16. Nanjanaad	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	30	1	30	..	..	..	..
17. Kotagiri	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	30	1	30	..	..	..	..
(c) Public Bungalows.																				
1. Avalanchy	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	460	14	460	..	..	..	..
2. Kulhutty	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	144	2	144	..	..	..	..
3. Naduvattam	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	132	1	132	..	..	..	..
4. Pykara	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	144	1	144	..	..	..	..
5. Nadghani	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	132	1	132	..	..	..	..
6. Masinigudi	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	72	1	72	..	..	..	..
7. Devala	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	72	1	72	..	..	..	..
8. Gudalur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	110	1	110	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	84	1	84	..	..	..	..
Grand Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	890	9	890	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	2,480	35	2,550	..	..	1	180

V.—Details of Charges in Local Fund Hospitals, Dispensaries and Public and Charitable Institutions in the District of Nilgiris for the official year 1896–97—*cont.*

Name of Institution.	Fixed charges—*cont.*				Contingent charges.															
	Medical pupils.				Medicines and surgical instruments.		Supplies.		Diet of patients and feeding charges of travellers.		Rents.		Furniture, clothing and bedding.		House-rent for Hospital Assistants.		Sundries.		Total.	
	1895–96.		1896–97.																	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	1895–96.	1896–97.	1895–96.	1896–97.	1895–96.	1896–97.	1895–96.	1896–97.	1895–96.	1896–97.	1895–96.	1896–97.	1895–96.	1896–97.	1895–96.	1896–97.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41
(a) Hospitals and Dispensaries.				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.			Rs.	Rs.			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Gudalur	..	..	..	550	550	250	250	1,000	700	..	..	150	150	..	..	100	100	2,710	2,590
2. Kotagiri	..	..	..	450	450	100	100	300	400	..	..	100	150	..	..	100	100	1,520	1,740
Total	..	..	..	1,000	1,000	350	350	1,300	1,100	..	..	250	300	..	..	200	200	4,230	4,330
(b) Choultries.																			
1. Barliar	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	30
2. Aravanghat	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	30
3. Yellenhully	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	30
4. Craigmore	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	30
5. Ouchterlony	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	30
6. Pykara	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	30
7. Hamilton	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Naduvattam	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	30
9. Gudalur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	30
10. Nadghani	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
11. Devala	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70	70
12. Tippacadu	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	30
13. Masinigudi	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	30
14. Sigur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	30
15. Sandynalla	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
16. Nanjanaad	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	30
17. Kotagiri	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	30
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	460	460
(c) Public Bungalows.																				
1. Avalanchy	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..								
2. Kulhutty	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..								
3. Naduvattam	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..								
4. Pykara	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..								
5. Nadghani	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	150	150	..	..	50	50	1,090	1,090
6. Masinigudi	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..								
7. Devala	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..								
8. Gudalur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..								
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	150	150	..	..	50	50	1,090	1,090
Grand Total	..	..	..	..	1,000	1,000	350	350	1,300	1,100	..	..	400	450	..	..	250	250	5,780	5,880

VI.—Statement showing the details of Sanitary Expenditure in the District of Nilgiris for the official year 1896–97.

Taluk.	Area.	Population according to the census of 1891.	Village.	Population according to the census of 1891.	Improvement of water-supply.	Improvement of village-sites.	Scavenging establishments.	Arrangements at fair and festivals.	Other sanitary outlay.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	SQ. MLS.					RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
No Local Fund Taluks in this district	934	75,605	39 (a)	75,605	400	600	1,920	..	200	3,120

(a) Municipalities and Wellington cantonment are excluded.

VII.—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure on account of Endowments in the District of Nilgiris for the official year 1896–97.

Designation of Endowment.	Receipts.							Expenditure.												
	Opening balance.	Government contributions.	Other contributions.	Interest.	Rents and produce of land and market fees.	Miscellaneous.	Contribution from General Local Revenue.		Total.	Allotted for public works.	Cost of supervision, and tools and plant.	Fixed charges.	Contingent charges.	Allotted for education.	Allotted for dispensaries.	Allotted for other purposes.	Repayment of loan.	Total.	Closing balance.
							As loan.	As contribution.											
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	RS.	RS.			RS.			RS.	RS.	RS.		RS.						RS.	RS.
(1) *Schools*—Nil.																			
(2) *Hospitals and Dispensaries*—Nil.																			
(3) *Choultries.*																			
1. Yellenhully	148								148	60		30						90	58
2. Craigmore	188								188	60		30						90	98
3. Aravenghat	148								148	60		30						90	58
4. Kotagiri	406								456	80		30						110	346
5. Nanjanaus	188								188	60		30						90	98
6. Pykara	— 171	250							79	30		30						60	19
7. Naduvattam	— 500	60						530	90			30						30	60
8. Kluchterliny	83	80						70	83			30						30	53
9. Burliar	— 49								101	60		30						90	71
10. Sigur	310								310	40		30						70	220
11. Hamilton	42								42	40								40	2
12. Nadghani	1,589								1,649	400								400	1,349
13. Gudalur	158				60				158	40		30						70	88
14. Sandynulla	348								348	90		70						90	258
15. Devala	12	100							112									70	42
Grand Total ..	(a) 2,900	(b) 490	..	..	110	..	..	(c) 600	4,100	980	..	400	..	..	..	..	..	1,380	2,720

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Budget.

Reviewing the Nilgiri District Board — for 1896–97.

LOCAL AND MUNL. DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings :—

Current No. 3607 L of 1895 dated 26th Nov. 1895 from the Collector, Distt. Bd., Nilgiris.
Current No. 32 L of 1896 dated 30th Dec. 1895 from the Sanitary Commissioner.
Current No. 34 L of 1896 dated 8th Jany. 1896 from the Director of Public Instruction.
Current No. of 189 dated 189 from the

ORDER.

THE estimated Local Fund receipts and charges of the Nilgiri District for 1896-97 as passed by Government are compared below with the budget and revised estimates for 1895-96 and the actuals of 1894-95 :—

	Actuals, 1894-95.	Budget Estimate, 1895-96.	Revised Estimate, 1895-96.	Budget Estimate 1896-97. District Fund.	Taluk Funds.	Union Funds.	~~Total.~~
Receipts.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Balance	17296	2860	14890				7370
1. Rates and Taxes—							
(a) Cess on Land	8383	16000	12790				12800
(b) Tolls	39766	38400	29940				38400
(c) House Tax	"	"					"
2. Education—							
(a) School Fees	"	"	"				"
(d) Income from Endowments ..	"	"	"				"
(b) (c) and (e) Other Items ..	201	260	260				260
3. Medical—							
(a) Hospital Receipts	"	"	"				"
(d) Income from Endowments ..	"	"	"				"
(b) (c) and (e) Other Items ..	607	430	530				510
4. Interest—							
(a) On Government Securities ..	"	"	"				"
(b) On Arrears of Revenue ..	"	"	"				"
5. Miscellaneous—							
(a) Contributions	"	"	"				"
(b) Choultry Rents	110	110	110				110
(c) Market Rents	"	"	"				"
(f) Ferry Rents	"	"	"				"
(d) (e) and (g) to (l) Other Items.	864	960	970				930
6. Public Works	1771	680	2140				760
7. Contributions from Provincial Funds—							
(a) Education	341	180	180				300
(b) General Purposes	18000	18000	18000				18880
(c) Public Works	67000	74000	74000				83320
(d) Choultries	490	490	490				490
8. Miscellaneous Debt Accounts ..	10877	"	"				"
9. (1) Allotment from the District Fund.	"	"	"				"
(2) Allotment from the Taluk Funds	"	"	"				"
Total ..	165706	152370	154300				164170

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Charges.	Actuals, 1894-95.	Budget Estimate, 1895-96.	Revised Estimate, 1895-96.	Budget Estimate, 1896-97. District Fund.	Taluk Funds.	Union Funds.	Total
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.		RS.
GRANT I.							
(a) New Works—							
(1) Communications ..	9955	15000	15000				16500
(2) Buildings	1616	"	"				500
(3) Mis. Public Improvements.	691	"	"				"
(b) Repairs—							
(1) Communications ..	75071	73960	73960				84660
(2) Buildings	2207	2680	2650				2680
(3) Mis. Public Improvements.	164	"	"				"
(c) Establishment	16242	15550	15560				15500
(d) Tools and Plant	972	1000	1000				1000
(e) Contingencies	353	430	430				430
(f) Contributions	8650	8100	8340				8300
(g) Miscellaneous	"	"	"				"
GRANT II. Total	115861	116720	117370				129570
(a) Inspection	813	1050	1050				1050
(b) Training Schools	"	"	"				50
(c) Secondary Schools—							
(1) Salary System	"	"	"				"
(2) Salary Result System ..	"	"	"				"
(d) Elementary Schools—							
(1) Salary System	"	"	"				"
(2) Salary Result System ..	2680	3100	3100				3410
(e) Grant-in-aid Schools—							
(1) Salary Grants	1835	2000	1900				1900
(2) Combined Grants ..	"	"	"				"
(3) Result Grants	284	150	150				150
(4) Miscellaneous	"	"	"				50
(f) Contributions	"	"	"				"
(g) Miscellaneous	35	50	50				50
GRANT III. Total	5347	4350	6250				4660
(a) Hospitals and Dispensaries ..	4313	4610	4670				4770
(b) Vaccination	1460	1400	1550				1640
(c) Sanitation	3097	2920	2920				3120
(d) Markets	"	"	"				"
(e) Choultries	462	460	460				460
(f) Bungalows	1085	1090	1090				1090
(g Contributions	3013	2060	2060				2570
(h) Miscellaneous ..	15	30	30				30
GRANT IV. Total	13446	12570	12730				13340
(a) to (e) Establishments, &c. ..	5503	6250	5780				6050
(f) Refunds	3	10	70				30
(g) Loans	"	"	"				"
(h) Miscellaneous	118	300	200				300
Miscellaneous Debt Accounts .. Total ..	56241	6560	6050				6380
Reserve	10526	"	"				"
	"	4780	4450				5280
Allotment to Taluk Funds ..	"	"	"				
Allotment to Union Funds ..	"	"	"				
Grand Total ..	150814	146980	146930				161520
Balance	14892	5390	7370				2640
Deduct—							
(1) Balance under Union Funds ..	"	"	"				"
(2) Balance under Endowments ..	3679	2890	2900				2720
Net balance available for general purposes	11213	2500	4470				-80

OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER,

Camps Sutlej 30th December 1895
~~Fort St. George,~~ 7th January 1896.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 32

No. 35/9

From

SURGEON LIEUT.-COL. W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,

SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,

To

THE Chief Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department,
Fort Saint George.

Enclosure.

SIR,

I have the honor to state that the Nilgiri District Board proposes to spend next year Rs 1640 and Rs 3120 on Vaccination and Sanitation respectively, against Rs 1400 and Rs 2920 sanctioned for the current year. The allotment for Vaccination calls for no remarks; that for sanitation, which forms only 2 per cent of the estimated receipts, is in my opinion much below requirements. For the improvement of water supply, the small provision of Rs 400 is made. In view of the fact that the drinking water sources of many of the villages inspected by the local Civil Surgeons are much exposed to pollution notwithstanding the original purity of the sources, this assignment cannot be considered adequate. I would therefore advise that this most important item of village sanitation be reconsidered in consultation with the local Sanitary Officers.

2. Statement VI which professes

exhibit in detail the proposed sanitary expenditure conveys no information whatever as to the towns and villages which will be conserved.

3 Under Grant I, no works of a sanitary nature are proposed for execution.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

W G King

Surg^n Lieut Col

Sanitary Commiss^r for Madras

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Local and Municipal Department.

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SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,

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THE Chief Secretary
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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras, 8th January 1896.

No. 77

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From

THE HONORABLE MR. D. DUNCAN, M.A., D.Sc.,
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras,

To

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

SIR,

With reference to the educational portion of the Budget Estimates of the Nilgiri District Board for 1896-97, I have the honour to state that the proposals made therein are in accordance with the recommendations of this Department and to request that they may be adopted.

2. As regards the President's remark in the last para of page 38 of the statements in connection with the recommendations of the Assistant Inspector of schools to strike out the rate of results stipends, named 75 percent, I beg to observe that the Assistant Inspector seems to have considered such an entry to be unnecessary as

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as he has recommended that the lump allotment of Rs710 under this head should be distributed among the several schools in proportion to their earnings. Being salary result schools it will suffice if they are given 75 per cent of their earnings under result stipends, and the entry under the head in Statement II A, namely, 75 per cent, may, therefore, stand.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
D Duncan
Director of Public Instruction.

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From

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Madras,

To

THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

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Nilgiri L. F. B. Budget 1896-97

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Miscellaneous Information.

The Medical portion of the Annual Budget for 1896-97 was drawn up in consultation with the District Medical and Sanitary officer. Nilgiris G. O. No. 1177 L. dated 26 June 1894.

2. There are no Hospital assistants in the Employ of the Local Board and no free quarters are thus necessary to be provided. G. O. No. 154 L. dated 24 January 1895

3. The proportion allotted in the Budget under Communications — New Works and Repairs — was two thirds of the Estimated income from Land cess plus the anticipated net receipts from Tolls. G. O. No. 1686 L. dated the 14 September 1895.

4. The Sanitary Establishment under the Local Board is Employed both in removing ordinary rubbish from village sites and in clearing away foecal matter — G. O. No. 1791 L dated 30 September 1895.

G. C. Lawson

President,
Dt. Board,
Nilgiris

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X.—List of Fixed Establishments in the Kilgiri District
for the official year 1895-96.

(To accompany the budget for 1896-97.)

Particulars.	Number.	Salary per mensem.	Travelling allowance.	Monthly salary paid.	Authority for the scale of establishment entertained.
1	2	3		4	5
		RS.		RS.	
Grant I. C.					
2. Engineering Establishment					
Engineer.	1.	650	-	650.	Includes Rs 150 fixed travelling allowances. G.O. no 2633 of 14 September 1883. for consolidation of pay and allowances.
Overseer Wynaad	1	85	35	120.	
Overseers.	2	120	60	180.	
Sub. overseer.	1	25	15	40.	G.O. 493 L. dated 29-2-92 & no. 1670 L. dated 22nd July 92.
Accountant	1	60	-	60.	
Draftsman.	1	50	.	50.	
Clerk.	1	30	.	30.	
Assistant Accountant and Store keeper.	1	20	.	20.	
Overseers Clerk Wynaad.	1	30x	..	30	Includes Rs 10. Wynaad allowance. G.O. no. 493 L. dated. 29-2-92.
Overseers Clerks.	2	40	.	40.	
office peon.	1	10	.	10.	G.O. no. 373 L. dated 2-3-1895 is the last order for the existing establishment under L.F. Public works.
Lascars.	4	32	.	32.	
Sweeper.	1	2	.	2.	
Total.	18	1154	110	1264	or Rs. 15168 per annum
3. Tolls and Ferry Establishment — nil.					
Grant II.					
(a) Inspection.					
Inspecting schoolmaster.	1.	(a) 65	15	80.	(a) Includes Rs 15 Local allowance. G.O. no. 373 L. dated 2-3-1895

X.—List of Fixed Establishments in the Nilgiri District
for the official year 1895-96.

(To accompany the budget for 1896-97.)

Particulars.	Number.	Salary per mensem.	Travelling allowance.	Monthly salary paid.	Authority for the scale of establishment entertained.
1	2	3		4	5
Elementary school Salary of Masters.	2	30	-	30.	G.O. no. 5962. dated 29th November 1894.
"	10	120	.	120	
"	3	30	.	30.	G.O. no. 373 L. dated 2-3-1895 is the latest order for the scale of establishment entertained.
Total.	15	180		180.	
Total under Grant III.	16.	245	15	260.	
Grant III.					
(a) Hospitals and dispensaries.					
District Surgeon's clerk.	1	20x	-	20	G.O. no. 1483 A.L. dated 7th July 1893. Increased from Rs 15 to Rs. 20 by the Local Board under para 8 of G.O. no. 391 Public dated 22nd February
Compounders.	2	30	-	30	
Cook.	2	16	-	16.	Gudalur Hospital Cook G.O. no. 352. Financial dated 18th July 1890.
Peon.	1	9	.	9.	
Nurse	1	6	.	6.	Do — Do —
waterman.	1	6	.	6.	G.O. no 1028 L.F. dated 25th August 1886 is the authority for the entertainment of the Kotagiri Hospital establishment.
washerman	1	1½	-	1½.	
Sweeper	1	10	.	10.	G.O. no. 352 Fin. dated 18-2-15
Sweepers.	2	14	-	14.	
Bill collector	1	2	-	2.	
Total.	12	114½	-	114½.	
(b) Vaccination.					
Vaccinators.	2.	41x	14	55 —	Includes Rs 5 warm clothing allowances at Rs 2½ per each vaccinator —
Probationary Vaccinator.	1	27	7	34 —	Includes Rs. 9 Wynaad allowance.
Do Vaccinator	1	10	3	13. —	Entertained temporarily by Local Board, subject to sanction of Government no. of 5th June 95 —
Total	5	81	24	105.	G.O. no. 5962. dated 29-3-95

X.—List of Fixed Establishments in the Nilgiri District for the official year 1895-96.

(To accompany the budget for 1896-97.)

Particulars.	Number.	Salary per mensem. Monthly allowance.	Monthly salary paid.	Authority for the scale of establishment entertained.
1	2	3	4	5
(c) Choultries.				
Chattrum Keepers.	13	32½	32½	
Do.	1	6	6	
Total	14.	38½	38½	
(d) Bungalows.				
Peons.	2	22	22	
Do.	2	12	12	
Do.	1	12	12	
Do.	1	5	5	
Do.	1	7	7	
Do.	1	7	7	G.O. No. 710 L. dated 26 March 89.
Sweeper.	1	9	9	G.O. No. 498 L. dated 7th March 1891.
Total.	9	74	74.	
(e) Sanitation				
Sanitary Inspector.	1	15	15	G.O. 547 L. Mis. dated 11 March 1893.
Mistry	1	12	12.	G.O. No. 768 L. Mis. dated 27-10-94.
Sweepers.	10	90	90.	
Do.	4	32	32	G.O. No. 596 L. dated 29-3-94 and G.O. No. 768 L. Mis. dated 27-4-1894.
Do.	2	11	11	
Total	18	160	160.	
Total Grant III.	58	468 24	492.	

X.—List of Fixed Establishments in the Nilgiri District for the official year 1895-96.

(To accompany the budget for 1896-97.)

Particulars.	Number.	Salary per mensem. Monthly allowance.	Monthly salary paid.	Authority for the scale of establishment entertained.
1	2	3	4	5
		Rs.	Rs.	
Grant IV.				
Miscellaneous.				
(a) Collector's office.				
Audit clerk.	1	61¼	61¼	The pay was re-distributed G.O. 2246 L. Mis. dated 1-11-1893.
Accountant.	1	50	50.	G.O. No. 429 Mis. dated 28 June 1884.
(b) Local Board's office clerk	1	60	60	G.O. No. 539 L. dated 7-3-1890 for increase in rate of pay.
Attender	1	14	14.	G.O. No. 2679 L. Mis. dated 28th November 1893.
Peon.	1	10	10.	G.O. No. 498 L. dated 7th March 1891 for increased rate of pay.
Total	5	195¼	195¼.	
Grand total	97	2062¼ 149	2211¼	Rs. 26535 per annum.

Note

The authority for the scale of establishment entertained has been quoted wherever practicable. Steps are being taken to trace the authority in cases where none have been entered at present. This list has been corrected up to date & it does not include any new establishment the entertainment of which does not lie within the powers of the President.

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President of Nilgiri

Reserve Account.

	Rs.
Land Cess.	12800
Tolls.	38400.
School fees.	—
Sale of Medicines	250.
Miscellaneous.	60.
Private Contributions	60.
Sundries.	100.
Chowltries &c.	940.
Sale of old materials.	40.
Sale of tools and plant.	100.
Total	52750.

Reserve $\frac{52750}{10}$ = Rs. 5275 or 5280. (in Round numbers)

Balance. $\frac{52750}{20}$ = Rs. 2637½. or 2640 (in Round numbers)

J. Lawson
President
Dt. Board
Nilgiris

General purposes Account.

Assets.

	Rs.
Land cess (one third of Rs. 12800)	4266.
Educational fees and Municipal Contributions	260.
Medical.	510.
5 Miscellaneous. Chowltries &c.	1040.
Provincial Contributions	
Education	300.
Chowltries.	490.
Total.	6866.

Expenditure.

Grant I Public Works.	
New works, Civil Buildings.	500.
Miscellaneous Public Improvements.	"
Repairs. Civil Buildings.	2680.
Miscellaneous Public Improvements.	"
Establishment supervision. Cost (20 per cent)	636.
Tools and plant (1·79 per cent)	57
Grant II Education (The whole amount)	6660
Grant III. Medical. Do.	13640
Grant IV. Miscellaneous (one seventh total cost)	911
Reserve. (one tenth total)	528
Balance (one twentieth total)	132
Total.	25744.
Deduct. Assets.	6866.

Balance required to meet Expenditure 18878 Rs.
or Rs. 18880 in Round numbers.

J. Lawson
President,
Dt Board, Nilgiris

Public works account.

Assets

	Rs.
Balance.	7370
Land cess. (Two thirds)	8534
Tolls.	38400.
Sale of old materials & Tools and plant.	140.
Municipal and District Board Contributions }	620.
Total.	55,064

Expenditure.

New works Communications	16,500
Repairs. Do.	84660
Establishment Public works charges.	330.
Local Fund Engineering Establishment (Rs 15140-636) }	14,534
Tools and plant. (Rs 1000-57)	943.
Contingencies.	430.
Contribution to Government on account of tolls.	8200.
Dr. Municipalities	100.
Miscellaneous.	-
Total.	125697.
Grant II. (Six-seventh total cost)	5469
Reserve (Nine-tenths)	4752.
Balance (Sixteen - twentieths).	2508.
Total-	138426.
Deduct Assets.	55064.
Balance required to meet Expenditure.	83362.

or Rs. 83,360 in Round numbers.

E. Lawson
President
D. Board, Nilgiris

XI.—Abstract of Receipts and Charges under Local Funds for the year 1896-97.

	Actuals, 1894-95.	Budget estimate, 1895-96.	Revised estimate, 1895-96.	Budget estimate, 1896-97.
1	2	3	4	5
Revenue Heads.				
I. Land Revenue	33	10	30	30
VI. Provincial Rates	8383	16000	12790	12800
XII. Interest	-	-	-	-
XIX. Education	201.	260	260	260
XX. Medical	607.	430	530	510
XXII. Receipts in aid of Superannuation, Retired and Compassionate Allowances ..	-	-	-	-
XXV. Miscellaneous	941	1060	1050	1010
XXXII Civil Works	39766	38400	29940	38400
Public Works Department	1771	680	2140	760
Adjusting heads	85831	92670	92670	103030
Total ..	137533	149510	139410	156800
Charge Heads.				
1. Refunds and Drawbacks	3	10	70	30
14. Interest on other Obligations	-	-	-	
18. General Administration	3767	4430	3880	4270
22. Education	5347	6350	6250	6660
24. Medical	10636	10180	10390	10800
29. Superannuation Allowances and Pensions ..	120.	220	240	220
32. Miscellaneous, including Reserve	12083	6360	6060	6860
45. Civil Works	107311	108720	108730	121370
Public Works Department	-	10710.	add	
Adjusting Heads	11547	4547	11310	11320
Total ..	150814	146980	146930.	161530

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President D. Board, Nilgiris

XII.—Statement showing the proportion of the General Local Fund Receipts of each Local Board estimated to be spent on the several Services in the District of Nilgiris in the official year 1896-97

Local Boards.	General Local Fund receipts, *i.e.*, excluding opening balance, Government Contributions, and endowment receipts.	Expenditure from General Local Funds.										Remarks.
		Roads.	Percentage of column 3 to column 2.	Education.	Percentage of column 5 to column 2.	Medical relief (including contributions to Municipal and other institutions.	Percentage of column 7 to column 2.	Vaccination.	Percentage of column 9 to column 2.	Sanitation (including contributions for Sanitary inspection, &c.	Percentage of column 11 to column 2.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Rs.*	Rs.†		Rs.‡		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
District Board												
Taluk Boards.												
1	This statement prescribed with reference to G.O. No 1774 L. dated the 11th September 1894, has been ordered to be discontinued by official Memorandum No 169 dated the 9th February 1895 as being inapplicable to this District.											
2												
3												
4												
5												
6												
Total for Taluk Boards ..												
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R. Lawton
President,
Dt. Board,
Nilgiris

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Budget Estimate for 1896-97.

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V.R. 18/1/96 W.W.D. 20.1.96 [illegible] 20/1/96

To the President, Dt. Board, Nilgiris.
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" Director of Public Instruction
" Surgeon-General.
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25/1/96.

Nilgiri Local Fund Budget
for 1896-97

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NOTE FOR THE ~~ASSISTANT~~ Chief SECRETARY.

(Not for Record.)

Cur No 628 L

Please see the notes and orders on the draft revision of the Distt. Board's budget for 1896-97 and the G O No 2652 issued thereon. The current read above furnishes the information called for in that order.

Please see pencil note added in the margin of para 4 of the draft revision

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7/3/96 Submitted that the budget may now go out as it stands.

WWS
9.3.96

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without the transfer from the Mettupalaiyam-Kotagiri road, the expenditure of Rs 300 a mile p.a. for the upkeep of ~~th~~ a road to carry 4 carts a day seems quite absurd. I am afraid there must be mismanagement somewhere. Pending further informⁿ, I should let the Mettupalaiyam-Kotagiri allotment stand.

[initials]
6/2/96

Note. The Pres. Dt. Bd. has already had his attention drawn to the disproportion between maintenance & tolls (please see G.O. 2418 L / 12.12.95) Submitted for orders whether it is necessary to call on him for an explanation again, & whether the Budget may go out as it stands

Note for H.M.

Please see G.O.s 2064 L / 28.10.95 & 2418 L / 12.12.95, from which it appears that the tolls on the Ootacamund-Gudalur road are Rs 3,020, on the Gudalur-Vayitri road Rs 355 (the average of three years 92-95) & only Rs 220 last year. The allotment for the former road is Rs 14,500, or Rs 500 a mile, & for the latter Rs 7,650, or Rs 300 a mile. With the transfer of Rs 3000 from the "Construction of road-dams, Mettupalaiyam Kotagiri ghat", the allotment for the latter is Rs 10,650, or Rs 420 a mile, which should certainly be ample, considering the small amount of toll revenue derived from it. If it is considered that Rs 300 a mile is sufficient for the Vayitri road, the allotment for road dams may stand, as, although not of great importance, it is reported to be greatly wanted (vide para. 13(3) of the Presᵗ's letter.

WWS
4.11.96.

The Devala toll bar last year brought in only 230.

The allotments on these Hill and Mysore roads need to be heavier than elsewhere as they are exposed to tremendous falls of rain, are on steep ground and are exposed to very heavy weather. As they are not

carefully kept in good order they soon
deteriorate and rapidly become impassable
One cannot altogether go by the toll
test. ~~[illegible]~~
Ld 4/2/96
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509 L
16/3/96
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Nilgiri Dt. Bd. Budget
1896-97

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H.M.

Note for H.M. with reference to
his note of 30-1-96.

Resubmitted with note for orders
WWP
7.ii.96

Do use worrying H.M. with notes
about this matter and put
the orders which I have drafted.
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Better hold up the budget until
we extract something out
of the President L
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* *Note* This course appears to be preferable to the reduction of the allotment for new works proposed in Cir No 2992 since received —

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~~(True Extract.)~~ (Intd) W. W. P. 20/1/96

~~Chief Secretary.~~

(Intd) J. F. P. 20/1/96

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To the President, District Board, Nilgiris.
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" Director of Public Instruction.
" Surgeon-General.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Chairmen of Municipal Councils in the Nilgiri district.
" Collector of Nilgiris.
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Editors' Table.

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The proposed alteration [may be] made — It is, however, very difficult to tell what maintenance allowance a road ought to get without some idea of the traffic on it — There is a toll gate at or near Devala on this road, but I cannot find any details of the income expected from such toll-gate. I think this info should be given — My impression is that some at least of these roads get a larger allowance than they need. Take the Ooty-Gudalur road for instance — It gets Rs 500 a mile, but I believe the traffic is quite insignificant — only 25 to 30 vehicles a day. It is true the road is excellently kept. But is it at all necessary that it should be kept up so well? I should suggest.

H.S.
30/1/96

* Since received. Cir No 195 L.

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