

MINOR ADMINISTRATION BUDGET ORDERS, 1863-64.

COORG TERRITORY.

1. The Coorg Budget amounts to Rs. 60,000, and is sub-divided for—

Original Works	...	...	...	Rs. 21,218	} Rs. 60,000
Repairs	...	...	...	" 20,000	
Establishment	...	...	...	" 13,632	
Reserve	...	...	...	" 5,150	

2. It is represented that the neglect of maintaining in proper order the Roads and Bungalows in this province has been so great, and unavoidably so in the absence of any permanent Establishment, that even the above sums will be scarcely sufficient.

The assignment made for the Province was the same as for last year, Rs. 25,000, but the extract in the

Para. 6 of P. W. D. letter No. 2869, dated 29th July 1862. margin shows the authority for stating that the grant had been raised to Rs. 50,000.

An Assistant Executive Engineer has been appointed to the charge of Coorg, so that the outlay will be properly supervised, and the Budget will be reviewed as if the total sum had been assigned, pending a settlement of this point, subject to which the orders are only passed provisionally.

III. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT.

I. COMMUNICATIONS.

3. *Item No. 1. A third class Road from Codlipett to Mercara.*—The Estimate is Rs. 35,000, of which Rs. 20,000 were spent up to 30th April 1863. The proposed appropriation for 1863-64 is Rs. 8,000, which is passed; the original Estimate, which was simply a lump sum of Rs. 20,000, having been sanctioned by the Government of India; a revised Estimate, based on a survey of the Road, which it is stated has been carefully traced and with the exception of a few miles near Mercara, opened sufficiently wide for carts, is to be submitted at once.

Item No. 6 is for constructing three Wooden Bridges on this Road, Estimate (received) amounting to Rs. 36,303; but the proposed appropriation is only Rs. 2,000, which it is stated will pay for felling the whole stock of timber and for preparing the foundations of the abutments. This appropriation is passed provisionally. The Road and these Bridges should be completed in 1864-65.

Items Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5 are for small Bridges sanctioned by the Commissioner. The appropriations aggregate Rs. 8,078, which is passed.

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Item No. 7 is for a Travellers' Bungalow at Wotacolly, the construction of which, at an expense of Rs. 13,140, has been sanctioned by the Commissioner. The appropriation is passed.

PART II.—REPAIRS.

4. The appropriation for Repairs amounts to Rs. 20,000, the whole of which is to be expended in placing the roads in good order for traffic.

In this Budget, as in that for Mysore, it is proposed to provide for special repairs out of the Reserve; but the Reserve is only properly a Fund for unforeseen Original Works.

PART III.—ESTABLISHMENTS.

5. Rs. 13,632 for Establishments is high, even for the whole outlay proposed: A monthly Establishment costing Rs. 866 per month, or Rs. 10,392 per annum, was sanctioned by the Financial Department in November 1862; the difference between this sum and the amount set down in the Budget is due to the provision made for travelling allowances and contingencies. The appropriation is passed, provisionally on the entire Budget amount being finally granted.

PORT BLAIR.

6. There is no Budget Statement for Port Blair in the Public Works Department. The Government of India in the Home Department state that the Estimate of charges for the Public Works Department is entered in a round sum of Rs. 50,000, without any detail of the component items being shown:—

The same distribution may be assumed as was done last year.

ORIGINAL WORKS.

Military ...	Rs. 5,000	
Civil ...	" 30,000	
		Rs. 35,000
Repairs ...	" 5,000	
Establishment ...	" 1,000	
Reserve ...	" 9,000	
Total ...		Rs. 50,000

7. The remarks made in the review of the Budgets for 1862-63, para. 24, with reference to the defective way in which Estimates have been prepared, and the so called Budget submitted for Port Blair, have produced no good whatever; and they should be repeated to the Home Department for early and particular consideration.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.,
The 29th May 1863.

J. P. BEADLE, Lieut. Col., R. E.
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

CIRCULAR No. 34 of 1863.

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INDIA IN COUNCIL.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
Fort William, 29th May 1863.

General.
Accounts.

Read Minor Administrations (Coorg and Port Blair) Budget Orders for 1863-64.

Ordered, that a copy of the above Orders be forwarded—

To the Commissioner of Coorg for information and guidance, with reference to paras. 1 to 5, and that his special attention be drawn to the remarks under the heads Repairs and Establishments.

To the Home Department for information, with special reference to paras. 6 and 7 of the Orders.

To the Foreign, Financial, and Military Departments for information.

To the Quarter Master General of the Army and to the Military Finance Department for information.

Governments of Madras, Bombay,
Bengal, N.W. Provinces and Punjab,
Governor, Straits Settlements,
Chief Commissioners of Oudh, Central
Provinces, and British Burmah.
Resident at Hyderabad.
Commissioner of Mysore.

To the Local Governments and Administrations marginally noted.

Ordered also, that a copy of the above Resolution and of the Orders be forwarded to the Public Works Department with the Governor General, for His Excellency's information.

J. P. Beadle Lieut. Col., R. E.
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The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras

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