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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
14th December 1864.*

No. 264. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th December 1864, No. 7,782.

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 21st November 1864, No. 236:—

1. As directed in the Board's Miscellaneous Circular of the 8th September 1864, No. XCIX, Board's No. 5,856, I have the honor to forward a Statement in the prescribed form, shewing the expenditure estimated to be incurred from Local Funds, through the agency of the Public Works Department, during the current official year 1864-65.

2. The amount originally estimated, and sanctioned to be spent on Public Works, is Rupees 15,930, as per particulars given in Part II of the Budget forwarded to the Board with my letter of the 31st May 1864, No. 110, of which Rupees 1,500 are to be spent on the cross roads on the Neilgherries undertaken by the Revenue Department as usual, and the balance to be spent on works to be executed through the agency of the Public Works Department, is Rupees 14,430; which sum is shewn in the Statement now forwarded under the head "Repairs of Communications."

3. Under the head "Establishment," a sum of 3,021 Rupees is exhibited. This is the amount transferred, in my accounts for September 1864, from Local Funds, to Public Works Department, on account of superintendence, as per order of the Accountant General, dated 19th September 1864, No. 2,328.

4. The Board's Miscellaneous Circular of the 12th November 1864, No. 7,383, has just been received. In reply I beg to report that, with reference to the orders therein conveyed, the ten per cent. charge on account of the establishment of the Public Works Department, on the estimated expenditure of Rupees 14,430, to be incurred through the agency of that Department, will be Rupees 1,443, the amount to be released by the reduction now sanctioned being Rupees 1,573; which sum I propose shall be expended in the construction of the toll house at Sunganoor, sanctioned in the Government Order of the 26th October 1864, No. 1,976, Revenue Department. With a view to enable me to appropriate the amount in the manner proposed, it will be necessary to make corrections in my accounts by reducing the amount already debited to Local Funds, on account of Public Works Establishment, from 3,021 to 1,443. As this change will require the orders of the Accountant General, I request that the Board of Revenue will be good enough to write to that functionary on the subject:

5. I take this opportunity of reporting that, since the transmission of my Budget, in May 1864, circumstances have considerably altered.

a. Under the orders of the Board of Revenue, noted in the margin, the fish rents, which formed a component part of "Land Revenue, Miscellaneous," are now credited to Local Funds.

Board's Miscellaneous Circular, dated 4th August 1864, No. 4,958.

b. A road cess has been imposed on certain old well lands on which a reduction of assessment had been lately made.

Board's Standing Circular, dated 5th September 1864, No. 5,777.

c. The ferry rents on imperial lines, which were formerly credited to the head of "Public Works Remittance," are likewise credited to Local Funds, under the orders of the Accountant General.

6. The aggregate amount to be levied on account of these three extra items, in 1864-65, is estimated at Rupees 3,400. In the item of Toll collections also, the estimate requires to be revised. The original Budget was framed at a time when the institutions of the toll was in its infancy; but subsequent experience has shewn that the collections, during the current official year, will be considerably more than were before expected. The aggregate collections from all sources, under the head "District Road Fund," were originally estimated at Rupees 17,300; but the actual collections during the last six months, have already come to Rupees 16,550; and the expected

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receipts during the ensuing six months, as now estimated on as correct data as are available, amount to Rupees 8,650. To the above two sums must be added the balance remaining at the beginning of the year (Rupees 4,107) making in all Rupees 29,307. Against this sum the original

Repairs of Roads and Bridges	15,930	estimate of expenditure is only Rupees 21,851, as
Toll Establishment and Contingencies	2,900	shewn in the margin, which will leave a large
Amount transferred to Public Works Department		balance of Rupees 7,456 at the close of the
on account of Establishment, as per orders of the		year. As I see from the orders of the Board
Accountant General	8,021	marginally indicated, that it is their object that
Total	21,851	all available funds should be usefully employed,

Board's Standing Circular, 8th October 1863, No. 6,265
Do. Miscellaneous Circular, 2nd November 1864, No. 7,186.

and not allowed to be idle, and as they have remarked, that "Professional superintendence is unnecessary, for at least two-thirds of the work "executed, from the Local Funds," and that "had the Revenue Officers assumed charge of the "works, a proportionate saving might have been effected in this heavy charge for superin- "tendence," I deem it right to employ, on useful works, as much of the available fund as may be in excess of the sum that needs to be retained in hand for anticipated or emergent expenditure. Under this view, I beg to forward a revised estimate of receipts and disbursements for the current year.

7. The Board will observe that the amount now provided under the head "Repairs of Roads and Bridges," is Rupees 18,930, of which 15,930 Rupees have been already allotted for several works, as per particulars given in Part II of the Budget forwarded with my letter of 31st May 1864, No. 110. The extra sum of 3,000 Rupees I propose to spend usefully on several cross roads in the District, which urgently need repair. These works will be undertaken by the Talook and Village Revenue officials under my orders, and consequently a saving will be effected in the charge for superintendence. I am not now in a position to give the particulars of the works to be taken up by my Department, but I have called upon the Tahsildars for the necessary information, and so soon as it is received, a list of the roads to be repaired from the extra sum available, will be submitted. Meantime I request sanction for the revised Budget now forwarded.

8. The Budget Estimate for 1865-66 is now under preparation, and will be submitted shortly. In paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Board's Miscellaneous Circular of the 27th October 1864, No. CVIII, Board No. 7,090, they direct that the estimates of receipts and disbursements for 1864-65, to be entered in the above Budget, should be those finally passed by Government; but under the circumstances now explained, the revised estimates will be adopted in making the entries under the columns intended for "1864-65."

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Revised Estimate of Receipts and Disbursements under the head District Road Fund, for the year ending 30th April 1865.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—Statement of expenditure estimated to be incurred from Local Funds, through the Agency of the Works Department, during the official year 1864-65.

1. The Statement of expenditure from Local Funds to be incurred in the current year, through the Agency of the Department Public Works, will be embodied in the General Statement under preparation in the Board's Office.

2. The Accountant General will be requested to issue instructions for the re-transfer, to the credit of Local Funds, of the excess charge beyond ten per cent. on the fund expenditure debited against the fund on account of the Department Public Works Establishment.

3. The Board, however, observe that the per centage is to be calculated on the whole expenditure on works, which, for the Coimbatore District, is now estimated at Rupees 24,950.

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4. At this rate, the charge will be Rupees 2,495, as against Rupees 3,021 formerly charged or a decrease of Rupees 526. The amount released the Collector proposes to employ in the erection of the Toll House at Sunganoor.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 265.

ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1864, No. 3,565.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 5th December 1864.

By
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No. 7,782

Stating that the Statement of expenditure from Local Funds to be incurred in the current year through the D. P. W. will be embodied in the General Statement now being prepared, and requesting the Accountant General to issue instructions for the re-transfer of certain charges to the credit of Local Funds.

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With an order.