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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 30th September 1862.

No. 542. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 23rd September 1862, No. 2,067 :—

Passing orders on the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, regarding certain items entered in the Budgets of receipts and charges for 1862-63. } (Vide Revenue Proceedings, 23rd September 1862, Nos. 436-437.)

No. 543. ORDER THEREON, 30th September 1862, No. 2,344.

Communicated to the Chief Engineer, Deputy Chief Engineers Northern, Southern and Central Circles, and to the Officer in charge of the Audit and Account Departments of the Central Office for their information.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th August 1862, No. 5,456:—

Read again Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 24th January 1862, No. 103, reviewing the Board's Budget Estimate of Receipts for 1862-63, and calling for explanation on certain points.

(In Cons. 27th January 1862, No. 416.)

Read also Proceedings of Government, dated 10th June 1862, No. 1,280.

(In Cons. 11th June 1862, No. 3,607.)

1. The foregoing Order of Government having been communicated to the Collectors, with the Board's Circular dated 7th February 1862, No. 855, and the requisite information having been obtained from them, the Board will proceed to reply to the several points noticed by Government.

2. First, as regards the large estimated decrease under the head of "Sea Customs," the Board observe that the information called for in paragraph 5 of the Order under reply, was submitted with their Proceedings dated 17th March 1862, No. 1,763.

3. The revised form of the Budget Estimate called for in paragraph 9 is not sent, as it has been dispensed with by paragraph 3 of the Government Proceedings dated 21st July 1862, No. 1,566. Some slight changes which were considered necessary in the classification of items under "Sayer" have been communicated to the Acting Accountant General.

4. With reference to paragraph 10, the Board observe that the amount of Inám commutation entered in the Budget of the Kistna District is Rupees 1,000, and not Rupees 50,000 as stated by Government. The latter sum referred to in the Order, is the "quit-rent commutation." The former item comprises the amount received from Inámdárs for the fee simple of their lands at the rate of twenty years' purchase of the quit-rent, the latter is the additional quit-rent charged by the Inám Commissioner for the enfranchisement of Ináms from liability to lapse. The estimate of Rupees 50,000 on account of this last item was framed with reference to the actual collections under that head for Fasli 1270. This revenue will in future be included in the item of "Jódi of Shrotriem and Inám villages," and the necessary intimation of this change has been made to the Accountant General.

5. In paragraph 11, the Government desired to be informed whether the sums set down under "sale of trees" properly appertain to the local funds or not. It appears from the information furnished by the Collectors regarding the nature of this item that it consists of sums estimated to be realized by the sale of decayed topes or of isolated trees standing on village sites and on Government lands, as also the sale proceeds of fallen avenue trees and lopped branches, &c. Of the thirteen Districts in which this item of receipt occurs, the Collectors of eight state that they see no objection to the sums being carried to the credit of the "local funds," while the Collectors of the remaining five Districts noted in the margin, report that the only items usually credited to the local fund in their Districts, are the sale proceeds of decayed avenue trees, and the surplus cattle fines, and that the sums realized by the sale of trees, &c., standing in Government lands are credited as Imperial revenues. The Board are however of opinion that the receipts from such casual sales of trees for timber or fuel should be credited to the local funds, the trees and topes having in almost every case it may safely be assumed had their origin in local causes in former times, and should the Government concur in this view, the necessary instructions will be issued to the Collectors to come into operation from the commencement of the current Fasli 1272. The amount estimated on this account in the thirteen Districts is Rupees 8,432.

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6. The explanation called for in paragraph 12 of the Order of Government under reply, is rendered unnecessary by the abolition of the duty on Arts, Trades, and Dealings, &c.

7. A complete list* of the public Bungalows, distinguishing those which are furnished from those which are not, and showing the establishment entertained at each with its cost, is herewith sent as required by Government in paragraph 14. In their Proceedings dated 10th June 1862, No. 1,280, recorded at the head of these Proceedings, the Government desired to be informed why so large a provision as Rupees 40,555 was made on account of Travellers' Bungalows in the Budget of 1862-63 where the actual charges for 1861-62

* In M. S.

were only Rupees 26,620 (exclusive of arrears). The Board are not in a position to furnish any information on this subject. The receipts and charges under this head were under instructions from the Accountant General, entered by the Collectors, the former under XIII, Public Works, and the latter E, Works of Internal improvement and Public convenience; and consequently did not come under the Board's revision. From the list of establishment now submitted, it will be seen that the estimated cost per annum on account of establishment alone is Rupees 18,766-7-0. The estimate submitted to the Accountant General probably includes other charges on account of furniture, &c.

8. As required in paragraph 15, a Statement* is herewith sent showing the estimated receipts and charges on account of the District Presses for 1862-63, excluding however the fixed establishment sanctioned by Government on a uniform scale for each Collectorate. With the permission of Government the Press earnings have hitherto been employed in the repair and purchase of Press materials, and in the employment of extra establishments which at times were rendered necessary by a pressure of work for other departments, for which the ordinary fixed establishment was found unequal. It was the intention of the Board to advocate the continuance of this arrangement, but as they find that under it, some Districts are placed in an unduly disadvantageous position compared with others, they consider the following plan preferable for adoption. At present, work done for other departments is charged for at the fixed rates, and paid for in each. This charge is nominal being a mere transfer of the Government funds from one department to another. The Press of a Collectorate is intended to execute the work of all the public departments in the District, and the Board would therefore recommend that in future no charge be made for work done for public departments, a statement of the value of such work being however kept in the Collector's Offices as usual for purposes of account, and forwarded annually with the report on Presses as is now done. To enable the Collectors to employ extra hands whenever the work is heavy, and to meet the cost of repairing and purchasing Press materials, the Board recommend that an annual allowance of Rupees 1,000 be made to each District, and that the expenditure for the purposes abovementioned be limited to that amount, the actual charges being of course passed by the Board. Frequent reference to Government for sanction for petty charges will be rendered unnecessary by this arrangement.

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	Rs.
1 Head Compositor	35
1 Compositor	25
2 Do. at 15 each	30
1 Pressman	12
1 Do.	8
1 Ballman	8
1 Do.	7
Total per month...	125

9. The estimate now submitted includes cost of paper for District Gazettes, &c., in a few cases, and provision for contingent charges in most of the Districts, but the Board consider that these charges should be included in the general Sadirwarid of the District, the charges of extra establishment, and those for repairing and purchasing Press materials, being alone met out of the proposed discretionary fund of Rupees 1,000. Should the Government approve of these suggestions, the necessary instructions will be issued to the Collectors on the subject, and they will be directed to carry into effect this arrangement from 1863-64. As most of the Collectors have not made provision in the Budget for 1862-63, for the cost of type, &c., required in the year, under the impression that the Press earnings would as usual be available for the purpose, the Board beg that thay may be allowed to follow the usual course up to the end of the current year. Whatever surplus may remain at the end of the year out of the earnings, will be carried to the credit of Government. From the next official year, the subscriptions received for District Gazettes, and the amount realized for any private work done at the Press, will of course be credited to Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

ORDER THEREON, 23rd September 1862, No. 2,067.

1. In these Proceedings the Board of Revenue submit the information required by Government in their Orders noted in the margin, regarding certain items entered in the Budgets of receipts and charges for 1862-63. The Governor in Council will only notice such parts of the Board's Proceedings as require orders.

24th January 1862, No 103.
10th June " " 1,280.

2. With reference to the enquiry of Government whether receipts from "sale of trees" appertain to Local Funds or not, the Board explain that this item occurs in thirteen Districts, that the Collectors of eight of them see no objection to transfer it to the "Local Fund," and that the Collectors of the remaining five Districts report that the only items usually credited to that fund are the sale proceeds of decayed avenue trees and the surplus cattle fines, and that the sums realized by the sale of trees, &c., standing on Government lands are credited to Imperial Revenues. The Board themselves are in favor of the transfer of the item to the "Local Fund," assuming the trees and topes to have in almost every case had their origin in local causes in former times. The Government concur with the Board and request them to issue orders accordingly.

3. The Board submit as required a list of the public Bungalows, distinguishing those which are furnished from those which are not, and showing the establishment entertained at each. The Department to undertake the control of the Bungalows, and the propriety or otherwise of the State bearing any portion of their cost are questions now under the consideration of the Government of India; the Government, therefore, do not deem it expedient at present to pass any orders in regard to these buildings.

Letter from Government of India, dated 21st June 1862, No. 4,089, paragraph 19.
Do. dated 5th August 1862, No. 774, paragraph 6.

4. In paragraph 15 of the Order dated 24th January 1862, No. 103, Government observed that there was no necessity to treat the receipts from the Collectorate Printing Presses as Local Funds, inasmuch as the establishments are now included in the Hoozoor lists, and provision is made in the Budget for type, &c. The Board concur in this view, but recommend that the usual course be followed up to the end of the current year, as most of the Collectors have not made provision in the Budget for 1862-63 for the cost of type, &c., required in the year, under the impression that the Press earnings would as usual be available for the purpose. The Government comply with this recommendation; the change should be introduced from the beginning of the next official year.

5. The other suggestions made by the Board in connection with the Collectorate Presses and stated below are approved. They will also be carried out from the commencement of the next year:—

(1.) That in future no charge be made for work done for Public Departments; a statement of the value of such work being however kept in the Collectors' Offices as usual for purposes of account, &c.

(2.) That an annual allowance of Rupees 1,000 be made to each District, and that the expenditure therefrom on account of extra hands employed whenever the work is heavy, and the repair and purchase of Press materials be limited to that amount, the actual charges being passed by the Board; and,

(3.) That the cost of paper for District Gazettes, &c., and the usual contingent charge of the Press Office be included in the general Sadirwarid of the District.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Public Works Department.
" Accountant General.
" Civil Paymaster.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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