

# BRITISH BURMAH BUDGET ORDERS, 1863-64.

This Budget was submitted early and is clearly prepared. It adopts the appropriations suggested by the Government of India.

|                |     |     |     |       | Lakhs.           |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|------------------|
| Original Works | ... | ... | ... | ...   | 9 $\frac{3}{4}$  |
| Repairs        | ... | ... | ... | ...   | 3                |
| Establishments | ... | ... | ... | ...   | 3                |
| Reserve        | ... | ... | ... | ...   | 1 $\frac{3}{4}$  |
|                |     |     |     | Total | 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ |

"Original Works" are sub-divided as follows:—

|                    |     |     |     |       | Lakhs.          |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----------------|
| Military           | ... | ... | ... | ...   | 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Civil              | ... | ... | ... | ...   | 3               |
| Public Improvement | ... | ... | ... | ...   | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
|                    |     |     |     | Total | 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ |

"Public Improvement" includes provision for the Alguada and other Lighthouses.

The entire sum passed under these orders is Rs. 16,73,600; the difference between this amount and the assignment for the Province may be applied, with the sanction of the Government of India, to any other works of importance which the Chief Commissioner may desire to bring forward, or it might be applied in promoting progress of those works which are entered in the Budget, but not sufficiently supplied with funds to ensure the greatest progress possible.

## PART I.—ORIGINAL WORKS.

### I. MILITARY.

#### A. ARMY.

2. *Items Nos. 1, 2, and 3, Sub-head Fortifications*—Are for works in the Redoubt of Thayetmyo, which have been sanctioned and two-thirds completed; the sum of Rs. 5,000, entered on this account, may be passed.

*Item No. 4* is for completion of Redoubt at Tounghoo; more than half the expenditure has been incurred; the work was sanctioned in October 1862, and the sum now required to complete, Rs. 20,000, may be passed.

*Items Nos. 5, 6, and 7, Sub-head Cantonments*—Are for completing roads at Rangoon, Tounghoo, and Thayetmyo; they aggregate Rs. 20,000. The Thayetmyo Road between the Town and Cantonment has been sanc-

tioned (October 1862). Estimates for the first two items, which are for completing Boundary Roads, have not yet been passed. With the understanding that the works will not be commenced upon until the projects with Estimates shall have been sanctioned by the Chief Commissioner, these items are passed for execution during the year, the works being important.

|           |                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Rangoon   | { 1 Garrison Battery.<br>1 Regiment European Infantry.<br>1 " Native "                                 | 3. The present Force in British Burmah, as per margin, is about one-third of the Force prior to the promulgation of G. G. O. No. 20 A dated 26th January 1861, and this portion of the Budget has to be reviewed with reference to this fact. |
| Thayetmyo | { 1 Horse Field Battery.<br>1 Wing European Infantry.<br>1 Regiment Native Infantry.                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Toungthoo | { 1 Garrison Battery.<br>1 Wing European Infantry.<br>1 Regiment Native Infantry.                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Moulmein  | { Pegu Sapper } to be replaced by a<br>Battalion ... Regiment of Na-<br>Head Quarters } tive Infantry. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

*Item No. 8. European Infantry School-house at Rangoon.*—This Building is required to complete the European Barracks at Rangoon; the School, up to this time, having been held in one of the Married Barracks. The Estimate and Plan have been received, and the amount, Rs. 13,061, is admitted, subject to the Estimate being passed.

*Items Nos. 9 and 10.*—Rs. 28,065 and Rs. 5,195 for shingling Native Infantry Lines and for building two Cook-houses for the Native Infantry at Thayetmyo, are passed; the works having been expressly sanctioned in P. W. D. letter No. 4750 dated 5th December 1862, "subject to the limitation of the permanent accommodation to the requirements of the established strength of a Madras Native Infantry Regiment, with its Bandsmen, &c."

*Items Nos. 11 and 12.*—*Married Barracks for European Infantry and Artillery. Out-offices to ditto.* The proposed appropriations, amounting to Rs. 36,816 and Rs. 15,000, are passed, subject to approval of the revised Estimate. The estimated amounts entered in the Budget exceed the outlay sanctioned by the Government of India by Rs. 8,022.

*Item No. 13. Shingling Native Infantry Barracks at Toungthoo.*—The Estimate has been received; there is as much reason for shingling the roofs of these Barracks as for those of the Barracks at Thayetmyo. The amount of the Estimate, however, is Rs. 82,982 against Rs. 56,131 at Thayetmyo. The charge for 1863-64 may be admitted under the same limitation as in P. W. D. letter No. 4750 of 5th December 1862. There are perhaps reasons for the work being dearer at Toungthoo than at Thayetmyo, but the apparent disproportion will be considered in dealing with the Estimate.

It may be observed that this shingling is objected to by the Military Finance Department on the score of it being nearly as expensive to place shingles on the thatched roofs of the old Barracks as it would be

to build new thatched Barracks. But the object of shingling is to lessen the risks of fire, which are very great; and the advisability of the measure has been admitted after much consideration.

*Item No. 14. European Infantry Ball Court.*—Estimate Rs. 11,799; this sum is excessive, as remarked by the Military Finance Department.

The expenditure for a Ball Court in the North-Western Provinces does not exceed Rs. 3,329, and the cost is much less in the Punjab and in the Central Provinces. The Estimate therefore far exceeds the limit of three times the cost in other Provinces, which has been urged as a proper ratio for British Burmah.

The Ball Court is said to be much required at Toungthoo, where the European Soldiers feel the want of some means of recreation. The rates at Toungthoo are known to be excessively high, so the entry may remain, subject to the orders passed on the Estimate.

4. The last item entered under the head Military is No. 15, Rs. 37,296, for a Commissariat Godown to be constructed in the Toungthoo Redoubt.

This Redoubt has been built with curtain walls on the two town fronts, so constructed as to answer each for the outer wall of a Godown to be afterwards erected; one Godown for Ordnance, the other for Commissariat Stores.

The Ordnance Godown has been completed, and the Military Finance Department remarks on the project for building the Commissariat Godown, that the Ordnance Godown might perhaps answer for both Departments, the requirements having been diminished. This might be reported upon. If the Ordnance Godown should not wholly suffice, a portion of the proposed Commissariat Godown might be built, say four out of seven compartments, as suggested by the Military Finance Department. In this case the amount of Rs. 20,064 entered for 1863-64 may stand, being nearly in this proportion to the whole amount of the Estimate, which is Rs. 37,296.

5. The total sum passed under this head is Rs. 2,25,000.

## II.—CIVIL ADMINISTRATION.

### C. REVENUE.

6. *Item No. 16. Custom House and Bonded Warehouse at Rangoon.*—The sum of Rs. 50,000, entered for this project, may be passed. The Bonded Warehouse must be ready before the 21st June 1864, otherwise the Government will not be in a position to give notice, and reclaim the purchase money (Rs. 65,000) of the building at present occupied.

The early commencement of the work was authorised in P. W. D. letter No. 369 dated 26th January 1863, on a plan which had been approved of by the Government of India, and for a total outlay not to exceed 2 lakhs of Rupees.

Copies of the revised Design and Estimate are to be sent to this Office for information. Under these circumstances it is advisable to push on with the work, and the appropriation of half a lakh might be doubled, if the money can be spent with advantage.

*Item No. 17. Inspection Sheds for Customs Department, Rs. 5,000; passed.*

*Item No. 18. Post Office to be erected at Maulmain.*—The Post Office at Maulmain has been heretofore held in part of a temporary thatched building, which is also occupied by the Police Court and other Offices, and is now to be removed as unsafe. The charge of Rs. 10,000 may be admitted. Orders on the Estimate will shortly issue.

#### D. GENERAL.

*Item No. 19. Rangoon Public Offices.*—Sanctioned and proceeded with to the extent of Rs. 60,000. The total Estimate amounts to Rs. 3,18,841, and the appropriation of 1 lakh of Rupees may be passed; it is to be hoped that it will be spent, the expenditure for 1862-63 having fallen (Rs. 15,000) short of the grant.

#### E. ECCLESIASTICAL.

*Item No. 20.*—Rs. 20,000 for Trinity Church, Rangoon, may stand; it is observed that a revised Estimate is about to be submitted.

#### G. JUDICIAL.

*Item No. 21.*—The permanent Court House at Mergui will be completed this year.

*Item No. 22.*—A similar Court House, to be constructed under the same Estimate and on the same plan, is entered for Tavoy, and the amount (Rs. 10,000) may be provisionally admitted under the explanation given in the 16th para. of the Budget letter; but an Abstract Estimate, referring to the former detailed Estimate and plan, should be at once submitted for formal sanction.

*Items Nos. 23, 24, 25, and 26* provide for constructing Jails at Rangoon, Bassein, Tounghoo, and Thayetmyo. There appears to have been some correspondence with the Home Department about these Jails since the Public Works Department received the Estimates. Rs. 19,295 has been spent towards constructing a Jail at Bassein. The Estimates for the four Jails aggregate Rs. 6,87,304, and the total sum entered for expenditure is 1 lakh of Rupees, being 25,000 for each Jail; these appropriations may stand, subject to the condition of the Home Department approving, and of the Estimates being passed. If the works are to be prosecuted, it would be well to spend double the appropriations and to complete the Jails as soon as possible.

7. The total sum passed under this head is Rs. 3,00,000.

### III.—PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT.

#### I. MARINE.

8. *Item No. 27. Alguada and other Lighthouses.*—In the review of the Budget of 1862-63 attention was called to the fact of the original Estimate having been Rs. 4,64,000, whilst the outlay would be at least Rs. 8,60,000. The particular causes of this great increase have been since explained to the satisfaction of the Government of India.

9. The wages of Chinese workmen have nearly doubled since the Estimate was framed, and the expenses of conveying them to the works much exceeded the provisions of the Estimate, which were based on the best data then procurable. The foundations of the Lighthouse were made 8 feet instead of 4 feet deep. The wages of the stone-cutters from Madras had to be raised on account of the Railway and Godavery works, and all wages have risen since 1857.

10. Captain Fraser, who projected and is superintending the works, points out that the Skerryvore Lighthouse cost £86,000, and that the Alguada Reef Lighthouse is as high, contains as much stone, and was commenced at as much below high water mark, as the Skerryvore was above high water mark.

11. The revised Estimate amounts to ... Rs. 8,63,576

The expenditure up to 30th April 1863 was ... Rs. 8,11,989

The appropriation proposed for 1863-64 is ... " 1,60,000

Making a total of ... Rs. 9,71,989

To which may be added for fixing the Light and finishing off the Building, to be expended in 1864-65, about .. .. " 20,000

Making the entire expense .. Rs. 9,91,989

From which value of "Plant" to be deducted amounts to .. .. Rs. 91,000

So that the Alguada Reef Lighthouse will cost in round numbers 9 lakhs of Rupees.

12. But this does not include the expense of the Establishment employed, which for a single work should be considered as forming a portion of the expenditure. The structure will be completed in all essential points during 1863-64. The Light will be fixed and the work finished off

in 1864-65. The appropriation for the Alguada Reef Lighthouse, of Rs. 1,60,000, is passed.

13. *Double Island Lighthouse*.—The revised Estimate for this work amounts to ... Rs. 61,538

Expenditure up to 30th April 1863 is ... " 18,560

14. And the proposed appropriation for 1863-64 is " 33,000 which is passed.

15. An appropriation of Rs. 31,970 is entered for the Cocos Lighthouse, for which no estimate has yet been submitted. An additional grant will be made from the "Reserve—Works of Public Improvement" when the work is finally ordered.

Captain Fraser states that this project will be nearly identical with that of the Double Island Lighthouse, but that the cost will be considerably greater. The Estimate should be submitted at once. To take any advantage of the Alguada Reef Establishment, the work should be commenced in November 1863.

16. The entire appropriation entered in this Budget under the head of Marine is Rs. 2,08,400, the whole of which is for the works at the Alguada Reef, and at the Double Island, it is passed for Rs. 1,93,000.

#### K. AGRICULTURAL.

*Item No. 28.*—Rs. 25,000 are entered for the embankments in the Myan-oung District. This Department has subsequently received notice of three Estimates having been prepared under the direction of Lieutenant Colonel Short, who was especially deputed to Burmah to examine the country and the projects for embanking the Irrawaddy in this District; they amount to—

Rs. 19,756 for 5½ miles Embankment.

" 42,522 " 1½ " of a flank Embankment.

" 37,084 " 3¼ " Irrawaddy Embankment.

The first and last works were commenced under the orders of the Chief Commissioner in anticipation of the sanction of the Government of India, which has since been accorded, and the Estimates will be finally dealt with when submitted.

The whole of the works should, if possible, be completed during 1863-64. The appropriation of Rs. 25,000 may stand, and will be increased by a special grant to the amount necessary, in dealing with the Estimates, as for reproductive works of Public Improvement.

#### L. COMMUNICATIONS.

A general reservation is made for the survey of new lines of roads, Item No. 30, amounting to Rs. 10,000. Surveying operations should be

carried out by Officers charged under the head of Establishments, and the Item is struck out.

*Item No. 31* provides for the Rangoon and Prome Road, Maubee Section; the revised Estimate should be submitted early; the progress of work has been approved by Government, and the appropriation of Rs. 50,000 is passed.

*Items Nos. 32, 34, and 36*, for metalling three Roads out of Prome, have been sanctioned by the Government of India, and the sums entered, Rs. 20,000, Rs. 3,966, and Rs. 16,909, are passed.

There were other Estimates sanctioned at the same time—From Prome to Nyoung Ke-douk, Rs. 33,341, and the Tounghoo Pass Road at the base of the Hills on the Arracan side, Rs. 3,475. Special grants might be applied for carrying out these works of "Public Improvement."

*Items Nos. 33 and 37* are for bridging the roads which are to be metalled under Items Nos. 32 and 36; the appropriations amount to Rs. 38,000 and Rs. 8,558, but the Estimates, which aggregate Rs. 87,893, have not yet been received, although it is stated in the "Remarks and References" that they have been submitted for sanction.

The appropriations may stand provisionally, but no actual construction should go on until the Estimates are passed.

*Item No. 38. Yeh Road, unmetalled.*—Rs. 50,000 are computed to have been expended during the past year from Income Tax Fund; a further sum of Rs. 50,000 is appropriated for 1863-64.

The Estimate has yet to be submitted, and sanction can only be given to the appropriation on the condition that it is submitted early. With reference to the remark made in the review of the Budget for 1862-63, there should have been no delay in taking steps to prepare it. That the work was carried on from the Income Tax Grant forms no reason for not having a complete Estimate to work on.

*Item No. 39. Pyne Kyun Creek.*—Formal sanction has been accorded to this work being carried out under the Estimate submitted, which amounted to Rs. 30,984, less Rs. 320 for temporary Establishment. The whole of this expenditure was carried out in 1862-63. The appropriation of Rs. 19,167, made for either improvements or maintenance during 1863-64, may stand under the explanation given in the 33rd para. of the Budget letter.

17. The total sum passed under Public Improvement is Rs. 4,24,600.

#### PART II.—REPAIRS.

18. The grand total for Repairs is Rs. 3,00,000, which is the same as the sum allowed for 1861-62, and Rs. 15,000 less than for 1862-63.

19. *Military Repairs*, Rs. 1,25,000.—The Military Finance Department, as before, takes objection to the repairs set down for—

|                   | Rs.   |                    |
|-------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Arracan ... ..    | 1,500 | } Total Rs. 13,500 |
| Shwaygheen ... .. | 5,000 |                    |
| Maulmain ... ..   | 7,000 |                    |

there being no Military Buildings at these places, and because the Pegu Sapper Battalion can be usefully employed in working up materials and repairing their own lines. But from a Note by the Military Department, it appears that the Pegu Sapper Battalion is to be replaced by a Regiment of Native Infantry.

20. In the review of the Budget for 1862-63 these objections were noticed, and it was requested that the incidence of the charge might be reconsidered and explained; the allotment however was not disturbed, and although explanation should have been given, the appropriation may pass for the whole of the Military Repairs, including the above mentioned places.

21. The *Civil Repairs* amount to Rs. 50,000 and may be passed.

22. The remarks made last year on the Repairs-charges under the head "Municipal" are met in the 39th paragraph of this Budget letter, and the circumstances are explained as follows:—"The Municipal Funds are debited with the entire charge for the Police, and the balance left is insufficient for the repairs of the Town Roads; more money cannot be raised until legal powers are given by an Act of the Legislative Council, which has not yet been passed, and assistance is necessary as an ad interim measure. By employing Convicts upon these roads the actual expenditure of money is kept down to the lowest figure."

23. Under this explanation it is asked that the item may be allowed to stand for this year.

24. The review of 1862-63 stated—"It is to be understood distinctly that this is the last time such a charge will be admitted, and this will give a year to make new arrangements." The item cannot be again passed for 1863-64, and the Repairs-charges under this head must be met from Local Funds.

#### PART III.—ESTABLISHMENTS.

25. The charge for Establishments, excluding the "Lighthouses," amounts to Rs. 2,58,400, being Rs. 8,400 more than last year. The Public Works Establishments in British Burmah superintend Local Works and Convict Labour as well as the Imperial expenditure; the sum entered may be passed.

26. The appropriation in the British Burmah Budget for Establishments in connexion with the construction of the Lighthouses is Rs. 41,600.

27. Captain A. Fraser's Statement amounts to Rs. 50,030, but he enters Rs. 3,600 for keeping the accounts, which is done in the Central Bengal Office without any separate charge; and with reference to his own removal to officiate as Chief Engineer of Bengal, and the reductions which will follow in the charge for Establishments, the appropriation of Rs. 41,600 may stand, and is passed.

28. This concludes the review of the British Burmah Imperial Budget, amounting to Rs. 16,73,600, and distributed as follows:—

|                                                            | Original Works. | Repairs. | Total.    |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|
| <i>I.—Military.</i>                                        |                 |          |           |
|                                                            | Rs.             | Rs.      | Rs.       |
| A. Army ... ..                                             | 2,25,000        | 1,25,000 | 3,50,000  |
| Total Military ...                                         | 2,25,000        | 1,25,000 | 3,50,000  |
| <i>II.—Civil Administration.</i>                           |                 |          |           |
| C. Revenue ... ..                                          | 65,000          | 7,950    | 72,950    |
| D. General ... ..                                          | 1,00,000        | 7,150    | 1,07,150  |
| E. Ecclesiastical ... ..                                   | 20,000          | 1,950    | 21,950    |
| F. Educational ... ..                                      | ...             | 700      | 700       |
| G. Judicial ... ..                                         | 1,15,000        | 32,250   | 1,47,250  |
| Total Civil Administration...                              | 3,00,000        | 50,000   | 3,50,000  |
| <i>III.—Public Improvement.</i>                            |                 |          |           |
| I. Marine ... ..                                           | 1,03,000        | 6,000    | 1,09,000  |
| K. Agricultural ... ..                                     | 25,000          | 5,500    | 30,500    |
| L. Communications ... ..                                   | 2,06,600        | 60,000   | 2,66,600  |
| M. Electric Telegraph ... ..                               | ...             | 2,500    | 2,500     |
| Total Public Improvement ...                               | 4,24,600        | 74,000   | 4,98,600  |
| Total Works and Repairs ...                                | 9,49,600        | 2,49,000 | 11,98,600 |
| Establishments including Rs. 41,600 for Lighthouses ... .. | ...             | ...      | 3,00,000  |
| Reserve ... ..                                             | ...             | ...      | 1,75,000  |
| Grand Total ... ..                                         | ...             | ...      | 16,73,600 |

## LOCAL FUNDS.

29. The Statement furnished of the nature and accumulated amounts of the Local Funds in British Burmah, may be thus abstracted:—

## I.—MUNICIPAL—

|                                               |              |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Construction, maintenance, and conservancy of |              |
| Bazaars                                       | Rs. 3,75,442 |
| Paving and making Streets (new works) in      |              |
| Towns                                         | " 2,09,670   |
| Ditto ditto and repairs                       | " 3,57,592   |
| Miscellaneous                                 | " 51,737     |

Total MUNICIPAL ... Rs. 9,94,441

## MARINE—

|            |              |
|------------|--------------|
| Port Akyah | Rs. 2,15,985 |
|------------|--------------|

## COMMUNICATIONS—

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| District Roads | " 39,413 |
|----------------|----------|

Grand Total ... Rs. 12,49,839

To this may be added the third instalment of the Income Tax grant and the unexpended balance of the first and second instalments, which is stated to amount to Rs. 39,500, each instalment having been 1½ lakh of Rupees.

30. A clear statement of the expenditure of the one per cent. Income Tax grant should have been submitted and must now be supplied.

31. It is observed that most of the Local Funds are collected for specific local purposes and are not alienable.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.,  
20th May 1863.

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

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## PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.,

Fort William, May 1863.

Read British Burmah Budget Orders, 1863-64.

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

To the Chief Commissioner, British Burmah, for information and guidance, and that his special attention be drawn to the remarks on the Items marginally noted.

Military—Items Nos. 14 and 15.  
Communications—Item No. 33.  
Part II, Repairs—paras. 22 to 24.  
General Remarks—para. 1, Clause 2.

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

Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, N. W. P., and Punjab.  
Governor, Straits Settlements.  
Chief Commissioners, Oudh and Central Provinces.  
Resident at Hyderabad.  
Commissioner of Mysore.  
Supt. Alguada Reef, Double Island, and Cocos Island Lighthouses, paras. 8 to 16 and 25 to 27.

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

To the Local Governments and Administrations marginally noted.

Ordered also, that it be intimated to all the Departments and Governments above named, that complete sets of the Budget Orders for 1863-64, with the General Resolution of the Government of India on the subject, will be forwarded to them hereafter.

Ordered further, that a copy of the above Resolution, and of the Orders on the British Burmah Budget for 1863-64, be forwarded to the Public Works Department with the Governor General, for His Excellency's information.

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

*To the Secretary to the Govt. of Madras*

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