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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
18th September 1876. No. 2,496.*

No 300 Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—General,) dated Simla, 30th August 1876, Nos 736—37 A—G. —

Review of the Madras Local Fund Public Works Budget Estimate, 1876-77

Read the following papers —

Letter from Secretary to Government, Madras, No 1,545, dated 20th June 1876.

Do do do „ 1,571, „ 23rd „ „

RESOLUTION —The first point calling for notice is the lateness of the date on which the Madras Local Fund Public Works Budget Estimate for 1876-77 has been received By the rules in force the estimate ought to have reached the Government of India on the 15th February 1876, but it did not come to hand until the 9th August 1876, or about six months after due date The letter transmitting the Budget

Estimate is dated the 23rd June, but that

letter did not reach the Government of India till the 9th August. The memorandum in the margin of the dates on which the estimates for previous years

came to hand shows that the late date of submission has been a characteristic of the Budgets of previous years The Government of India note that the Government of Madras explain that the delay in the submission of the Budget for 1876-77 is due to the time and labor spent in compiling the crude Budgets in the form required by the Government of India The measures taken by the Government of Madras to prevent similar delay for the future will, it is hoped prove successful Considering that the bulk of the outlay from Local Funds is supervised by Officers of the Public Works Department, it is absolutely necessary that the Budgets of similar outlay should be received on the date prescribed so as to admit of the charges for establishment being reviewed at the same time as the Imperial Budget Estimate

2 The following is an abstract of the grants provided for in this Budget Estimate as compared with the grants of 1875-76 —

	By PUBLIC WORKS OFFICERS		By CIVIL OFFICERS		TOTAL	
	1876-77	1875-76	1876-77	1875-76	1876-77	1875-76
<i>Original Works</i>	RS	RS	RS	RS	RS	RS
Civil Buildings	1 42,340	3,000	33,835	10,530	1,76,175	13 530
Communications	9,77,840	10,08,110	61,065	26,850	10,38,905	10 34,960
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	13,100	88,050	28,990	48,470	42,090	1,36,520
	11,33,280	10,99,160	1,23,890	85,850	12,57,170	11,85,010
<i>Repairs</i>						
Civil Buildings	13,250		23,230	3,440	36,480	3 440
Communications	16,98,193	17,22,330	2,01,385	1,79,990	18,99,578	19 02,320
Miscellaneous Public Improvements.	33,800	43,900	42,100	66,870	79,900	1,00,770
	17,45,243	17,66,230	2,66,715	2,40,300	20,11,958	20,06,330
<i>Total Works and Repairs</i>	28,78,523	28,65,390	3,90,605	3,26,150	32,69,128	31,91 540
<i>Establishment</i>	7,35,040	7,21,620			7,35,040	7,21 620
<i>Tools and Plant</i>	34,885	36,450	415		35,300	36,490
	36,48,448	36,23,500	3,91,020	3,26,150	40 39,468	39 49 550
<i>Less met from Provincial Funds</i>	3,50,000	11,40,000			3,50,000	11 40,000
	32,98,448	24,83,500	3,91,020	3,26,150	36,89,468	28,09,650

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3. The only points calling for notice in the distribution of the grant are—

I—The increase in the provision for Civil Buildings—

The grant for 1876-77 for Works and Repairs under this head is	RS 2,12,655
The grant for 1875-76	16,970
„ for 1874-75	17,730
„ for 1873-74	23,080

The cause of the increase in 1876-77 appears to be principally due to the charges for construction of bungalows for travellers having been placed under Civil Buildings instead of under Communications. The latter is the proper head under which the amounts should be placed. By the erroneous classification of charge the amount placed under Civil Buildings in excess of the proper sum is—

Major Works	RS 71,680
Minor do	3,455
Repairs	22,345
Total	97,480

So that the proper grant for Civil Buildings stands at ... 1,15,175

II—The reduction in the grant from Provincial Funds to Local Funds for construction and repair of roads and establishment.

The grant-in-aid for 1876-77 as compared with 1875-76 and previous years is as follows —

	COMMUNICATIONS		Establishment	Total
	Works	Repairs		
1876-77	RS 1,87,000	RS 93,000	RS 70,000	RS 3,50,000
1875-76	6,00,000	2,40,000	3,00,000	11,40,000
1874-75	6,50,000	2,50,000	3,00,000	12,00,000
1873-74	6,50,000	2,50,000	3,00,000	12,00,000
1872-73	8,26,000		3,00,000	11,26,000

In explanation of the decrease, the following extracts from the Resolution of the Government of Madras on the subject show that it is due to the inability of Provincial Funds to contribute so largely as heretofore to Local Funds —

“(2) 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 Provincial Budget for 1876-77 a sum of no less than Rupees 5,21,432 to meet the balance of the cost of Public Works establishment not provided for in any other Public Works Budget

“(3) To meet these charges, without the loss and inconvenience that would be caused by the stoppage of Provincial works already commenced and urgently required, His Grace the Governor in Council has deemed it necessary to reduce the grant-in-aid of Local Funds to 3½ lakhs of Rupees, and he has felt the less hesitation in taking this step in consequence of the large balance of these grants-in-aid remaining unexpended at the close of the year 1875-76 ”

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III —According to the Budget Estimate of Establishments, the grant from Local Funds for Establishment charges was set down at	RS 6,35,040
Whereas according to the Budget now sent up it is	7,35,040
So that there is a discrepancy of	1,00,000

regarding which explanation is requested. If it is due to a mistake, then the Government of Madras will have no difficulty in providing for the deficiency of

Rupees 90,001 in the total grant for Establishment referred to in paragraph 7 of the orders* of the Government of India on the Madras Provincial Budget Estimate for 1876-77.

4. The following is an abstract of the total expenditure to be incurred in Madras by Officers of the Public Works Department during 1876-77 —

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	IMPERIAL FUNDS			Provincial Services	SPECIAL FUNDS						Local Funds	Grand Total
	Buildings and Roads	Ordinary Irrigation	Extraordinary Irrigation		Convict Labor Fund	Political Fund	Ferry Fund	Educational Fund	Port Fund	Canal Toll Fund		
Original Works—												
Military	3,79,000			3,79,000	32,000	31,600		70,184			1,42,340	3,79,000
Civil Buildings	73,200			73,200								7,00,517
Agricultural		4,19,341	3,73,280	7,92,621								7,92,621
Communication												
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	4,52,200			12,44,821	32,000	31,600		70,184	21,207	8,150	9,77,840	11,96,730
Repairs—												
Military	2,50,000			2,50,000								2,50,000
Civil Buildings	6,000			6,000				10,400			13,250	1,61,655
Agricultural		15,25,000		15,25,000								15,25,000
Communications												
Miscellaneous Public Improvements												
Total Works and Repairs	2,56,000	15,25,000		17,81,000								
Establishment	7,08,200	19,44,341	3,73,280	30,25,821	32,000	31,600	5,000	80,584	24,772	32,650	17,45,243	37,63,493
Tools and Plant	1,76,750	6,24,899	83,320	8,84,969	8,000	7,900	1,250	20,146	6,543	10,200	7,35,040	21,97,480
Suspense	15,550	1,52,760	49,400	2,17,710							34,885	3,32,595
Refund to Extraordinary grant	—50,000			—50,000								—50,000
Grants-in-aid			—50,000	—50,000							—3,50,000	—3,50,000
Grand Total	8,50,500	27,22,000	4,56,000	40,28,500	40,000	39,500	6,250	1,00,750	31,315	61,000	32,98,448	93,45,743

* Inclusive of Rupees 10,500, being State outlay on guaranteed irrigation works

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5. The total charge for Establishment according to this summary is RS 21,97,480
In this amount there is included RS 1,13,395
for conservancy of irrigation works

So that the net grant for Establishment is 20,84,085
The provision for Works and Repairs is 68,65,668
And the percentage borne by the former to the latter 30 36

6 Arranged by funds the provision and the resulting percentage is as follows —

	Grant for Works and Repairs	Charge for Establishment	Percentage.
Imperial Funds—	RS	RS	RS
Buildings and Roads	7,08,200	1,76,750	24 96
Ordinary Irrigation	19,44,341	5,11,504	26 31
Extraordinary Irrigation	3,73,280	83,320	22 32
	30,25,821	7,71,574	25 49
Provincial Services	7,46,568	5,23,432	70 11
Special Funds—			
Convict Labor Fund	32,000	8,000	25
Political Fund	31,600	7,900	25
Ferry Fund	5,000	1,250	25
Educational Fund	80,584	20,146	25
Port Fund	24,772	6,543	26 41
Canal Toll Fund	40,800	10,200	25
Local Funds	28,78,523	7,35,040	25 54
Grand Total ¹	68,65,668	20,84,085	30 36

* Exclusive of Rupees 1,13,395, being Establishment charge of Conservancy department

7 The large proportion borne by the charges for Establishment to Works and Repairs in the case of Provincial Services is due to the several funds concerned having been debited on the average with only 25 per cent of the grant for Works and Repairs, whereas the actual cost of Establishment is 30 36 per cent The result is that the difference between the two rates has to be borne by Provincial Services The question of relieving Provincial Services to the extent those services have been overcharged in consequence of a reduction in the Imperial grant is now under the consideration of the Government of India Meanwhile it is necessary to note that that calls for attention The Government of India is glad to find from the letter of the Secretary to the Government of Madras, No. 1,920, dated 28th July 1876, that the result of inquiries ordered by that Government leads to the expectation that a material reduction will be effected in the present cost of the Public Works Establishment. The Government of India await anxiously the communication promised by the Government of Madras on this subject.

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ORDER—Ordered that this Resolution be communicated to the Government of Madras for information and guidance, and to the Financial Department for information.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Colonel, R A,
Secretary to the Government of India

No 301. ORDER THEREON, 18th September 1876, No. 2,496.

ACCOUNT, No 16-B.

COMMUNICATED to the Financial
Department with reference to G O,
No. 1,570, dated 23rd June 1876.

2. Adverting to paragraph 3-III, it is observed that the discrepancy of 1 lakh under Establishment has since been explained to the Government of India, copy of G O., No 1,877, dated 25th July, having been furnished to that Government with docket, No 2,153-A, dated 17th August 1876. A reply is still awaited to letter, No 1,594, dated 26th June 1876, requesting that, with a view to relieve Provincial Funds to a certain extent, the original grant for Establishments under Imperial may be allowed to stand. As shown in the statement given in paragraph 6 of the Government of India Resolution, the charge to Provincial Funds on account of Establishment is 70 11 per cent. on the grant for works, while under Imperial 26 31 is the highest percentage charged. It appears from paragraph 7 that the subject is engaging the attention of the Government of India.

(True Extract)

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

To the Financial Department
„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts

Exd. A. Grubert
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Accto No. 2496 Public Works Department
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 18 Sept 76
Read the following—

From
The Government of India—(H.E. No 736-37 A.G. dated 30th Aug 1876)

Communicated to the
Financial Department with
reference to G.O. No 1570 dated
23rd June 1876

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the discrepancy of 1 lakh
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Copy of G.O. No. 1877 dated
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By Mr. P. W. Account

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Budget Estimate for 1876-77

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