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No. 82. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Revenue Department :—

Reviewing the Budget Estimate of Revenue } (Here enter 20th December 1867, No. 3,033.)
charges for the year 1868 69.

No. 83 ORDER THEREON, 7th January 1868, No 43.

ACCOUNT, No. 14.

Communicated to the Superintend-
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Canal Company.

(True Extract)

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th December 1867.*

No. 380. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th November 1867, No. 7,513.—

1. The Estimate of Revenues and Receipts for 1868-69 having been already submitted to Government, the Board now resolve to forward their Estimate of Charges with the following remarks.

2. In the Budget now submitted, the estimates for the ensuing year are compared with the estimates of the current year, as finally passed by the Government of India, and the actuals of 1866-67, (eleven months.)

4, ALLOWANCES, REFUNDS, AND DRAWBACKS.—*Refunds.*—3. The estimates of the Collectors on account of Land Revenue refunds are moderate, and amount to Rupees 20,500, and will not, therefore, be disturbed. The increased provision, as compared with the current year's estimate, appertains chiefly to North Arcot, and is provided in order to meet the compensation claimed by the Zemindars of the Calastiy and Kavetnugger, and the Jaghiredar of Arnee, for the withdrawal of the privilege of levying the Moturpha tax in their respective estates during the period when the Income tax was in force. The total provision is thus Rupees 9,500 in excess of that for the current year, and Rupees 1,23,711 less than the actuals of 1866-67. The heavy expenditure under this head in 1866-67 occurred in Ganjam and South Arcot under exceptional circumstances. In the former district it became necessary to refund a sum of Rupees 50,000 to the Purla Kinedy Zemin-dar, on account of Police charges improperly debited to him in past years, as well as Rupees 27,469 to the ryots of Belhampore, being the assessment of lands on which the crops had failed, and a similar remission of Rupees 30,000 was made to the ryots of certain talooks in the latter district.

4. No provision is made for refunds of Abkarry revenue, as such charges very rarely occur.

5. The estimates of the Collectors, on account of refunds of License-tax, amounted to Rupees 29,200; but the Board have reduced this sum to Rupees 20,000, as they do not expect a larger expenditure under this head, as the rates at which persons are to be taxed will be better known in the ensuing year than in the current one. Refunds will not, therefore, be necessary in many cases.

6. The estimate of Collectors on account of "Custom" refunds is moderate, and has been altered to the round sum of Rupees 10,000. The estimate for those under "Stamps" amounted to Rupees 50,300, but it has been altered with reference to the actuals of 1866-67 to Rupees 44,500. Under Miscellaneous, the Collectors' estimates have been generally adopted with a few slight alterations with reference to the actual transactions of 1866-67. The total amount of the provision is 18,000 Rupees.

7. *Drawbacks.*—For drawbacks the Collector of South Arcot has estimated a sum of Rupees 30,000 with reference to the actual charges of 1866-67, in which year an extensive trade was carried on by land from Madras to Pondicherry; and as there is no reason to suppose that this trade will decline so long as drawback on piece-goods imported at Madras and re-exported to Pondicherry is allowed, the Board have adopted the Collector's estimate. In other respects the estimates are nearly the same as those for the current year, and the amount has been fixed at Rupees 50,000.

8. The total estimate passed by the Board under Allowances, Refunds, and Drawbacks is Rupees 1,63,000, or Rupees 47,500 in excess of the current year's estimate, and Rupees 1,09,782 below the actuals of 1866-67.

5, LAND REVENUE — *Salaries and Expenses* —9. The salaries of Collectors, Sub-Collectors, and Head Assistants are the same as for the current year, the provision on account of their fixed tent and house-rent allowances are according to the fixed scale. The provision made by the Board in the current year's Budget

on account of these items was, however, reduced by the Government of India to the actuals of 1865-66. The provision made by Collectors on account of Covenanted Assistants amounted to Rupees 1,60,000 in round numbers. The number of

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Assistants for whom this provision is made is six at the higher rate of Rupees 525, and twenty-nine at the lower rate of Rupees 350, making in all thirty-five Assistants. As, however, it is probable that a considerable number of the present Assistants will pass by the higher standard at the examinations of December and June next, and as, under recent orders, the Junior Civilians expected to arrive from England will at once be appointed to districts in the Provinces, the Board have provided for twelve Assistant Collectors at the higher rate, and for twenty-eight at the lower rate. The provision on account of their fixed tent and house-rent allowances are according to the fixed standard of Rupees 504 and 420, respectively. The total provision on account of Assistant Collectors, inclusive of their allowances, amounts to Rupees 2,30,100, or Rupees 29,844 above the estimates of the current year.

10. The provision for Deputy Collectors, as well as for the Hoozoor and Talook Establishments, is according to the scale of establishments as revised by Mr. Pelly. No provision is made for deputation allowances, as the full sanctioned scale of pay is provided in the Budget.

11. The temporary establishments now entertained in the several districts under the sanction of Government are noted in the margin. These have been fully provided for, and, in addition, a uniform provision of Rupees 400 has been made for each district, as in the current year's Budget, to meet any extra establishments that may be required during the ensuing year. In connection with this subject, the Board observe that, with reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 10th October 1867, No. 2,384, the establishments necessary for making over the land required for the Irrigation Company's Canal works, as marginally noted, is provided in the Budget; these establishments were hitherto not estimated for by the Board, but were included in the Public Works Budget; and the Government in the Order above referred to, observed that the propriety of transferring the charge to the Public Works Budget would be brought under the consideration of the Government of India in sending up the Budget. The provision for the current year, as made in the Public Works Budget, amounts to Rupees 11,290.

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	Kurnool.	RS.
Deputy Collector's salary		4,200
Allowance		1,080
Office Establishment		1,632
Surveyor and Lascars		1,728
Police Constables		288
Contingencies		1,202
		<u>10,130</u>
	Cuddapah.	
Gumastahs under the Deputy Collector		480
Travelling allowance of do.		60
Office expenses and contingencies		100
		<u>640</u>
	Nellore.	
Clerk under the Deputy Collector		420
Contingencies		100
		<u>520</u>
		<u>11,290</u>

From the papers before them, however, the Board consider that the provision made by them is all that is necessary for the ensuing year. In their Order, dated 21st October 1867, the Government remarked that it was unnecessary for the Board to make any provision for the Surveyor and Lascars employed in connection with the transfer of land in Kurnool and Cuddapah, as the sanction for the requisite charge had already been given in the Department of Public Works.

12. For Dressers, including medical charges, provision has been made with reference to the estimate received from the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department. In this provision the additional medical aid, recently recommended for the several districts in the Board's Proceedings, dated 16th July 1867, No. 4,491, is included. For Country Stationery and Saderwarid, both for the Head quarter and Talook Offices, the estimates for the current year have been adopted. For the items noted in the margin, the Collectors' estimates have been adopted with a few slight alterations,

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Batta to Establishment.

as the actuals of the year 1866-67 (eleven months) shew an expenditure of nearly this amount; but in the case of the item "Extra tentage of Collectors and travelling allowance of Deputy Collectors," the estimates of the Collectors, which amounted to Rupees 50,985, has been raised to Rupees 80,000, with reference to the increased rates of extra tentage, sanctioned in the Order of Government, dated 16th September 1867, No. 2,180. The provision now made to allow of each Officer being on tour for six months will be found to exceed the estimate of the current year by Rupees 46,000. In the estimate submitted by the Board, a sum of Rupees 45,000 was provided at the old rates, but the Government of India having reduced the total provision for allowances of Officers as being above the actuals of 1865-66, the sum provided by the Board for extra tentage was proportionately reduced to Rupees 34,800. The actuals for eleven months of 1867-68 under this item at the old rates shew, however, an expenditure of Rupees 44,652, and the Board, therefore, consider that at the increased rates Rupees 80,000 will be required for the ensuing year.

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13. For the items noted in the margin, the estimates of the Collectors have been adopted, with a few modifications, with reference to the actual charges of eleven months in 1866-67. For contingencies a uniform provision of Rs. 300 has been made for each district, the total being Rupees 5,700, which is much below the actual charges of 1866-67.

14. *Miscellaneous.*—For the items noted in the margin, the estimates of the Collectors have been slightly altered.

	Collectors' Estimates RS	As altered by the Board RS
1 Charges for remitting treasure within the district	19,700	20,000
2 Post Office charges, including registries	940	1,000
3 Purchase of Service Postage Stamps	4,210	4,500
4 Law charges in the Revenue Department	3,600	3,800
5 Purchase of Periodicals and Books	1,015	1,000
6 Service Telegrams	2,770	2,000
7 Compensation for lands	51,897	4,000

reports by telegram in that year. For the seventh item, the Collector of Vizagapatam entered a sum of Rupees 48,197, but he has failed to explain the necessity for the provision in his Memorandum of remarks. In the absence of information the Board have accordingly struck out the amount from the Budget. For the remaining items under Miscellaneous no remarks appear to be necessary, as the provision is nearly the same as that for the same charges in the current year. The total provision under Land Revenue amounts to Rupees 33,76,600, and after deducting the proportion debitable to Law and Justice, and including Miscellaneous, the sum provided amounts to Rupees 31,87,680, which is in excess of the current year's Budget provision by Rupees 1,49,940.

15. *ABKARRY*—The decrease under the head of Establishments with reference to the current year's estimates is owing to the services of the Conicopillays in the old Government Brandy Shops in the town of Madras having been dispensed with, under the orders contained in the Board's Proceedings, dated 23th September 1866. The provision for the cost of Colombo Arrack is in excess of the current year's estimates by Rupees 30,000. The Collector expects that Colombo Arrack and Palmurah Jaggery will probably have to be purchased at enhanced prices. The charges for the provision of liquor are the same as those for the current year. The item house-rent disappears altogether from the Budget, in consequence of the abolition of the Government Brandy Shops. For contingencies, a sum of Rupees 4,000 was estimated by the Collectors owing to the probable increase in prices of sundry articles to be purchased, but this has been reduced by the Board of Rupees 1,860. As the Abkarry farms of the several districts will be put up for sale in the ensuing year, the Board have inserted in the Budget a uniform provision of Rs. 300 for each district to meet the charges for the registration of Abkarry leases. The total provision under this head amounts to Rupees 2,51,000, or Rupees 34,000 above the estimate of the current year.

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8, ASSESSED TAXES.—*License tax*—16. Under this head the Collectors of a few districts have estimated certain sums on account of establishments, but as it is not likely that any extra establishment will be required in 1868-69, the Board have struck out the Collectors' provision.

9, CUSTOMS.—*Sea Customs*—17. The provision for establishment is according to the sanctioned scale. The increase of pay sanctioned under date the 7th October 1867, No 2,355, for the Sea Custom Peons is also included. In Madras the salary of an Assistant Appraiser and establishment, sanctioned in the Proceedings of Government, dated 15th June 1867, No. 1,347, has been provided, and the establishment of the Sea Custom House at

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Country Stationery and Saderwarid ..	1,500
Contingencies . . .	3,200

Vypaur, which has been abolished, has been omitted. The provision made by the Collector for the items marginally indicated are moderate, and have been,

therefore, admitted in the Budget. Under temporary Establishments, the Collector of Godavery has provided a sum of Rupees 576, and observes that an establishment at this cost will be necessary for the prevention of smuggling. The Board have, therefore, retained a round sum of Rupees 600. The usual provision of Rupees 750, for temporary Establishment in Malabar, has been also provided.

18. *Land Customs*—The establishment for Land Customs is entered according to the sanctioned scale. For Stationery and Contingencies the Collector's provisions have been retained, and Rupees 540 have been provided for the temporary establishment required in the Godavery District for Sunkuravoo, for which the Collector proposes to apply shortly. The total provision under Customs is Rupees 1,74,000.

19. *Salt*.—The salaries of Deputy Collectors, which were entered by the Collectors with reference to the class of Officers now employed, have been altered with reference to the distribution sanctioned by Government. The provision for their establishments is according to the sanctioned scale. Under the head of Establishments for divisions and stations, some Collectors have made large provisions with reference to their applications for increased establishments, but as none of these proposals have yet been sanctioned

Temporary Establishment	Huzoor
Country Stationery and Saderwarid	Divisions.
Do.	
Travelling allowance of Officers.	
Batta to Establishment.	

formally, the Board have reduced the estimates to the sanctioned scale. For the items noted in the margin the estimates of Collectors appear reasonable,

and have, therefore, been admitted in the Budget with such slight alterations as will reduce the figures to round numbers. Some of the Collectors have made provision for the purchase, &c., of furniture; but the Board have omitted the item from the Budget, as it can be met from Contingencies.

20. The estimates of Collectors for the purchase of salt and manufacturers' share amounted to Rupees 13,24,663, or Rupees 1,64,000 over the current year's provision, but the Board have reduced it to Rupees 12,00,000, which will be quite sufficient even if the manufacture of salt is slightly increased. For conveying and storing salt the provision, as made by the Collectors, is Rupees 2,01,800, and exceeds the current year's by nearly Rupees 52,000. This has been reduced to

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Rupees 1,70,000. For exporting salt Rupees 40,100 have been entered by the Collectors. Of this sum Rupees 25,000 appertains to the District of Madras, and the Collector states that this provision is necessary in consequence of the anticipated increased manufacture of salt owing to the opening of new pans. This outlay, however, is already provided for under "Storing" charges. The Collector should not have included it under exportation charges. The Board have struck out the whole provision made for exporting salt with reference to the Order of Government, dated 13th November 1866, No. 3,073, in which it is decided that the exporters shall be left to make their own arrangements for removing the salt they purchase. The estimates under other heads require no remarks, they are nearly equal to the current year's provision. For Contingencies the provision is the same as for the current year. The total provision under Salt amounts to Rupees 16,63,000.

21. STAMPS.—The establishment for the Stamp Office at the Presidency remains the same as for the current year. For the establishment at the Mint an additional provision of Rupees 2,280 has been made owing to the increased work occasioned by the introduction of Bi-colored Stamps, for which six large presses worked by four men each, and two small ones worked by two men each are required, together with the occasional use of the old presses with embossed Stamps for Bills of Exchange and similar documents. A sum of Rupees 520 has also been provided for the contingencies at the Mint. The amount of commission or discount to Stamp Vendors in the Districts is estimated at Rupees 1,20,000, and has been admitted in the Budget in consequence of the increased revenue expected from the operation of the new Stamp Law, Act No. XXVI. of 1867. The provision for contingencies has been altered to the round sum of Rupees 2,000. The total provision under Stamps amounts to Rupees 1,58,800.

16. ALLOWANCES TO DISTRICT AND VILLAGE OFFICERS—22. The estimate under this head is the same as that for the current year, except in Tanjore, where the provision is made with reference to the scale of establishments approved by the Board in their Proceedings, dated 8th July 1867, No. 4,250. The amount entered under this head thus amounts to Rupees 4,42,250, or Rupees 52,250 in excess of the estimate for 1867-68.

17. ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC DEPARTMENTS—Board of Revenue.—23. The estimated provision for 1868-69, for the Board of Revenue, is the same as for the current year, except for the items noted in the margin. For the first of these items provision was made, in the current year's Budget, according to the scale of establishments sanctioned by Government on Mr. Pelly's Report; but the Government of India have disallowed the excess over the estimate of 1866-67, observing that Mr. Pelly's revision has not come before them. For the ensuing year, however, the provision has again been made according to the revised scale. For temporary establishment Rupees 500 are provided. For purchase of periodicals and books a sum of Rupees 300 has been provided. For purchase of periodicals and standard books of reference as may be required for their Office. The library is at present very deficient in this respect.

Establishment
Temporary do.
Purchase of Periodicals and Books.

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21, EDUCATION, SCIENCE, AND ART.—Agricultural Exhibition.—24. Under this head the Collectors generally have made

	Rs
Nellore	5,000
Bellary	5,000
Madras	6,000
Salem	4,000
Malabar	5,000
	25,000
Superintendent	2,400
Establishment	1,200
Cooly and feeding charges	2,400
Sundry expenses for working ploughs, &c	4,000
	10,000

no provision whatever. Most probably they do not expect to hold any exhibitions in the ensuing year. The Board have, however, thought it well to provide the sums entered in the margin. For the Sydapet Farm a sum of Rs. 10,000 has been provided by the Board, on account of establishment and other charges, as detailed in the margin. The total provision under this head amounts to Rupees 35,000. The small provision of

Rupees 250, made by the Collector of South Arcot for the expenses connected with the Paris Exhibition, has been struck out as unnecessary.

23, STATIONERY AND PRINTING—25. The establishments for the Printing Presses are according to the sanctioned scale. For Country Stationery and Saderwarid, and for purchase of printing materials, Rupees 100 and 600 respectively have been provided for each district as in the current year's Budget. The total provision under this head amounts to Rupees 56,400, which, together with the provision of 2,600 Rupees for printing selections from records, amounts to Rupees 59,000.

26. For the several items under "27, Miscellaneous," which it is usual for the Board to estimate, the following sums are entered in the Budget:—

	RS.
Charges for remitting treasure beyond the district	30,000
Grant-in-aid to Public Bungalow Fund	10,000
Grant-in-aid to Native Choultries	10,600
Charges for stamping Weights and Measures	7,700
Rewards for killing wild beasts and snakes	19,000
Funeral charges of paupers	1,900
District Tappal Establishment	1,17,700
Country Stationery and Saderwarid for do	2,200
Freight and Landing charges, Madras Sea Customs	5,000
Charges for the transmission of Agricultural Implements, ...	1,000
Board of Revenue	1,000
Rain Gauges for districts	

Districts	Town Munsiffs	Joint Magistrates	Sader- warid
	RS	RS	RS
Bellary	300	1,248	105
Kurnool	...	2,676	105
Madras	973	1,218	52
Tanjore	480	1,356	52
Trichinopoly	...	1,992	155
Madura	...	1,248	52
Combatore	...	...	...
Malabar	...	...	...
Total...	1,753	9,763	521

27. The establishment of Town Munsiffs, and Cantonment Joint Magistrates, are, as usual, given in the margin, for entry in the Budget by the Accountant General under Law and Justice. The establishment for the registration of deaths, at Rupees 35 per month for each district, has also to be provided for by the Accountant General under this head.

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28. **PETTY CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR.**—Under this head the several works which the Board consider necessary for the development of the Salt revenues are entered with an additional provision of Rs. 300 for each district on account of repairs. The total cost of the works now proposed amounts to Rs. 3,20,000.

Original works	RS
Repairs	2,70,000
	50,000
Total ..	3,20,000

In the Budget of 1867-68, a sum of Rs. 1,25,000 was provided by the Board under this head, and the Government raised it to Rupees 2,00,000 by the addition of some fresh works; but the Government of India reduced the provision to Rupees 1,00,000, pending information as to the nature of the works. In the Proceedings of Government, dated 20th September 1867, No. 2,204, the sanction of the Supreme Government was applied for to the year submitted a separate list of works which they considered should be executed by the Public Works Department at a cost of Rupees 2,21,754, but that department omitted to make any provision for these works in their Budget, and they were consequently not executed. In previous years, also, similar lists under the name of "Salt Budgets" were submitted, but many of the most important and pressing works were not provided for in the Public Works Budget. The Board, therefore, have, on this occasion, deemed it advisable to dispense with the so-called "Salt

1867-68 { In Salt Public Works Budget	RS
Under Petty Construction	2,21,754
and Repair	2,00,000
1868-69 { Under Petty Construction	4,21,754
and Repair	3,20,000
Decrease ..	1,01,754

Budget," and to provide for all works of this nature under "Petty Construction and Repair." The total cost of the works included in this estimate is, however, less than the total amount entered in the Salt Budget and under "Petty Construction and Repair" in the current year. The Board trust that this arrangement will meet the approval of Government. In the list now submitted there are no doubt certain works which cannot be executed without the agency of the professional department. In such cases the Collectors will be directed to ask the advice and assistance of the Engineer Officers in the execution of the works.

29. The usual Statement of Salt Guards required for the Revenue Department, as furnished by the Inspector General of Police, accompanies the Budget.

No. 381.

ORDER THEREON, 20th December 1867, No. 3,033.

General

1. With their Proceedings above recorded, the Board of Revenue submit the Budget Estimate of Charges for 1868-69.

2. **ALLOWANCES, REFUNDS AND DRAWBACKS**—The Board's estimate under this head amounts to Rupees 1,63,000 against Rupees 2,72,782, the actual expenditure in 1866-67, and Rupees 1,15,500, the estimate for 1867-68. The large expenditure

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in 1866-67 was the result of exceptional refunds made to the Zemindar of Purla Kimeddy, and to the ryots of Ganjam and South Arcot, which are not likely to occur again. The increase over the estimate for the current year occurs under the heads specified in the margin. That under the first item is due entirely to the provision made in the North Arcot estimate, to meet the claims of the Zemindars of Calastry and Kavetnugger and the Jaghiredar of Arnee, for compensation for the prohibition against their collecting the Moturpha tax in their respective estates. This prohibition was withdrawn by the Order of Government, dated 25th November 1865, No. 2,906, and in paragraph 3 of the Proceedings, dated 18th July 1866, No. 1,774, it was ordered that any compensation that might be allowed should be given by a credit in the account of Peishcush payments. The Government see no reason why the final settlement of this question should be deferred till 1868-69, and even if the delay is unavoidable, no provision in the Budget seems necessary, as the claims, if allowed, will be met by adjustments in the accounts, and not by actual cash payments. The excess of Rupees 9,500 will, therefore, be struck out.

Refunds	Increase RS	Decrease RS
Land Revenue	9,500	...
License tax	20,000	...
Customs	500	...
Stamps	4,500	1,000
Miscellaneous	...	...
Total...	34,500	1,000
Customs Drawbacks	14,000	...
Grand Total ..	48,500	1,000
Net ..	47,500	..

3. The "Refunds of License tax" originate from a new tax, and in the absence of data by which to estimate what the probable transactions under this head will be in the current year, the Board's provision of Rupees 20,000 is passed.

4. The estimates of refunds under "Customs" and "Stamps" are slightly in excess of the current year's estimates, and are raised with reference to the actual expenditure in 1866-67. The former estimate is passed.

5. Under the operation of the new Act, the stamp fee on Criminal Petitions will have to be refunded in numerous cases. The inconvenience of this arrangement has been pointed out to the Government of India, but although in the present uncertain state of things an accurate estimate can scarcely be framed, the Government think it well to raise the Board's estimate from Rupees 44,500 to Rs. 46,000.

6. The estimate under Miscellaneous is moderate, and is passed.

7. The Board have raised the estimate under "Drawbacks" from Rs. 36,000 for the current year to Rupees 50,000 for the next year, with reference to the actual expenditure in 1866-67. The question of the abolition of the system of drawbacks is now under the consideration of the Government of India, and there is the probability of the privilege being restricted to a great extent, if not altogether discontinued. The Board's estimate will therefore be reduced to Rupees 30,000.

8. The total revised estimate passed under "Refunds, Allowances and Drawbacks," is Rupees 1,35,000, as shewn in the subjoined table. The increase of Rupees 19,500 above the estimate for the current year is owing altogether to the new item "Refunds of License Tax."

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Items.	Actual of 1866-67.	Estimate for 1867-68.	Estimate for 1868-69.
Refunds.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Land Revenue	1,44,211	11,000	11,000
License tax	13,487	9,500	20,000
Customs	41,151	40,000	10,000
Stamps	16,864	19,000	46,000
Miscellaneous			18,000
Total ..	2,18,713	79,500	1,05,000
Drawbacks ..	54,069	36,000	30,000
Grand Total ..	2,72,782	1,15,500	1,35,000

9. LAND REVENUE.—The Board's estimate under the major head "Land Revenue" consists of the two minor heads "Salaries and Expenses" and "Miscellaneous." The total estimate amounts to Rupees 39,63,000 against Rs. 34,56,504, the actual expenditure in 1866-67 (eleven months), and Rupees 37,73,940, the sanctioned estimate for 1867-68, in the proportions shewn in the following table:—

	Actual of 1866-67.	Estimate for 1867-68.	Estimate proposed for 1868-69.	COMPARISON BETWEEN THE TWO ESTIMATES.	
				Increase	Decrease
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Salaries and Expenses ...	34,14,676	36,81,000	38,76,600	1,95,600	...
Miscellaneous	41,828	92,940	86,400	...	6,540
Total ..	34,56,504	37,73,940	39,63,000	1,95,600	6,540

10. SALARIES AND EXPENSES.—The excess of Rupees 1,95,600 under this head occurs in the following items:—

1. Salaries and allowances of Covenanted Officers ...	RS. 42,041
2. Deputy Collectors	6,493
3. Hoozoor and Talook Establishments	66,406
4. Temporary Establishments	8,811
5. Medical charges	7,083
6. Travelling charges	57,566
7. Sundry items	7,200
Total ..	1,95,600

I. The increase in the first item is the result of the larger provision made for the salary and allowances of the Assistant Collectors, and for the fixed tentage of the other Covenanted Officers and the house-rent for the Head Assistant Collectors. The Board have provided for forty Assistant Collectors, twelve at the higher rate of salary and

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twenty-eight at the lower rate. According to a return furnished by the Accountant General on the 30th September last, there were thirty-eight Assistants on the list on that date, seven more have since arrived, and six are expected in the autumn of 1868, making fifty-one in all. The actual expenditure incurred in 1865-66 on account of these Officers amounted to Rupees 2,07,742 out of the Revenue Budget, and Rupees 1,12,500 out of the late Board of Examiners' Budget, the total expenditure being Rupees 3,20,242. The similar expenditure in 1866-67 (eleven months) was Rupees 2,74,704. The Monthly Return from the Accountant General for September 1867, or for the first half of the current year, shews that the provision made for the salaries and allowances of the Covenanted Revenue Officers is likely to be exceeded by the end of the year. The Board of Examiners was abolished in January 1867, and agreeably to the new arrangements the young Civil Servants are to be attached to the districts as Assistant Collectors almost immediately after their arrival, and the expenditure hitherto incurred by that Board will be debited to "Land Revenue." Under these circumstances, and making sufficient allowance for promotions and vacancies, the Board's estimate of Rupees 2,30,100 is evidently insufficient, and it will therefore be raised to Rupees 3,00,000. This sum may possibly prove insufficient, but any small excess may be met from savings under the general head.

II. The estimate under "Fixed tentage" and "House-rent" of Covenanted Officers, other than the Assistant Collectors, is framed with reference to the fixed number of the Officers, and the authorized rates of their allowances. The apparent increase is the result of the retrenchment made by the Government of India in the Budget of 1867-68 under a misapprehension, as explained in paragraph 4 of the Proceedings of Government, dated 30th April 1867, No. 963. The current year's estimate is likely to prove insufficient as already remarked. The Board's estimate is therefore accepted.

III. The provision made for Deputy Collectors and Talook Establishments is according to the statements connected with Mr. Pelly's revision, which accompanied the Report to the Government of India, dated 27th May 1867, No. 1,187.

	RS.
* Hoozoor Establishment, as per Mr. Pelly's statements ..	6,92,280
Madras Registration Establishment ..	2,832
Total...	6,95,112
Provision in the Budget...	6,81,800
Difference...	13,312

Revenue Proceedings, dated 25th August 1867, No. 1,989.

† Godavery.
Malabar.
Bellary.
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Judicial Order, dated 17th June 1867, No 982.

owing to the retrenchment made by the

The estimate for Hoozoor Establishments is less than the amount exhibited in those statements by Rupees 13,312,* in consequence of the savings effected by reducing the Treasury Establishments in those districts† in which branches of the Bank of Madras have been established, and by dispensing with the services of the additional Clerk on the salary of Rupees 35 per mensem in those districts in which the number of Covenanted Assistants, exclusive of the Head Assistant, has been reduced to one. The greater portion of the large increase of Rupees 66,406 over the Budget of the current year is nominal, as it is Government of India in that Budget in

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consequence of the delay in the submission of the report alluded to. The Board's estimates are passed.

Establishments sanctioned by Government	RS	IV. The Board's estimate for temporary establishments amounts to Rupees 57,500 in round numbers, as shewn in the margin, against Rupees 48,689, the estimate for 1867-68, and Rupees 22,414, the actual expenditure in 1866-67. The actual expenditure in 1865-66 did not exceed Rupees 25,657. The proposed reserve of Rupees 400 the Board's estimate will accordingly be reduced to Rupees 51,800, in round numbers. That portion of paragraph 11 of the Board's Proceedings, which refers to the department which should provide for the establishment required for making over land to the Irrigation and Canal Company, and the Order* of Government therein alluded to, will receive attention in the Financial Department when the Budget is transmitted to the Government of India. It will merely be remarked here that on principle there appears to be no better reason for debiting this charge to the Revenue Department than for similarly charging any other expenses connected with the execution of irrigation works.
Do for making over land to the Irrigation and Canal Company as sanctioned by Government	48,573	
Reserve of 400 Rupees for each district	1,272	
.....	7,600	
Total ..	57,445	

* 10th October 1867, No. 2,384

V. The increase under "Medical Charges" is owing to the orders recently issued to the Principal Inspector General of the Indian Medical Department, to provide every Head Assistant Collector and Magistrate permanently stationed at a distance from the head-quarters with the services of a Dresser or Hospital Assistant. That Officer has not yet submitted the necessary application for the requisite increase of establishment, and pending such orders as may be passed hereafter on the subject, the Board's estimate is approved.

VI. The increase of Rupees 57,566 under "Travelling charges" occurs in the undermentioned items. As the estimate under this head has received the special attention of the Government of India in passing the Budget for the current year, and has been reduced by them, the comparison of the present estimate with the actual expenditure of the last two years is shewn in the subjoined table:—

	Actual of 1865-66.	Actual of 1866-67 (11 months.)	Reduced Estimate for 1867-68	Estimate for 1868-69.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Travelling allowance to Officers	6,777	7,103	3,999	5,000
Extra tentage of Collectors, &c., and travelling allowance of Deputy Collectors ..	50,727	44,652	34,797	80,000
Batta to Establishments ..	49,749	35,821	30,918	40,000
Hire for conveying records.....	11,442	10,131	7,720	10,000
Total ...	1,18,695	97,707	77,434	1,35,000*

The reduced estimate for the current year is evidently insufficient, and that for the next year is extremely moderate, as compared with the actual expenditure of past years, except under "Extra tentage of Collectors, &c.," the estimate for which is very high. The Board deem this provision necessary to meet the higher rates of travelling allowances sanctioned in the Order of Government, dated 16th September 1867, No. 2,180, after carefully considering the insufficiency of the old

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rates, and the rates allowed in the other Presidencies, but they have made it unnecessarily large. The new rates form an aggregate of Rupees 20 per diem against Rupees 15½, the total of the old rates, as shewn in the margin. The increase is below one-third of the latter, and while formerly these allowances were drawn during halts of one month, they are now restricted to a fortnight's halt. Under these circumstances, the raising of the actual expenditure of 1865-66 by about a third will constitute The Board's estimate will accordingly

	New rates.	Old rates.
	RS.	RS. A.
Collector	7	5 4
Sub-Collector	6	5 4
Head and Special Assistant ..	4	2 10
Assistant	3	2 10
Total ...	20	15 12

a sufficient provision for the next year. The Board's estimate on account of sundry items is reduced from Rupees 22,700 to Rupees 20,000, as shewn in the subjoined table. The increase above the estimate for the current year is reduced from Rupees 7,200 to Rupees 4,500. The Government do not deem further reduction advisable, as the actual expenditure in the eleven months of 1866-67 amounted to Rupees 20,386:—

	Actual of 1866-67.	Estimate for 1867-68	Estimate for 1868-69, as proposed by the Board	Estimate for 1868-69, passed by Government.
	RS	RS	RS	RS
Charges for binding books ..	2,316	2,200	3,000	3,000
Purchase of Office furniture ..	9,797	7,600	12,000	10,000
Repairs of Office, &c., do ..	152	1,900	2,000	1,000
Contingencies ..	8,121	3,800	5,700	6,000
Total ..	20,386	15,500	22,700	20,000

11. The total sum passed under "Salaries and Expenses" is Rupees 39,23,000 in round numbers against Rupees 36,81,000, the sanctioned estimate for the current year.

12. The Board's estimate under "Land Revenue" Miscellaneous, amounting to Rupees 86,400, is less than the estimate for the current year by Rupees 6,540. The provision of Rupees 3,000 for Neeranicum Establishment will be transferred to "Petty Construction and Repairs," and alterations will be made in some of the items as shewn below:—

	Actual of 1865-66.	Actual of 1866-67.	Board's Estimate for 1868-69.	Reduced Estimate for 1868-69
	RS.	RS	RS.	RS.
Law charges ..	1,792	1,696	3,800	2,000
Compensation for lands taken for public purposes chargeable to the Revenue Department ..	1,303	46	4,000	2,000
Batta to Yanadies in Striharicottah ..	5,212	1,564	2,500	3,000
Pearl Fishery Contingencies ..	1,987	1,582	3,000	2,000
Purchase of Amendivi Cor and extra charges ..	22,609	5,844	28,000	25,000
Sundries ..	977	1,212	3,000	1,000
Total ...	33,870	11,914	44,300	35,000

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The sum passed under Miscellaneous is Rupees 74,000 in round numbers, and adding to this Rupees 3,000, to meet the cost of the experiments to ascertain the water-supply needed for wet cultivation, agreeably to the Proceedings dated 20th November 1867, No. 2,748, the total estimate approved under this head is Rupees 77,000.

13. The grand total passed under Land Revenue is Rupees 40,00,000, of which Rupees 7,84,600 is chargeable to "Law and Justice."

14. **ABKARRY**—The Board estimate the charges under this head in 1863-69 at Rupees 2,51,000 against Rupees 2,17,000, the estimate for the current year, and Rupees 1,93,700, the actual expenditure in 1866-67. Of the increase of Rupees 34,000 over the estimate for 1867-68, the greater portion, or nearly Rupees 30,000, occurs under the cost of manufacture and purchase of manufactured liquors, the estimate for which is Rupees 2,22,000. The Board ascribe this increase to the probability of having to purchase Colombo Arrack and Palmirah Jaggery at enhanced prices. The actual expenditure in 1865-66 on account of the same items amounted to Rupees 2,47,832, and no reduction will therefore be made. The remainder of the increase is due almost entirely to the uniform provision of Rupees 300 for each district, to meet the charges connected with the registration of Abkarry leases next year when the farms will be sold. This sum will be reduced to Rupees 250 for each district, and the total estimate is passed at the round sum of Rupees 2,50,000.

15. **CUSTOMS, S.I.A.**—The Board's estimate amounts to Rupees 1,65,500 against Rupees 1,58,700, the sanctioned estimate for the current year, and Rupees 1,39,917, the actual expenditure in 1866-67. The increase of Rupees 6,800 is owing almost entirely to the increased rate of pay for the Peons of the department from 5 to 6 Rupees per mensem, and to the employment of an Assistant Appraiser with a small establishment in the Madras Sea Custom Office. Both these items have received the sanction of the Government of India. The Board's estimate is passed.

16. **CUSTOMS, LAND**—The Board's estimate of Rupees 8,500 under this head is only Rupees 200 in excess of the sanctioned estimate of Rupees 8,300 for the current year, and the actual expenditure for eleven months in 1866-67 amounted to Rupees 8,000: it is therefore passed.

Sea	...	...	...	...	...	RS
Land	...	...	...	...	...	8,500
Total						1,74,000

Rupees 1,67,000, the estimate for 1867-68.

18. **SALT**—The Board estimate the charges under this head at Rupees 16,63,000 against Rupees 14,35,777, the actual expenditure in 1866-67, and Rupees 16,00,000, the sanctioned estimate for 1867-68. The establishments

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have been provided for according to the sanctioned scale, and the variations in the several items of this estimate, except the two noted in the margin, are too small to require special notice. The Board do not sufficiently explain the increase of Rupees 60,000 themselves with remarking that they

	Estimate for 1867-68 RS.	Estimate for 1868-69 RS.
Purchase of salt and manufacturers' share.	11,60,000	12,00,000
Charges for conveying and storing salt	1,50,000	1,70,000

under these two items. They content themselves with remarking that they reduced the Collectors' estimates which were still larger. A brief comparison of the proportion of actual expenditure in past years to the quantity that would be proper with reference to the experience of past years, would have been satisfactory. The quantity proposed to be manufactured during the next year is Indian Maunds 110,41,907 against the estimate of Indian Maunds 95,63,465 for the current year, and considering the large revenue of Rupees 131,00,000 anticipated in 1868-69, the Government are not disposed to make any reduction. Moreover, they observe from the statement furnished by the Board with the Budget of receipts, that even if the whole of the proposed quantity is manufactured, the stock balance left at the close of the year will not be equal in many districts to two years or even eighteen months' consumption, as required by the rules of the department.

19. The actual expenditure in three years under the two heads alluded to, and the quantity manufactured in each of those years according to the statements which accompanied the Board's Report on the settlement of the Revenues, are given in the margin, and the ratio of the average expenditure to the average quantity manufactured was Rupees 14 for every 100 Maunds according to the Board's present estimate is moderate, and is therefore accepted. The total estimate passed under Salt is Rupees 16,63,000.

	Quantity manufactured in 1866-67 Maunds	Expenditure RS.
1863-64	49,80,601	6,55,584
1864-65	67,49,532	8,92,757
1865-66	86,82,417	13,06,120

20. **STAMPS**—The Board's estimate under Stamps amounts to Rupees 1,58,800 against Rupees 1,20,000, the actual expenditure in 1866-67, and Rupees 1,30,000, the estimate for 1867-68. Of the difference of Rupees 28,800 between these two estimates, the increase of Rupees 1,800 occurs in the provision for the Presidency Offices, and that of Rupees 27,000 in the

	RS.
Presidency Offices	36,800
Provinces	1,22,000
Total	1,58,800

occurs in the provision for the Presidency Offices, and that of Rupees 27,000 in the Provinces. The former is owing to the introduction of Bi-colored Stamps, and the latter is the result of the larger sales anticipated next year under the operation of Act XXVI of 1867, and consequent increased allowance of discount. The Board estimated the receipts at Rupees 41,25,000, and they doubtless calculated the expenditure on account of commission and discount with reference to this sum; but as the Government raised the estimate of revenue to Rupees 43,00,000, they will increase the provision in the estimate of charges from Rupees 1,20,000 to Rupees 1,25,000. The total estimate passed under this head is Rupees 1,64,000 in round numbers.

	RS.
Presidency	37,000
Provinces	1,27,000
Total	1,64,000

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21. ALLOWANCES TO DISTRICT AND VILLAGE OFFICERS.—The Board's estimate under this head amounts to Rupees 4,42,250 against Rupees 3,41,841, the actual expenditure in 1866-67, and Rupees 3,90,000, the sanctioned estimate for 1867-68. The provision is the same as in the current year for all districts except Ganjam and Tanjore. The small increase of Rupees 324* in the former district remains unexplained, but is apparently owing to the actual expenditure in 1866-67 having amounted to Rupees 439. The

estimate of Rupees 2,76,046 for Tanjore is according to the scale sanctioned by Government in the Proceedings dated 8th October 1867, No. 2,359, and this charge is amply covered by the assets pointed out in that Order. The Board should at once take the necessary steps for transferring these assets to the credit of the Local Village Service Fund, and debiting the charge against that Fund, excluding it from future Budgets. The provision of Rupees 22,000 in round numbers for the Village Police of South Arcot, sanctioned by the Government of India in their Proceedings, dated 5th June 1858, No. 893, and hitherto entered in the Police Budget, will now be transferred to the Revenue Budget, agreeably to the Order of Government, dated 23rd November 1867, No. 2,781, the resumed items which counterbalance it being credited to general revenues. Regarding this item also the Board will consider whether the asset should not be credited to the Village Service Local Fund, and the charge excluded from future Budgets. The Board have entered the usual sum of Rupees 84,500 for Malabar, although they explained in one of the statements which accompanied the Budget of Receipts that the proceeds of the cess of ten per cent. on the revenue of rice-lands in South Malabar ^{had been} excluded from the estimated revenue of 1868-69, apparently to be thrown into a separate fund, agreeably to the Order of Government, dated 23th June 1866, No. 1,589. A corresponding reduction should certainly have been made in the Budget of Charges for the same year, and as the Government are aware that the cess more than covers the charge on this account, they resolve to exclude this item also from the Budget of Charges. It will be debited against the Village Service Local Fund. The revised estimate now passed amounts to Rupees 3,80,000 in round numbers.

22. ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC DEPARTMENTS.—*Board of Revenue.*—The estimate of the Board for the salaries of the Members, the Secretaries, their establishments and contingencies, amounting to Rupees 2,50,000, is the same as that approved by the Government for the current year in their Proceedings, dated 8th December 1866, No. 3,309, paragraph 34, although the minor items differ slightly. The increase of Rupees 7,886 above the estimate sanctioned by the Government of India is the cost entailed by the revision of the establishment, but disallowed by that Government in paragraph 14 of their Financial Secretary's letter, dated 21st March 1867, No. 1,546, in consequence of their previous sanction not having been obtained. This revision has been included in the general report on Revenue Establishments submitted to the Government of India, and the Board's estimate of Rupees 2,50,000 for the next year is approved.

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23. EDUCATION, SCIENCE, AND ART.—The estimate of Rupees 35,000 under this head, consisting as usual of the probable cost of agricultural exhibitions which may be held in the districts and the expenses of the Government Farm at Sydapet, exceeds the current year's estimate by Rupees 9,000. The Government consider the provision of Rupees 30,000* sufficient. Any excess above the estimate in one district may be met from savings in other districts.

	Exhibitions	RS
Nellore	...	4,000
Bellary	...	4,000
Madras	...	3,000
Salem	...	4,000
Malabar	...	20,000
Sydapet Farm	...	10,000
Total	...	*30,000

24. STATIONERY AND PRINTING.—The estimate of Rupees 59,000, which is less than the estimate for the current year by Rupees 2,000, is passed.

25. The total estimate now passed under heads which strictly constitute charges of the Revenue Department is Rupees 69,70,000, or more than that of the current year by Rupees 3,62,946, as shewn in the following table:—

Items.	Actual of 1866-67	Budget of 1867-68.	Budget of 1863-69, as now passed	Increase	Decrease.
	RS	RS	RS.	RS	RS
ALLOWANCES, REFUNDS, AND DRAWBACKS	2,18,713	79,500	1,05,000	25,500	6,000
Refunds	51,000	36,000	30,000		
Drawbacks	2,72,782	1,15,500	1,35,000	19,500	..
LAND REVENUE					
Salaries and expenses.					
Collectors and other Covenanted Officers	10,27,316	11,71,759	12,83,700	1,11,941	..
Deputy Collectors	2,05,568	1,74,107	1,80,600	6,493	..
Collectors' Establishments	6,26,672	6,66,338	6,81,800	15,462	..
Country Stationery	12,408	20,000	20,000	6,983	..
Medical Charges	19,879	28,417	35,400	50,944	..
Talook Establishments	13,33,555	14,26,756	14,77,700	..	..
Do Country Stationery	36,470	40,000	40,000	..	..
Extra and Temporary Establishments	22,414	49,689	51,800	3,111	..
Travelling charges	97,707	77,434	1,20,000	42,566	..
Contingencies	8,121	3,800	6,000	2,200	..
Other items	21,566	23,700	26,000	2,300	..
Total	34,14,676	36,81,000	39,23,000	2,42,000	..
Miscellaneous	41,828	92,940	77,000	..	15,940
Total Land Revenue	34,56,504	37,73,940	40,00,000	2,26,060	..
Abkarry	1,93,700	2,17,000	2,50,000	33,000	..
Customs	1,47,919	1,67,000	1,74,000	7,000	..
Salt	14,35,777	16,00,000	16,63,000	63,000	..
Stamps	1,20,002	1,30,000	1,61,000	34,000	10,000
Allowances to District and Village Officers	3,41,841	3,90,000	3,80,000	..	..
ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC DEPARTMENTS	2,30,589	2,42,114	2,50,000	7,886	..
Board of Revenue	..	..	30,000	4,000	..
EDUCATION, SCIENCE, AND ART	12,942	26,000	59,000	..	2,000
Agricultural Exhibitions, &c	50,894	61,000	..	..	..
STATIONERY AND PRINTING	..	..	..	..	..
Grand Total	59,89,963	66,07,054	69,70,000	3,74,946	..

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26. The estimates proposed by the Board under the several items of "27 Miscellaneous," cognizable by the Revenue Department, are shewn in the sub-joined table:—

Items.	Actual of 1866-67.	Estimate of 1867-68.	Estimate of 1868-69
1. Charges for remitting treasure beyond the district ...	RS 23,934	RS 50,000	RS. 30,000
2. Grant-in-aid to Public Bungalow Fund	5,395	10,000	10,000
3. Grant-in-aid to Native Chuttrums	6,869	10,000	10,600
4. Charges for stamping Weights and Measures	4,074	9,083	7,700
5. Rewards for killing dogs and snakes	19,692	19,000	19,000
6. Funeral charges of Paupers	2,057	...	1,900
7. District Tappal Establishment	1,02,613	1,17,680	1,17,700
8. Do. Country Stationery and Sadarwarid	2,551	2,207	2,200
9. Freight and Landing Charges	2,624	5,000	5,000
10. Charges for the transmission of Agricultural Imple- ments	...	2,000	1,000
11. Rain Gauges required for the districts	...	1,000	1,000

The fifth and sixth items are charges of the Judicial Department, and provision for them will be made in the Budget Estimate of that department. The amount sanctioned by the Government of India for grants-in-aid of Native Chuttrums is Rupees 9,860, which was raised to the round sum of Rupees 10,000 in the Budget for 1867-68. The Board have entered Rupees 10,600 in the present Budget without any explanation, and the excess of Rupees 600 will be struck out. The estimates on account of the other items are moderate and are passed.

27. The attention of the Accountant General will be drawn to paragraph 27 of the Board's Proceedings.

28. PETTY CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR.—The Board's estimate under this head amounts to Rupees 3,20,000, Rupees 2,70,000 for Original Works and Rupees 50,000 for Repairs. They explain that they included in this estimate the several works which they considered last year should be executed by the Public Works Department at a cost of Rupees 2,21,754, but for which that department made no provision whatever. They propose to discontinue the separate list of Salt works hitherto submitted for incorporation with the Public Works Budget, and to provide for them in the Revenue Budget. The Government approve this proposal, but they are not prepared to ask for so large a grant as suggested by the Board. The sum of two and a half lacs if given, should suffice for the year's requirements, and it will accordingly be entered in the Budget. The Board will furnish a list shewing how they propose to distribute the amount, and in this distribution they will include the sum of Rupees 3,000 for the Neeranicum Establishment transferred from "Land Revenue Miscellaneous," and Rupees 4,200, the cost of twenty-one permanent watching stations for the use of the Customs and Frontier Establishments in the

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Godavery District, sanctioned in the Proceedings of Government, dated 28th November 1867, No. 2,825.2929.

29. TREASURY AND PREVENTIVE GUARDS.—The estimate under this head, amounting to Rupees 2,84,656, according to the list furnished to the Board by the Inspector General of Police, is passed.

30. With these remarks the Government resolve to transmit the Budget, as revised, to the Accountant General.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant General, with Budget Estimate.
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.. the Financial Department.
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