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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 36. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th November 1870:—

Read Local Fund Budget-estimates for 1871-72 of the Chingleput District, dated 23rd September 1870, No. 394.

THE Board resolve to submit, for the approval of Government, the District Road Fund Budget, with reference to their Order of the 16th March 1869, No. 711.

2. Part I. of the Budget contains ten items, with an aggregate allotment of Rupees 20,130. Of these, Items Nos. 4, 5, 6, and 8, are unsanctioned. Such of the items as call for remark are noticed *seriatim*.

3. *Item No. I.*—The full amount of the estimate is put down as the computed expenditure up to 31st March 1871, but it is explained that the estimate must be exceeded, and an allotment of Rupees 1,000 is proposed. This, together with a maintenance grant of Rupees 1,350, provided in Part II., is intended for the completion of the work.

4. *Item No.* 3.—The amount of the estimate is Rupees 11,500. The computed expenditure is Rupees 15,550, which is in excess of the estimate by Rupees 4,050, and an additional allotment of Rupees 3,000 is proposed. A supplemental estimate for Rupees 8,800 is promised, and the necessity for it is explained. It must be remembered that the allotment for this work and Item No. 1 cannot be utilized, until supplemental estimates are submitted to, and sanctioned by, Government.

5. The items noted in the margin are unsanctioned works, but estimates for them are before the Board. The computed expenditure shown opposite to these works was incurred both from special and Road Funds during the prevalence of the famine. The Board have not thought it proper to submit the estimates for the sanction of Government, because the District Road Fund transactions of the current year commenced with a *minus* balance of Rupees 13,834, and the expected income, exclusive of the reserve, was fully appropriated as shown in the Budget.

Item No. 4, allotment	...	1,000
,, ,, 5, ,,	...	3,000
,, ,, 6, ,,	...	1,000
Total	...	5,000

6. The Board observe that there is no pressing necessity for Item No. 5 (road from the lattice bridge to Tirporoor), as it runs parallel to the southern portion of the East Coast Canal, by which it is believed all the traffic in that part of the district is principally conducted. The canal is also a good deal used by pilgrims going to the monthly festivals at the Tirporoor Pagoda. Moreover, the maintenance

grant for the road in the current year's Budget is Rupees 500, which has been doubled in Part II. of the present Budget, so as to keep it in passable order. The item is, therefore, omitted from the Budget.

7. The allotments for Items Nos. 4 and 6 being small and quite out of proportion to the amounts of the estimates, the Board have disallowed them also.

8. *Item No.* 7.—A sum of Rupees 15,050 is entered as the approximately estimated cost of the work, and the estimate is promised. The Board observe that a regular estimate, amounting to Rupees 6,700, was sanctioned in the Government Order, Revenue Department, dated 31st October 1867, No. 2,567, though no allusion whatever is made to it by the Acting Collector. The latter amount has been entered.

9. *Item No.* 8.—This is for the renewal of the metalling on two miles of the road from Chingleput to Tricalicoondrum (length nine miles), and an allotment of Rupees 500 is proposed for expenditure. It is observed that this road has a maintenance allowance of Rupees 100 per mile in Part II. of the Budget, and the Board are of opinion that the re-metalling required should be done gradually from this source. The item is accordingly struck out.

Portion of Item No. 31.

10. *Item No.* 9—Is for the completion of the road from Tricalicoondrum to Sadras, with an allotment of Rupees 1,930; but in the Map, which accompanied the Budget, the road is marked as completed. The work was sanctioned in Government Order, Public Works Department, dated 5th February 1864, No. 376, and appears to have been commenced in 1864-65, and an expenditure of Rs. 16,315 is stated to have been incurred from Imperial Funds. It is now shown, for the first time, in the present Budget, and an allotment of Rupees 1,930, the balance of the estimate, is proposed for completing the line. It is seven years since the work was begun, and no information is given as to what still remains to be executed with reference to the sanctioned estimate. The Acting Collector will, in communication with the Superintending Engineer, furnish the required information, and include the work, if necessary, in the next list of incomplete works to be submitted to the Board. The work is accordingly omitted from the Budget.

11. From the above, it will be seen that the sum saved in the proposed allotments is Rupees 7,430, from which the Board resolve to transfer Rupees 6,000 to Items Nos. 2 and 10 in equal proportions, and Rupees 530 to meet the cost of the Public Works Executive Range Establishment noticed further on.

12. Part II. contains 36 items, with a total allotment of Rupees 34,750. With the exception of works of Miscellaneous Public Improvements, all the rest have hitherto been in charge of the Public Works Department; but it is now proposed that they should be undertaken by the Revenue Department. No reason is given for the change, but the Board presume that it is adopted with reference to the orders of Government to the effect that ordinary repairs of roads not requiring professional skill should be taken up by the Revenue Department.

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1st December 1870.

13. In the abstract of receipts and charges, the expected income of the Fund is given as Rupees 69,110.

14. The cost of the Public Works Executive Range Establishment is shown at Rupees 3,360 as follows:—

	Rs.
2 Overseers, at Rupees 60 per mensem	120
8 Maistries, at Rupees 20 each per mensem.....	160
	280×12=3,360.

15. The Acting Collector states that the proposed expenditure in the 2nd and 4th Ranges of the district being comparatively trifling, the services of Overseers are not considered necessary. He proposes to supply their places by appointing a Maistry to each range, in addition to the one already employed. The existing sanctioned scale of the establishment is—

		Rs.	
1st Range..	1 Overseer	60	
	2 Maistries	40	
		—	100
2nd Range.	1 Overseer	45	
	1 Maistry	20	
		—	65
3rd Range.	1 Overseer	60	
	2 Maistries	40	
		—	100
4th Range.	1 Overseer	60	
	1 Maistry	20	
		—	80
	Per month ...		345
	Per annum ...		4,140

16. In submitting certain proposals to meet the current year's liability of the Fund, the Acting Collector proposed to do away with the Local Fund Overseer of the 2nd Range, but neither Colonel Bean nor Colonel Wilkieson acceded to the measure. The latter officer is, however, in favour of leaving out Maistries. The present proposal is not only for dispensing with the services of the same Overseer, but also with those of the Overseer of the 4th Range. The Acting Collector does not appear to have consulted the Superintending Engineer in regard to the latter Overseer.

17. The Board prefer retaining the services of Overseers, who must be trained men, capable of preparing surveys, plans, and estimates, and of exercising general supervision both of works in progress and of accounts. It must also be borne in mind that Overseers and Maistries are available for all Road Fund Works within each Public Works Executive Range, whether executed by the Revenue or Public Works Department, according to the Government Order, Revenue Department, dated 10th June 1868, No. 1,627.

Communicated with Board's Proceedings, dated 26th June 1868, No. 4,721.

Should an Overseer be not required temporarily in a particular range, he should be

transferred to another range where he can find work. With this view, the Board authorize the discontinuance of the services of the Maistries in Nos. 2 and 4 Ranges from the date of the receipt of these Proceedings, and make the following provision in the present Budget :—

			Rs.
1st Range..	1 Overseer	.. ..	60
	2 Maistries	... ...	40
2nd Range	1 Overseer	... ...	45
3rd Range	1 Overseer	... ...	60
	2 Maistries	... ...	40
4th Range	1 Overseer	... ...	60
			305×12=3,660.

18. The allotment for the contingent charges of the Revenue Department is put down as Rupees 250, which includes Rupees 200, the cost of lighting the Marmalong bridge. This item is out of place, and should have been entered in Part II. of the Budget. The necessary transfer has accordingly been made.

19. With the foregoing alterations, the total proposed expenditure amounts to Rupees 68,340, which, deducted from the available assets, Rupees 69,110, leaves an unappropriated balance of Rupees 770.

20. A separate Budget of the Cochranes and Sadras Canal Fund for 1871-72 is also herewith submitted to Government. The expected income of the Fund is given as Rupees 48,900, which includes Rupees 3,700, the balance expected at the beginning of the year.

21. The Budget contains a provision of Rupees 19,270 for the maintenance of the northern and southern canals, the cost of Public Works supervision and that of the establishment. It is proposed to debit Rupees 29,630 to the Civil Department, and credit it to Revenue Local in the Controller's accounts, in order to meet the refund of the expenditure incurred from the Loan Grant of two lacs of Rupees, sanctioned by the Government of India for the canal extension, and the charges on account of interest on the sum spent out of the Loan Fund. According to the recent orders of the Government of India, the accounts of the transactions of the Loan Fund are to be kept by the Accountant-General, and not by the Controller of Public Works Accounts, as supposed by the Acting Collector. The Board are of opinion that the debit can only be made after the close of the year, upon ascertaining the actual net collections of the Fund.

Communicated in G. O., Public Works Department, dated 20th August 1870, No. 2,010.

22. No provision is made for the deepening of the northern canal from the Pulicat Lake to Dugarazpatam, as the Budget was closed by the Acting Collector long before the receipt of the Government Order, Revenue Department, dated 10th October 1870, No. 1,530. The Acting Collector will, however, in communication with the Superintending Engineer, ascertain and report, immediately after the commencement of 1871-72, whether it will be practicable to carry out the work, and what sum can be advantageously laid out on it.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 1st December 1870.

No. 37. ORDER THEREON, 1st December 1870, No. 1,908.

Local Funds, No. 1.
Account.

THE District Road and Canal Funds Budget-estimates of the Chingleput District for 1871-72 are sanctioned as passed by the Board of Revenue.

2. The road from Tricalicoondrum to Sadras is not marked in the Map as "*completed*," as stated by the Board, but is shown as being "*in progress.*" After receipt of the information called for regarding it, the Board will arrange for the provision of the comparatively small sum required for its completion.

(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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Read the following

Rec. of the Board of Revenue

Subject Approved Road Fund Budget of Chingleput District for 1871-72.

R.C. 25th November 1870

The District Road and Canal Funds Budget Estimates of the Chingleput District for 1871-72 are sanctioned as framed by the Board of Revenue.

By order

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To the Board of Revenue.

2. The Road from Saidapet to Saidapet Conduit to Adyar a distance of 4 miles is a Road maintained by the Municipality of Madras.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Dated December, 1st.

Read. 2nd.

G. O., 1st *December* 1870, *No.* 1,908.

DECEMBER.
Nos. 36-37.

Chingleput Road Fund Budget-estimates for 1871-72, as passed by the Board of Revenue, sanctioned.

Map as "completed" as stated
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