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17th August 1876. No. 2,153.*

No. 395. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account-General,) dated Simla, 8th July 1876, Nos. 595—96 A.—G.:—

Review of the Madras Provincial Budget Estimate, 1876-77.

Read the following papers:—

Letters from the Secretary to Government of Madras, Nos. 952--953, dated
10th April 1876.

	Rs.
RESOLUTION.—The Public Works Budget Estimate for 1876-77 under Provincial has been prepared for an allotment of ... (1) 14,00,000	
in addition to which there is a grant-in-aid to Local Funds of ... (2) 3,50,000	
and a provision from Special Funds of ... (3) 2,68,795	
as also for petty work under Civil Officers of ... (4) 62,000	
The total of the estimate now rendered therefore amounts to ...	20,80,795
2. Of this total of Rs. 20,80,795, the grant from Provincial Services is represented by the aggregate of the two sums (1) and (2), Rs. 14,00,000 and Rs. 3,50,000, making a total of ...	17,50,000
Compared with which the grant for 1875-76 was ...	19,72,000
The outlay of 1874-75 ...	24,84,572
That of 1873-74 ...	26,66,560
And that of 1872-73 ...	23,09,040
But the amount given to Madras for Public Works in the calculations on which the Provincial Service arrangement was based, amounted, in its original integrity, to ...	23,34,550
and, after taking off its proportion of the reduction made in the total grant for Provincial Services, to ...	22,18,960
Hence the grant for 1876-77 being only ...	17,50,000
it follows that the allotment has been diminished below what may be considered the normal amount by ...	4,68,960

3. The explanation furnished of this decrease is contained in paragraph 2 of the letter from the Secretary to the Government of Madras, No. 953, dated 10th April 1876, in which the following passage occurs:—

“Not only had this Government to provide for an anticipated excess over the Provincial grant for Public Works during the year 1875-76, but also to allot in the

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Provincial Budget for 1876-77 a sum of no less than Rs. 5,23,432 to meet the balance of the cost of Public Works Establishment not provided for in any other Public Works Budget.*

4. Analysing the figures, the following abstract shows the distribution of the Provincial Service grant for 1876-77, [as compared with that of 1875-76, and the outlay of the two previous years:—

	Grant, 1876-77.	Grant, 1875-76.	Outlay, 1874-75.	Outlay, 1873-74.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
CIVIL BUILDINGS—				
Works	3,51,193	3,63,505	5,05,693	6,75,140
Repairs	1,32,005	1,14,465	1,55,904	1,46,710
COMMUNICATIONS—				
Works	2,09,740	1,56,500	1,66,238	1,96,140
Repairs	40,150	38,130	32,353	29,680
MISCELLANEOUS, PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS—				
Works	7,500	6,400	9,771	91,040
Repairs	7,500	7,500	18,878	18,460
Total Works and Repairs	7,40,568	6,10,500	9,76,862	11,60,170
ESTABLISHMENT	5,23,432	1,55,000	2,95,970	2,51,580
TOOLS AND PLANT	80,000	28,500	55,508	4,970
SUSPENSE AND PROFIT AND LOSS			47,132	49,840
REFUND TO EXTRAORDINARY GRANT OF A PORTION OF THE OUTLAY INCURRED ON MADRAS WATER-SUPPLY PROJECT	50,000			
	14,00,000	8,00,000	12,84,572	14,66,560
GRANT-IN-AID TO LOCAL FUNDS—				
COMMUNICATIONS { Works	3,50,000	6,00,000	6,50,000	9,00,000
{ Repairs		2,40,000	2,50,000	
{ Establishment		2,60,000	3,00,000	3,00,000
	17,50,000	19,40,000	24,84,572	26,66,560
UPPER GODAVERY WORKS		32,000		
		19,72,000		

5. The chief point to be noticed in the distribution of the grant is the increase in the provision for Establishment from Rs. 1,55,000 in 1875-76 to Rs. 5,23,432 in 1876-77. The cause of the increase is not specifically mentioned, but it is understood to be due to the result of the arrangement for the distribution of the cost of Establishment under which Imperial and

* Imperial Funds also bear the cost of the Conservancy Establishment, the cost of the Establishment of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation Works, and cost of surveys for Irrigation Works.

Local Funds respectively meet such portions of it as amount to 25* per cent. of their grants for Works and Repairs, and Provincial Services bear the whole of the

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balance whatever it may be. Hence as the cost of Establishment in Madras is over 25 per cent., the result is that Provincial Services bear a disproportionate share of the cost of Establishment. The Local Fund Public Works Budget Estimate for 1876-77, not having come to hand yet, the exact proportion borne by the provision for Establishment to Works and Repairs for this year cannot be told, but in 1875-76 it was 29 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.

6. The Government of Madras draw attention to the circumstance that the charges for Establishment debitable to Provincial Services amount to as much as 65 per cent. of the cost of the works, and add "that the present cost of the Public Works Establishment as a whole has excited" its "earnest attention, and that it will at an early date form the subject of a special investigation, involving a thorough inquiry into the present system of carrying on public works."

7. The Governor-General in Council will await the receipt of a report of the result of these investigations. But it is necessary to notice that the recent reductions made in the Madras Imperial grant for Buildings and Roads as well as for Irrigation Works threw a larger share of Establishment charges on Provincial Services than has been provided for. Thus the total of the estimate for Establishment amounts to Rupees 21,76,981, which the Government of Madras say has been provided for as follows:—

	RS.
Buildings and Roads	1,91,000
Irrigation	7,73,470
Provincial	5,23,432
Special	40,039
Convict Labor Fund	8,000
Local	6,35,040
	21,76,981

But in consequence of the reduction made in the Imperial grant, the provision for Establishment debitable to Imperial Funds at the 25 per cent. rate has been passed only for—

	RS.
Buildings and Roads	1,76,750
Irrigation	6,97,719
Total	8,74,469
instead of Rupees 1,91,000 + 7,73,470 =	9,64,470
so that there is a deficiency of Rupees	90,001

to be made good. The attention of the Government of Madras is invited to this matter in view to the necessary provision of funds being made to provide for the charge. If the Government of Madras consider it necessary that Imperial Funds should bear an enhanced share of the cost of the Establishment, the Government of India will be prepared to consider any proposal that may be put forward on the subject, but there should be no delay in the matter.

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3. The Government of India will be furnished with a copy of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 1,877, dated 25th July, which explain the circumstances under which the grant for Establishments under Provincial has been overstated by about 1 lakh. One-half of this amount has, it will be seen, been added to the grant for the East Coast Canal. A distribution of the balance will be made when its amount shall have been precisely ascertained.

4. With reference to paragraph 10, it is remarked that the cost of putting Sappers at Ootacamund has been charged to Provincial Funds under the ruling of the Government of India, No. 881-5 A.G.,*
* G.O., No. 2,645, dated 9th November 1872. dated 19th October 1872, paragraph 3; the Sappers being employed on Provincial Public Works.

5. The probable amount of the estimate for the section of the East Coast Canal from the Pennair to the Chippelair River is Rupees 2,16,000; and it is expected that the cost of the whole work connecting the Kistna system of Canals with Madras will be under 16 lakhs. A special communication on the subject of the work will shortly be made to the Government of India.

6. The provision for Government House furniture was placed under Tools and Plant in accordance with the orders of the Government of India, No. 378-79 A.G.,†
† G.O., No. 2,220, dated 2nd August 1873. dated 22nd June 1875, paragraph 5.

7. Rupees 41,620 were sanctioned in G.O., No. 3,313, dated 19th November 1875, for all works of restoration and decoration not included in the estimates, amounting to Rupees 87,000, for securing Tirumala Naick's Palace and fitting it up for public offices. The sum of the two amounts is Rupees 1,28,620.

8. The Government of India will be separately addressed on the result of the investigation into the cost of the Public Works establishment.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,

Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
„ Financial Department.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ACCOUNT.

General.

To

THE SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF MADRAS,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

THE FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Nos. 595—96 A—G.

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Review of the Madras Provincial Budget-Esti-
mate, 1876-77.

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Read the following:-

From the Government of India (N. 2. 1859-96 Rs. 8/8/8/8)

In these Orders the
allotments made by the
Government of Madras
for Provincial Public Works
are contracted with the as-
signment made for the
purpose by the Govern-
ment of India, and remark
is made on the differences
which are apparent; the
allotment for the current
year having, it is observed,
been diminished below
what may be considered
the normal amount by
Rs. 4, 68, 960. The causes
of this diminution are
accounted to be, and

anticipated excess over
the Provincial grant for
Public Works during 1875-76,
and the balance of the
cost of Re-establishments not
provided for in any other
Public Works Budget. The
true explanation of the
discrepancy is given in
Para 5 of the Proceedings
of Government in the
Financial Department.

No 859, dated 13th May,
in which it is intimated
that "there are other services
"of even more importance
"than Public Works, the
"requirements of which
"are increasing and are
"more imperative, e.g.
"Education, Police, and
"Jails, and the increased
"expenditure in these
"directions, which can-
"not possibly be avoided,
"absolutely restricts the

I do not see the propriety
of saying that I
would not audit our
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means at the disposal of
"Government for Public
"Works". So that the alienation
of 4 1/2 lakhs from the pur-
pose for which they were
originally assigned may
be expected to be per-
manent; and the Provin-
cial Public Works grant,
or the grant in aid of
Local Funds, proportion-
ately reduced in each
year.]

The cause of the increased
charge against Provincial
Funds on account of Re-
establishments has been
rightly understood by
the Government of India.
The operation of existing ar-
rangements under which
so unequal a weight is
caused to be borne by
Provincial Funds has
already been represented
to the Government of India.

A special communication
on the subject of the work
will shortly be made to
the Government of India.

The provision for
Government Stores In-
struments was placed under
Tools and Plank in ac-
cordance with the orders
of the Government of
India No 370.79 B.L. dated
22nd June 1875. para 5.

Rs. 41,620 were sanc-
tioned in G.O. No 3313, dated
19th November 1875, for all
works of restoration and
decoration not included
in the Estimates amount-
ing to Rs. 87,000 for re-
pairing Srivimala Naicko
Palace and fitting up for
Public Office. The sum
of the two amounts is
Rs. 1,28,620.

Para 12.

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Para 12.

The Government of
India will be separately
addressed on the result of
the investigation into the
cost of the Public Works
Rehabilitation.

(H.A. No. 2553 A of 17 Aug/76)

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Copy of the above
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ment of India with G.O.
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Examiners, Mr. A. B. S.
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