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No. 440. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, in the Financial Department, dated 28th October 1874, No. 1,847:—

Read the following letter from Captain J. H. TAYLOR, R.N.R., Acting Master Attendant, Madras, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 6th October 1874, No. 6,158:—

Administrative Department.

I HAVE the honor to forward the under-mentioned Budget statements for the official year 1875-76:—

1. Estimate of Disbursements.
2. Do. of Receipts.
3. Do. of do. and Disbursements, Port Fund.
4. Do. of Light-houses, Imperial.
5. Do. of do. Port Funds.
6. Do. of do. Provincial.
7. Do. of Receipts, do.
8. Do. of Disbursements, do.

THE Master Attendant at Madras submits the Budget-estimate of Receipts and Charges of the Marine Department for the year 1875-76 relating to Imperial, Provincial, and Port Funds, viz.:—

	Receipts.	Charges.
	RS.	RS.
Imperial	18,000	61,124
Provincial	24,000	12,734
Port Funds	2,25,208	1,44,593

2. The receipts under "Imperial" fall short of the actuals* for 1873-74, as per accounts rendered by the Accountant-General, by Rupees 26,084, and the estimate† for 1874-75 by Rupees 5,000.

* Rupees 44,084
† .. 23,000

The decrease is chiefly under the head of "Sale-proceeds of Coal, Stores, etc.," as "no receipts are to be adjusted in future on account of supply of coal to the Gun Carriage Manufactory and Commissary of Ordnance as these departments are to make their own arrangements for obtaining coal." The charges‡ exceed the actuals§ for 1873-74 and the grant|| for 1874-75 by Rupees 1,206 and

‡ Rupees 61,124
§ .. 59,918
|| .. 57,000

Rupees 4,124, respectively. The excess over the actuals is to be accounted for by the addition of the charge of Rupees 1,560 for the Light-house Establishment at Muttam Point, and over the grant, partly on account of the establishment alluded to and partly on account of an increase of Rupees 832 under "Establishment" at "out-ports" and of Rupees 2,400 under "Miscellaneous," provision having been made under the latter head for the proportion of freight to be paid in India on 500 tons of coal and other stores indented for from England.

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3. The receipts* under "Provincial Services," although estimated at Rupees 24,000, are in excess of the estimate† for 1873-74, 779 less than the actual‡ for 1873-74, 24,779 are in excess of the estimate† for 1874-75 by Rupees 1,000. The estimated charges§ exceed the actuals,|| as shown in the accounts of the Accountant-General for 1873-74, by Rupees 3,800, but are less than the grant¶ for 1874-75 by Rs. 770. Adopting the actuals** given by the Master Attendant the estimate for 1875-76 still exceeds them by Rupees 2,819. The Governor in Council is of opinion, therefore, that the allotment†† for Contingencies, which is nearly a hundred per cent. in excess of the actuals,‡‡ should be reduced by Rupees 734 and the estimate fixed at Rupees 12,000.

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‡ " 23,000
§ " 12,734
|| " 8,934

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¶ Rupees 13,504
** " 9,915

†† Rupees 5,200
‡‡ " 2,672

4. The probable receipts (Rupees 2,25,208) from Port Funds exceed the actuals (Rupees 2,01,630) by Rs. 23,578 and the estimate§§ for 1874-75 by Rupees 14,047: the excess is due to the larger anticipated unexpended balance on the 1st April 1875 than the actual balances||| on the same date in 1873 and 1874. It is doubtful, however, whether the larger balance¶¶ is likely to occur. The estimated charges (Rupees 1,44,593) are less than the actuals (Rupees 1,52,469) for 1873-74 by Rupees 7,876 and the grant*** for 1874-75 by Rupees 3,360, but they are susceptible of further reduction. The charges provide—

§§ Rupees 2,11,161

||| Rupees 38,166 and Rupees 49,161.

¶¶ Rupees 63,208

*** Rupees 1,47,953

(a.) For Establishment and Contingencies	...	...	...	...	Rs. 1,14,157
(b.) For Public Works	...	...	...	...	30,436
Total	...	...	...	...	1,44,593

5. From the charges for Establishment must be deducted the reductions proposed by the Master Attendant in his letter, dated the 7th October 1874, No. 6,208, and approved in G. O., dated 20th October 1874, No. 385, viz. :—

Cannanore, one lascar at Rupees 5-4-0 per mensem	...	...	...	Rs. 63
Tellicherry " " at " 5-4-0	...	...	...	63
Calicut " " at " 7-8-0	...	...	...	90
Cochin " " at " 7-8-0	...	...	...	90
Negapatam " " at " 6-0-0	...	...	...	72
Less—	...	...	...	378
Tuticorin, increase of pay to a lascar	...	...	...	12
Net decrease...	...	...	...	366

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A further reduction of Rupees 1,161 will be made from the item* under "Contingencies" for "Light-houses" as it is obvious from a comparison between the actual† of 1873-74 that an additional outlay of Rupees 3,161 is not likely to be incurred during 1875-76.

* Rupees 8,200
† " 5,039
Excess " 3,161

The estimate for "Contingencies" will in future be based on the average of the actuals for three previous years, and any additional provision expressly needed will be added to the estimate and explanation given of the necessity for such addition. Of the sum of Rupees 15,256 now provided in the estimate for "Light-houses" more than one-half is set down for "Contingencies." The Governor in Council disapproves of such large provision being made under this head in estimates and desires that the course above suggested be strictly adhered to hereafter.

6. Making the deductions noted the charge for "Establishment" and "Contingencies" will be reduced from Rupees 1,14,157 to Rupees 1,12,360.

7. The allotment for Public Works is Rupees 30,436, of which Rupees 27,346 are for new or original works and Rupees 3,090 are for repairs. The latter item calls for no remark, and is passed. In the former provision is made for—

Constructing South Groyne to Cocanada River with landing-place	...	...	...	Rs. 10,000
Dredging Cocanada Bar	...	...	...	5,000
Fixing mouth of Irrigation Harbour, etc.	...	...	...	10,000
Total	...	...	...	25,000

The estimate does not show what the assignments for the purposes were in 1874-75, nor whether any expenditure was incurred in 1873-74. All future estimates must give this information. At present the Governor in Council has nothing before him to show that it is essential to lock up a quarter of a lakh of Rupees for works the execution of which is uncertain. He desires, therefore, that the three items be entirely removed from the Budget-estimate, and that, as soon as arrangements are made for carrying on the works, the sanction of Government be sought for a specific allotment. It will be understood in the Public Works Department that allotments made by the Marine Department for works from Port Funds are not to be diverted to any other purpose without the approval of that department. The amount sanctioned for Public Works in 1875-76 is Rupees 5,436, viz. :—

Original Works	...	...	...	...	Rs. 2,346
Repairs	...	...	...	...	3,090
Total	...	...	...	...	5,436

8. On a comparison of the probable receipts and probable charges in each district it is found that in the districts of Godavery, South Arcot, and South Canara it is proposed to expend Rupees 15,292, Rupees 1,054, and Rupees 8,334 in excess of the receipts. The excess in South Arcot is passed while that in the other districts has been removed by the assignments for the works noticed in the preceding paragraph having been disallowed.

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9. With these remarks the Governor in Council sanctions the estimates of receipts and charges, viz. :—

	Receipts.	Charges.
	RS.	RS.
Imperial	18,000	61,124
Provincial	24,000	12,000
Port Funds	2,25,208	1,17,796

The probable balance under Provincial Funds will be Rupees 12,000 and under Port Funds Rupees 1,07,412.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

L. A. CAMPBELL,
Acting Under Secretary,
for Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 441.

ORDER THEREON, 25th January 1875, No. 213.

ACCOUNTS, No. 19.

It is observed, with reference to paragraph 7, that the sum of Rupees 10,000 would appear to have been rightly entered in the Marine Budget of 1875-76 as an assignment on account of the south groyne embankment of the Cocanada River, on the authority of G. O., No. 1,938, of 14th August 1872, in which a sum of Rupees 47,000 was sanctioned for the purpose, which was increased to Rupees 50,000 in G. O., No. 1,863, of 23rd July 1873. Rupees 10,420 had been spent on the work up to 31st March 1874, and the allotment of Rupees 10,000 in the current year's Budget will be fully availed of. It is suggested, therefore, that an allotment of Rupees 10,000, or Rupees 15,000, if available, be made at once, in order that the work may be carried on without cessation after the 1st April 1875.

2. There is only a general sanction for dredging operations at Cocanada, but their continuance both at Cocanada and Coringi is strongly insisted upon in Mr. Robertson's Harbour Report; and exact estimate of such work is not easy to make. But the District Engineer has more than once reported the annual cost, exclusive of the maintenance of the plant, at Rupees 4,500, and the entry of Rupees 5,000 in each Budget has lately been habitual, and may reasonably be maintained.

3. No entry need be made on account of Mangalore Harbour, as by all accounts it is hardly yet in a state to be operated upon with any certainty.

4. This opportunity is taken of communicating to the Financial and Marine Departments the Resolution of the Government of India recorded with G. O., No. 2,173-C, of 29th August 1873. The schedules of marine works to be undertaken from Imperial Funds, supplied by the Master Attendant in conformity with G. O., No. 2,451-C, of 23th August, and subsequent memorandum provide only for Minor New Works and Repairs to the extent of Rupees 3,500 and Rupees 1,500 in round number. Provision for Imperial Light-houses at Cape Comorin and Point Muttam, in conformity with the orders communicated to the Marine Department, with No. 2,434, of 27th August 1874, has been omitted to be made; so also with the new light-house at Cocanada referred to in G. O., No. 2,170, of 7th

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August. And it will be necessary, in sending up to the Government of India the detailed list of requirements to be met from Imperial Funds, to ask for allotments to the following extent :—

	RS.
Cape Comorin	75,000
Point Muttam	75,000
Cocanada	1,00,000

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Financial Department, } With copy of G. O., No. 2,173-C, dated 29th August 1873.
" Marine " }

Exd. A. Grubert.

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Financial Dept. }
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It is observed with reference to para 7 that the sum of Rs 10,000 would appear to have been rightly entered in the Marine Budget of 1875-76 as an accretion on account of the South group embankment of the Cooum River, on the authority of G.O. No. 1938 of 11th August 1872; in which a sum of Rs 47,000 was sanctioned for the purpose; which was increased to Rs 50,000 in G.O. No. 1868 of 23rd July 1873. Rs 10,420 had been spent on the work up to 31st March 1874, and the allotment of Rs 10,000 in the current year Budget

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of the Government of India
recorded with L.O. No 2173 C
of 29th August 1873. The
schedules of Marine works
to be undertaken from Im-
perial Funds, supplied by
the Master Attendant in
conformity with L.O. No
2451 C of 28th August and
subsequent Memorandum
provide only for minor new
works and Repairs to the
extent of Rs 3,500 and Rs 1,500

in round numbers. Provisions
for Imperial Light Houses
at Cape Comorin, and
Point Muttam, in conformity
with the Orders communicated
to the Marine Dept: with its
No. 2634 of 27th August 1874 has
been omitted to be made. So
also with the new Light Houses
at Locanada referred to in
G.O. No. 2170 of 7th August.
And it will be necessary in
sending up to the Govt. of India,
the detailed list of require-
ments to be met from Im-
perial Funds, to ask for
Allotments to the following
extent.

Cape Comorin Rs 75,000
Point Muttam — 75,000
Locanada — 1,00,000

C.M.W.

To the Secy to the Govt.
of Marine } with copy of G.O. No. 2173C
of 29th Aug. 1873.

Signed off Copies with
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The Marine Dept. in order.
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Mr. T. J. Brown
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