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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 10th November 1869.

No. 221. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department:—

Salem Road Fund Budget Statements for 1870-71, as revised by the Board of Revenue, approved. (Here enter 25th October 1869, No. 2,842.)

No. 222. ORDER THEREON, 10th November 1869, No. 3603.

LOCAL FUNDS, No. 25.

Account.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer of the 5th Division.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th October 1869.

No. 294. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th October 1869 :—

Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Salem, 29th September 1869, No. 115.

I HAVE the honour to forward the Local Fund Budget of the Salem District for 1870-71; all the appropriations in which have been made by the Collector.

2 Statements, and 1 Map.

Read also Abstracts of Receipts and Charges of the Local Funds received from the Collector of Salem, dated 15th September 1869.

PARTS I. and II. of the Road Fund Budget for 1870-71, received with the Superintending Engineer's letter, are submitted for the approval of Government, with reference to paragraph 1 of their Order, dated 16th March 1869, No. 711.

2. Part I. contains only one unsanctioned work, with an allotment of Rupees 2,000, and with a provision of Rupees 150 on account of petty new works.

3. Part II. contains eighty-eight items of repair-works, with an aggregate allotment of Rupees 92,600. The first items which appear to call for remark, are Nos. 2, 3, and 5, for which the allotments are so great that, even if the items properly belonged to the Budget, the necessity for expending so large a sum on them ought to have been fully explained. But the Board doubt whether they ought to be entered in the Budget at all. Nos. 2 and 3 are Imperial roads, and the greater part of them, as well as of No. 5, lies within Municipal limits. From the papers recorded with Government Order, 3rd September 1867, No. 2,052, it appears that only one and a half miles of the road from Salem to the Suramungalum Railway Station should be maintained from Local Funds, so that the grant proposed by the Collector is at the rate of Rupees 1,133 a-mile. Pending full explanation, these items are disallowed. With regard to the other entries, the Board remark that the maintenance allowances seem to be generally fixed too high, especially when it is considered that the roads run on high levels and on gravelly soil. Special report must be submitted before the proposed expenditure is incurred on Items Nos. 11, 17, and 18.

4. In the abstract of Receipts and Charges, the available assets are given as Rupees 1,29,870, which includes the sum of Rupees 11,770, the balance expected to remain on the 1st April 1870.

5. Under the head "Expenditure proposed," there is an allotment of Rupees 10,000, made up as follows :—

	RS.
For the purpose of Sanitary Associations in the several talooks of the district	8,500
For sinking wells and other purposes	1,500
	10,000

The Board observe that these provisions should have been made in Part I. of the Budget under "Miscellaneous Public Improvements," and not in the abstract statement. The necessary transfers have been made in this Office.

* 6. The Board observe that the provision for Sanitary Associations is paid out of the interest of the surplus Pagoda Funds of the district, credited to the Road Fund agreeably to the Government Order, Revenue Department, dated 27th February 1863, No. 424. No grant is to be made to any Association, unless its equivalent has been raised by local contributions. The annual interest realized and credited to the fund is only Rupees 2,150, and after the accumulated surplus has been spent, the grant for Sanitary Associations must be reduced to that sum.

7. The particulars of the Public Works Executive Range Establishment given by the Collector, differ from those sanctioned by Government at a cost of Rupees 3,600. The Collector's proposal involves a re-distribution of the sanctioned scale, which is unauthorized, and which seems to the Board very objectionable. Mr. Pochin should make a special application on the subject, when it will be duly considered. Meanwhile, the item will be retained in the abstract.

8. Mr. Pochin does not make any provision either for travelling allowance to Local Fund Overseers and Maistries or for the establishment of Lascars. No reason is assigned for the omission. The Board have inserted the amounts sanctioned for the purpose. Mr. Pochin is requested to account for the omission.

9. The provision for "Contingencies" in favour of the Revenue Department is given as Rupees 200; but the amount fixed by the Board for Salem, in common with other districts, is only Rupees 50. In the absence of any explanation of the larger allotment, it is reduced to the fixed scale.

10. According to the foregoing alterations and additions, the total proposed expenditure amounts to Rupees 1,19,570. Deducting this from the total available assets of Rupees 1,29,870, there remains a large unappropriated balance of Rupees 10,300. The Collector should submit proposals for utilizing this sum, after the commencement of the next official year, and after ascertaining whether the estimated income of the fund is likely to be realized to the full extent.

11. The Board note that in transmitting the Budget to them, the Superintending Engineer states that all the appropriation items in it have been made by the Collector. There seems to have been sufficient room for him to exercise the duty described in No. IX. of the Road Fund Rules, and the Board wish he had seen fit to do so.

12. The Collector must bear in mind that in allotting so large a proportion of work to his own department, he has assumed a heavy responsibility, which will necessitate close personal supervision.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 25th October 1869.

No. 295. ORDER THEREON, 25th October 1869, No. 2,842.

Local Funds, No. 10.
Accounts.

THE Government approve the District Road Fund Budget Statements of the Salem District for 1870-71, as revised by the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c, &c, &c.

Dated October, 25th.

Recd. Nov 2nd *Read*

G. O., 25th October 1869, No. 2,842.

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Nos. 294-295.

Calcutta Road Fund Budget Statements for 1870-71 as revised by the Board of Revenue, approved.

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Dated 3603

Nos. 221-222

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