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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 284. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th November 1870:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of South Canara, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Mangalore, 16th September 1870, No. 1,229.

I HAVE the honour to submit my Local Fund Budget for the ensuing official year 1871-72.

2. The District Road Fund Budget has been prepared in communication with the Acting Superintending Engineer, and the several allotments proposed have his approval.

3. Part I. of the Budget contains eleven new items. Of these, Nos. 1 to 4 relate to bridge-work to be completed on roads made some years ago. I have proposed an allotment of Rupees 2,200 for Item No. 1, which will complete the estimate for that work, and this item will, therefore, disappear from future Budgets.

4. Item No. 2, namely, minor bridges on the Bantwal and Mudbidri road, has a sanctioned estimate of Rupees 17,060, of which Rupees 3,354 were expended up to the end of the past official year, and Rupees 116 are provided in the current year's Budget. There is, therefore, a balance of Rupees 13,590 still to be worked out, and of this I propose that Rupees 2,000 should be expended during the next year. The requirements of this line are not so pressing as those of others, and the balance of the estimate may, therefore, be worked out gradually as funds are available.

5. On Item No. 3 (bridges on the Puttur and Beltangady road) very little has yet been expended, though the portion of the line for which I have proposed an allotment is extensively used by carts and bullocks coming down the Manzerabad Ghaut. I have, therefore, allotted Rupees 4,730 for the bridge-work on this line out of the balance of estimate (Rupees 15,490), and restricted the outlay to that portion of the road on which there is most traffic.

6. The fourth item has a balance of estimate, amounting to Rupees 13,542, of which Rupees 2,400 are allotted in the current year's Budget, and the additional allotment of Rupees 2,200 now provided will ensure the completion of a few more bridges on the line.

Bridges on the Puttur and Munjeshwar road.

7. The fifth item is a new road projected by my predecessor to connect Subramanya with the imperial road from Mangalore to Mercara by the Sampaji Ghaut, the estimate for tracing which has recently been sanctioned by Government;* Rupees 3,300 are entered in the current year's Budget for tracing this new line, and anticipating that the trace will be completed in the course of this year, I have proposed an allotment of nearly an equal amount for gradually widening the trace in the next year.

* G. O., 23rd August 1870, No. 1,302, Revenue Department.

8. The importance of the projected line† from the foot of the Hyderghur or Hossangadi Ghaut to the coast, I have already brought to the notice of the Board in my letter‡ of the 2nd June last, No. 691, embodied in Board's Proceedings, 5th August 1870, No. 5,190. The sum of Rupees 1,539, placed at the disposal

† Item No. 6.

‡ Paragraphs 7, 8, and 9.

of the Public Works Department, [illegible] current year's Supplemental Budget will probably suffice for tracing the line, and [illegible] only be too glad to supplement the proposed allotment of Rupees 4,740 for the ensuing year by further appropriations from the reserve, if the Superintending Engineer can arrange to have the work vigorously pushed on.

9. The estimate for the seventh Item* was sanctioned by Government in February last. The road is an important approach to the sea coast, and it is desirable that it should be completed as early as funds will admit.

* Kumbla via Perdal road.

10. The remaining items in Part I. are works of ordinary Miscellaneous Public Improvement, in which I have included a sum of Rupees 1,200 to meet the cost of constructing permanent toll-gates and toll-houses at Sullya, Seerady, Beltangady, and Someshwar, on the Sampaji, Manzerabad, Kodekal and Agumbi Ghauts, respectively. I have requested† sanction for the erection this year of temporary toll-gates at the three latter places, but it will be advisable to have permanent buildings put up as soon as funds are available. The allotment I propose will, I think, be sufficient. After paying for the work and for the establishment, the balance of collections will be given as a grant-in-aid to Imperial Funds. In future Budgets the expenditure on account of establishment will probably not appear, as it will be advisable to sell the toll by auction as soon as we have ascertained what the collections will amount to.

† To Board, 15th September 1870, No. 1,224.

11. Part II. of the Budget requires no particular remarks, the several allotments proposed being of an ordinary description.

12. Jungle Conservancy Fund.—In accordance with the instructions conveyed in Board's Circular Memorandum, No. 883, of the 19th ultimo, I have the honour to submit a detailed Budget of the Jungle Conservancy Fund, prepared in the prescribed form, and with all necessary information as to the manner in which the funds are proposed to be utilized.

13. The receipts of the Jungle Conservancy Fund in this district are insignificant. I have, however, allotted funds for extending the Casuarina and Firewood plantations already in existence. When I was in this district formerly, I noticed on the bank of the Cavoi river at Canyangye near Perambutt some land which appeared well suited for a Teak plantation. I have just returned from a second inspection in company with the Assistant Conservator of Forests. The experiment is well worth a trial. The Forest Department have their plantation at Parape near Sullya, and I propose to open out a small plantation from our Local Funds at the place I mention. I have, therefore, made an allotment for the purpose. With this money I shall be able, I trust, to open out and plant 10 or 15 acres at least.

14. Pound Fund.—The number of Cattle Pounds in the district being insufficient, I have proposed allotments for increasing them by sixteen. Provision has also been made for the pay of pound-keepers for the new pounds and those now in existence.

15. Public Bungalow Fund.—The Board are already aware of the small amount realized from the Bungalow Fee Fund in this district, and as the funds available are insufficient for the up-keep of the establishment and the annual repair

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of the bungalows, they have been supplemented each year by grants from Imperial Funds. As this grant will be withdrawn in 1871-72, I am reluctantly obliged to recommend that a sum of Rupees 300 be transferred to this fund from the District Road Fund out of the sale-proceeds of avenue clippings. I have accordingly provided for the transfer in the Budget, and trust that it may be sanctioned. I make this recommendation in preference to proposing an enhancement of the bungalow fees, but sooner or later the fees must be increased. Our bungalows are not fully furnished; the buildings are out of repair; and we cannot look for an increased revenue from the collections at their present rate.

The Board submit, for the approval of Government, the District Road Fund Budget for 1871-72, with reference to their Order dated 16th March 1869, No. 711.

2. Part I. contains eleven items, with a total allotment of Rupees 23,790. Of this sum Rupees 11,220 are assigned for bridges on roads made some years ago, Rupees 9,720 for new roads, and Rupees 2,850 for works of Miscellaneous Public Improvements. Thus the allotment for bridges falls short of that for roads and Miscellaneous Public Improvements by Rupees 1,350. The Acting Collector states that these allotments have the Superintending Engineer's approval, and he has countersigned the list. Adverting to paragraph 9 of their Proceedings of the 9th August 1870, No. 5,226, (G. O., 1st November 1870, No. 1,681,) the Board consider the allotment for bridges in contra-distinction to roads is ample.

3. With the exception of Items Nos. 1 to 4 and 7, the works entered in the list are unsanctioned. In the case of the seventh item, the sum required to ensure its being completed during the year, in addition to the provision of Rupees 1,980, is Rupees 2,190. The Board resolve to allot this sum from the under-mentioned sources:—

	Rs.
Item No. 5	770
„ „ 6	770
„ „ 11	350
Sale-proceeds of avenue clippings to be transferred to Public Bungalow Fund	300
	2,190

4. The eleventh or last item is compensation for lands to be taken up for public purposes. The attention of the Acting Collector is drawn to paragraph 6 of the Board's Circular Order of the 29th June 1866, No. XVII., which rules that compensation for lands taken up for local roads should be included in the estimates for them. It is not usual or advisable to make such a provision in Road Fund Budgets. The item is, therefore, disallowed.

5. Part II. contains twenty-one items, with an aggregate allotment of Rupees 17,170. None of these seem to call for any remark.

6. In the abstract of Receipts and Charges, the expected income of the fund is given as Rupees 57,140. This includes Rupees 12,000 for ferry-rents. The Road Fund cannot afford to lose the amount, and it will be necessary, therefore, not to apply Madras Act I. of 1870 to the district, (*vide* Section 29).

7. An allotment of Rupees 920 is proposed for the establishment on account of ferries and tolls on bridges. This is the establishment sanctioned by the Board for the collection of tolls on the ghauts marginally noted.

Sampaji Ghaut.	
Manzerabad	Ghaut
Kodekal	do.
Agumbi	do.

8. The cost of Public Works' supervision has been reduced by Rupees 50 to bring the expenditure within the available assets.

9. There is a sum of Rupees 390 provided as a grant-in-aid for the maintenance of imperial roads, agreeably to paragraph 3 of the G. O., Revenue Department, dated 26th August 1870, No. 1,326. This is out of place, and is accordingly transferred to Part II. of the Budget.

10. A sum of Rupees 300 is proposed to be transferred from the sale-proceeds of avenue clippings to the Bungalow Fund of the district. The Acting Collector states that he is reluctantly obliged to recommend the transfer, as the grant from Imperial Funds for the repair of the bungalows is to be withdrawn from 1871-72. The Board do not approve the transfer, and accordingly disallow it. The Board, however, intend addressing Government almost immediately regarding the continuance of the usual annual grant of Rupees 11,230 from the Public Works allotment for a time at least; and they request, in anticipation of the submission of the replies from several Collectors to a reference on the subject made in the G. O., Revenue Department, 20th April 1870, No. 542, that the usual provision may be made in the Public Works Budget for 1871-72.

11. With the foregoing alterations, the total proposed expenditure amounts to Rupees 57,140, which, deducted from the available assets of Rupees 57,140, leaves no balance.

No. 285. ORDER THEREON, 19th November 1870, No. 1,816.

Local Funds, No. 17.
Account.

THE Road Fund Budget-estimate is sanctioned as recommended by the Board. The application at the close of paragraph 10 of the Board's Proceedings will be disposed of in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Under date the 19th November 1870

Read the following

Report of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting for sanction Road Fund Budget estimate for Canara for 1871-72. } M.E. 16th Nov. 1870

To Road Fund

Budget Estimate as sanctioned

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated November, 19th.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 19th November 1870, *No.* 1,816.

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 284-285.

South Canara Road Fund Budget-estimate for 1871-72 as recommended by the Board of Revenue, sanctioned. Application of the Board contained in paragraph 10 to be disposed of in the Public Works Department.