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23rd January 1868.*

Read the following :—

No. 407. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th November 1867,
No. 7,371.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 7th October 1867, No. 268.

1. Adverting to the Board's Proceedings, No. 5,453, dated 23rd August 1867, I have the honor to state that the greater portion of the sum of Rupees 37,157, referred to in paragraph 2 thereof, as the

Collections realized in 1865-66 on ac-	rs.	actual receipts in 1865-66, consists of
count of Fusly 1274	18,663	the arrear collections made on account
Do. do do. Fusly 1275	18,494	of the preceding year in which the Road
	37,157	Cess was first introduced, as shewn in
		the margin.

2. The receipts from the Road Cess for the year 1867-68 were, however, under-estimated. While preparing the Budget, I calculated only on the sum likely to be realized from the kists due for the current year, but omitted to estimate, at the same time, the collections in arrears for the preceding year. The probable receipts, therefore, (current as well as arrears,) from the Road Cess amount to Rupees 45,000, that is, Rupees 9,600 in excess of the sum entered in the Budget.

3. Since submitting the above Budget, I had certain ferries rented out in this district, as explained in my letter as per margin, and I expect to realize within this year Rupees 5,000 on that account.

4. The aggregate amount of the District Road Fund available for expenditure may safely be estimated at Rupees 95,153, as follows:—

Balance on the 31st March 1867, as entered in the Annual Report	rs. 48,480
Add amount realized by the Department of Public Works during March 1867, as advised by the Accountant General in his Memorandum No. 2,355, dated 30th July 1867 ...	86
	48,566

Deduct expenditure by the Department of Public Works during March 1867, as advised by the Accountant General in his Memorandum No. 2,356, of the above date ...	7,575
	40,991

Deduct Establishment charges on account of supervision by the Department of Public Works of the District Road Fund works executed by that department in the year 1866-67, as ordered by the above Officer in his letter No. 2,414, dated 1st August 1867... ..	2,238
	38,753

Add the estimated collections in 1867-68—	
Road Cess	45,000
Ferry rent	5,000
Surplus of the Pound Fund	4,000
Sundries	2,400
	56,400
	95,153

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5. As the Supplemental Budget was sanctioned rather late in the year, it is not likely that the several particular allotments made therein will be expended within this year. I have, therefore, made in the accompanying revised Supplemental Budget a fresh distribution towards the employment of the available funds, and beg to solicit early sanction thereto, the provision made in the Supplemental Budget, sanctioned in Government Order No. 2,046, dated 2nd ultimo, being considered as cancelled.

6. Part I. of the accompanying Budget contains the nine original works, sanctioned in the Government Order above quoted, together with the two* struck out by the Board in paragraph 6 of their Proceedings under reference. It provides also for three additional fresh projects.

* *Vide* paragraph 13, below.

7. Of the nine original works sanctioned, the allotments made for the first, second, fifth, sixth, eighth, and ninth works have not been altered, as they are likely to be expended within this year.

8. The third work provides for a road from Perambalur to Kilapalur, with an allotment of Rupees 6,000 sanctioned for this year. In consultation with the Superintending Engineer, I beg now to propose that this line be carried to Arrealur instead of Kilapalur. Arrealur is by far the most important place, and the headquarters of the Deputy Collector in charge of the Perambalur and Wodiarpolliem Talooks have recently been permanently changed from Kilapalur to Arrealur. The estimate for this work will shortly be submitted, and the Executive Officer in charge of the Range has informed me that he will be able to spend only Rupees 4,000 on it within this year. I have accordingly entered this sum in Part I.

9. From Arrealur the above line should, as early as possible, be extended to Terumanur, thus traversing the district, and affording direct thorough communication between the Ahtoor Talook of Salem and the town of Tanjore. I have asked the Superintending Engineer to have the survey and estimate prepared, and I will, when funds can be spared after providing for the works already undertaken and proposed, solicit sanction for its execution.

10. Rupees 9,000 were allotted for the fourth work. In consequence of the advanced state of the season, the Executive Engineer does not expect to spend more than 4,000 Rupees within this year. I have accordingly entered this sum in Part I.

11. A sum of Rupees 9,000 was allotted for the seventh work. The Executive Engineer is of opinion that, under the arrangements he has made, he could spend 10,000 Rupees on it within this year. I have accordingly raised the allotment.

12. Thus the aggregate amount of the aforesaid nine allotments, as revised in the accompanying Part I. of the Budget, is Rupees 55,230, against Rs. 61,230 as recently sanctioned.

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13. The allotments of Rupees 1,906 and Rupees 460, struck out in paragraph 6 of the Board's Proceedings under reference, form, as shewn below, the unexpended portion of the amount of the estimates for the marginal roads, and they are not included in the sum of Rupees 7,207, as supposed by the Board. The works were completed before the close of the last year, but, pending a settlement of accounts, the sums struck out by the Board were not paid within that year to the parties concerned. I was, therefore, obliged to provide for these unexpended balances in the Supplemental Budget. The Progress Report of the Executive Engineer for August last, shews that a sum of Rupees 1,473-6-10 was spent upon them in the current year up to the end of that month. I have, therefore, again entered these allotments as Nos. 10 and 11 in the accompanying Part I:—

	Road from Trichinopoly to Allitoray.			Road from Laulgoody to Shengariore.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Amount of estimate	7,800	0	0	13,200	0	0
Deduct expenditure in 1865-66	1,231	0	0	4,829	10	6
Do. in 1866-67	4,662	15	11	7,910	1	9
Total	5,893	15	11	12,739	12	3
Balance unexpended on the 31st March 1867	1,906	0	1	460	3	9

14. The three fresh projects, referred to in paragraph 6, are numbered 12, 13, and 14 in the accompanying Part I.

15. The twelfth project provides for the formation of a road from Kauttooputtur to Valiaputti. I concur with the Superintending Engineer in considering that this line will prove a very useful means of communication. Its importance has already been recognized in the Government Order, No. 717, dated 26th March 1867, and it forms the fourth and the only remaining railway feeder, mentioned in that Order, for which we have till now made no provision. This work will cost about Rupees 21,200, and the estimate will be very shortly submitted. I have entered Rupees 6,000 in the Budget, as the Executive Engineer has informed me that he will be able to spend that sum upon this work within this year.

16. In my letter No. 217, dated 16th August 1867, I have fully reported upon the thirteen projects,* and submitted an estimate for the same for Rupees 1,450.

17. The fourteenth project relates to the construction of a bridge over the Nadukary Naut Voikal, at Terumanganum Paditorai, near Streerungham. This work will save passengers from the town of Trichinopoly to Streerungham, Melur and other villages, and *vice versa*, a circuit of nearly a mile. The estimate for this work amounts to Rupees 4,000. The inhabitants contribute a moiety of this sum, the best criterion of the necessity of the work, and I propose supplementing it by allotting Rupees 2,000 from the District Road Fund.

* Restoring and providing five small tunnels for a distance 1½ mile on that portion of the old road between the north Coleroon bank and Madanacurchy on the line from Jeyancondasholapuram to Combaconum.

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18. The aggregate amount allotted for the fourteen works mentioned in the accompanying Part I. is Rupees 67,046.

19. In part II. of the accompanying Budget, I have raised the allotment made in the sanctioned Supplemental Budget on account of petty repairs, from Rupees 3,000 to Rupees 4,000, as the available funds could well spare this sum, and we shall, I trust, be able in the course of this year to hit upon works on which this sum can be advantageously employed. I have also provided for the repair of two very useful roads, leading from Jeyancondasholapuram to Rajendrapatnam, and from Pullambundy to Trimalvady.

20. The aggregate amount allotted for repairs in Part II. is Rupees 13,270.

21. An abstract of the accompanying Parts I. and II. is given below :—

	RS.
By the Public Works Department ... { Original Works	65,046
By the Revenue Department { Repairs	4,300
Public Works superintendence at ten per cent. on the estimated expenditure to be incurred by that department less Rupees 689 to be deducted on account of Item No. 5	2,000
Petty Establishment	8,970
Reserve at ten per cent. on the estimated receipts of Rupees 56,400	6,245
	2,500
	5,640
	94,701

RS.
* 95,153
94,701
452

22. The above sum being deducted from the available assets of Rs. 95,153, leaves a surplus balance of Rupees 452.*

23. I have called for information from the Superintending Engineer, and on its receipt I will reply to the Board on the other points mooted in their Proceedings under acknowledgment.

24. I beg, in conclusion, to observe that, to avoid the necessity for further revision, this re-revised Budget requires very speedy sanction looking to the time of the year.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 and 2.—Budget.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Estimate of Receipts.

1. With the foregoing letter, the Acting Collector submits a second revised District Road Fund Budget for the current official year, and requests early sanction to it.

2. The original Budget was superseded by the first revised Budget, which was sanctioned in Government Order, Revenue Department, dated 2nd September 1867, No. 2,046.

3. In paragraph 2 of their Proceedings, dated 5th February 1867, No. 718, the Board called for Supplemental District Road Fund Budgets, which were intended to supply the omissions in the original Budgets, and to utilize all available funds including the Road Cess collections, and thus obviate the necessity of further references to the Board or Government in the course of the year, regarding any of the works which might be included in both the Budgets.

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4. Instead of a Supplemental Budget, a revised Budget was submitted and sanctioned, which should not have required further alteration. The Acting Collector, however, now forwards a second revised Budget.

5. Referring to Part I. of this Budget, the Board observe that it contains fourteen works, the first nine of which, with one exception, are sanctioned works, and are provided for in the first revised Budget. The Acting Collector proposes to reduce the amounts allotted for the third and fourth works, and to raise the allotment for the seventh, as shewn in the margin. The Board approve of this proposal.

3rd. Road from Perumbalur to Kilapalur, reduced from Rupees 6,000 to Rupees 4,000.
4th. Road to Kistnapuram, reduced from Rupees 9,000 to Rupees 4,000.
7th. Road from Musery to Cannanore and Torriore, raised from Rupees 9,000 to Rupees 10,000.

6. The tenth and eleventh works are those already struck out of the first revised Budget, and noticed in paragraph 6 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd August 1867. It seems clear that these works were completed some time last year, and that the sums shewn in the margin must have remained unpaid to the parties concerned. The Board still consider that these entries are unnecessary, as the amounts due can be paid either from the unappropriated balance of the Fund, or from the savings on other works.

Road from Trichinopoly to Allitoray, allotment Rupees 1,906.
Do. from Laulgoody to Shengariore, allotment Rupees 460.

7. The twelfth, thirteenth, and fourteenth works are fresh projects with certain sums allotted, and are the only real additions to Part I. of the Budget. An estimate for the thirteenth work, amounting to Rupees 1,450, was received with the Acting Collector's letter of the 16th August 1867, No. 217, and was sanctioned from the current year's reserve in the Board's Proceedings, dated 7th October 1867, No. 6,406, and its inclusion in the present Budget is, therefore, unnecessary. For the other two works, estimates are promised to be submitted shortly, and until they are received and sanctioned, the works cannot be commenced, and therefore any allotment of funds for them now is premature.

12th. Road from Kauttooputtur to Valiaputti, allotment Rupees 6,000.
13th. Restoring and providing small tunnels on the old road between the north Coleroon bank and Madanacurchy, allotment Rs. 1,450.
14th. Bridge over the Nadukary Naut Voikal, allotment Rupees 2,000.

8. Part II. of the Budget contains nine works, of which the first seven appear in the first revised Budget, the remaining two being fresh proposals at a cost of Rupees 2,500. The Board sanction this amount out of the current year's reserve, and desire the Accountant General to place it at the disposal of the Public Works Department.

9. The Acting Collector proposes to raise the allotment on account of "Petty repairs" from Rupees 3,000 to 4,000, as there are funds available for the purpose, and as he hopes in the course of the year to discover works on which this sum may be advantageously employed. These reasons are not sufficient to induce the Board to raise an allotment, which has once been sanctioned. There is nothing to shew how the allotment of Rupees 3,000 has been laid out.

Repairing the road from Jeyancondasholapuram to Rajendrapatnam 1,000
Do. from Pullambundy to Trimalvady 1,500
2,500

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10. From the above it will be seen that the alterations and additions proposed by the Acting Collector are not so material as to render it necessary to cancel the first revised Budget, as desired by him.

No. 408. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th January 1868, No. 122.

Read again letter from the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, dated 7th October 1867, No. 268, recorded in the Board's Proceedings, dated 12th November 1867, No. 7,371.

Read also the following letter from the same Officer, dated 6th November 1867, No. 315.

1. As promised in paragraph 8 of my letter No. 268, dated 7th ultimo, I have the honor to submit the accompanying Survey plans and estimate for the projected Local Fund road from Perambalur to Arrealur, and to request that the sanction of the Government may be obtained and communicated to this Office at an early date.

2. This work stands as Item No. 3 in Part I. of the revised Budget, forwarded with my letter above quoted. The probable amount of the estimate entered therein, viz., Rupees 12,000, should be altered to Rupees 30,300, which is the actual amount of the enclosed estimate.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 to 6.—Plans and Estimate.

1. In paragraph 8 of the first of the foregoing letters, the Acting Collector, in concurrence with the Superintending Engineer, proposes that a road from Perambalur to Arrealur be formed instead of that from Perambalur to Kilapalur, as originally intended and provided for in the current year's revised District Road Fund Budget as Item No. 3, at an estimated cost of Rupees 18,000. Mr. Agnew states that Arrealur is a far more important place than Kilapalur, and is the head-quarters of the Deputy Collector in charge of the Perambalur and Woodiarpolliem Talooks.

2. With the second letter, the Acting Collector submits plans and estimates, amounting to Rupees 30,300, for the road in question. The Board approve of Mr. Agnew's proposal, and resolve accordingly to recommend the estimate for the sanction of Government.

No. 409. ORDER THEREON, 23rd January 1868, No. 203.

Local Funds, No. 15.

Civil Works.

The estimate of Rupees 30,300 for a district road from Perambalur to Arrealur, in the Trichinopoly District, is sanctioned in lieu of that from the former place to Kilapalur.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Department Public Works.
„ the Accountant General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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