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Local Funds—Budgets.—Orders passed on Proceedings, Board of Revenue, reviewing the Local Fund Budget of the Tinnevely Circle for 1881-82.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 7th March 1881.

Read the following letters:—

From the President of the Local Fund Boards, Tinnevely District, dated 11th October 1880, No. 136, forwarding the Budget of Tinnevely Circle for 1881-82.

From H. B. GRIGG, Esq., Director of Public Instruction, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 13th December 1880, No. 5,772.

ADVERTING to the Budget Estimate for the year 1881-82 of the Tinnevely Circle I have the honor to state that the Inspector of Schools considers the provision adequate. This provision consists of Rs. 1,020 for Inspecting Schoolmasters; Rs. 50, a salary grant to a teacher of the Mahomedan School at Sankaranainarkoil; and lastly, Rs. 18,000 for Results. It is probable that the sum provided may be sufficient to meet the demands upon it, but considering the income of this circle, approximately two lakhs of rupees, I think that the provision for Education, Rs. 19,000, is unduly low, whilst it is proposed to expend no less than Rs. 41,000 on Sanitation, Hospitals, &c.; not one-half of this amount is set apart for the elementary instruction of the people. This is not a suitable occasion for discussing any scheme of action which it is advisable the Local Fund Board should adopt if elementary instruction is to be provided more adequately, but I trust the Board will draw the attention of the Government to the matter when submitting the Budget, so that the question may be brought, at their instance, at an early date under the consideration of the Local Board. I would note that, whilst only Rs. 13,747 were expended by the Local Fund Boards of the Tinnevely District on Education, the expenditure from Provincial Funds in various forms within the district amounted to Rs. 34,242 in that year.

2. Under Rule 29 of the new Grant-in-Aid Code the sanction of Government should be obtained for giving a one-third grant to the teacher of the Sankaranainarkoil Mahomedan School.

From Surgeon A. J. STURMER, Secretary to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort St. George, 25th October 1880, No. 5,933.

I HAVE the honor, by desire of the Surgeon-General, to report to your Board that the allotment made in Grant III of the 1881-82 Local Fund Budget Estimate of the Tinnevely Circle for the maintenance of the marginally-noted six dispensaries is adequate and calls for no remarks.

2. Provision has been made for the proposed new dispensary at Otapidaram in anticipation of the sanction of Government sought for in your Board's Proceedings, No. 1,467, of 7th instant. A Hospital Assistant will be placed at the disposal of the Local Fund Board, Tinnevely, as stated in this office letter, No. 5,856, of 10th October 1880, to your address.

3. A sum of Rs. 1,200 is entered as the contribution towards the expenses of the Medical College.

From Surgeon-Major M. C. FURNELL, M.D., F.R.C.S., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vellore, 28th October 1880, No. 1,110.

I HAVE the honor to report that in the Tinnevely Circle the provision made for Sanitation for the year 1881-82 amounts to Rs. 17,000, which is 28.3 per centum of available income and ample for the purposes for which it is intended.

2. In this circle a sum of Rs. 15,570 is set against "Civil Buildings and Miscellaneous Public Improvements" under Grant I, of which no particulars are given.

3. The Vaccination grant also appears to be ample, viz., Rs. 4,810. I approve of the manner in which it is to be distributed and the establishment employed.

THE Local Fund Budget of the Tinnevely Circle for 1881-82 will be submitted for the orders of Government.

REGULAR ESTIMATE, 1880-81.

2. RECEIPTS.—In a statement recently furnished by the Accountant-General the actual Local Fund balance in favor of the circle on the 1st April 1880 is given as Rs. 90,665, but this sum is greater by Rs. 6,420 than that* shown by the President in his Regular Estimate. Details of the Accountant-General's balance not being available the excess will be added to the Road Fund, the balance under

which will then be Rs. 73,408. Land Cess is estimated at Rs. 1,84,669 against Rs. 1,77,000 in the Budget, the increase being partly ascribed to the collection of outstanding arrears and partly to the increase in the demand on Miscellaneous items. Income from Markets is now raised from Rs. 10 in the Budget to Rs. 1,056 with reference to the collections of fees in eight markets wherein the new system is said to have been introduced. The total receipts amount to Rs. 3,05,409, distributed as follows:—

	RS.
Road Fund	2,17,520
Endowment Fund	159
General Fund	87,730
Total ...	3,05,409

3. GRANT I, EXPENDITURE.—For New Works and Repairs, Communications, Rs. 70,647 and Rs. 90,012 are now provided against an aggregate allotment of Rs. 18,276 for the former and Rs. 73,530 for the latter sanctioned up to date. The Board have reduced the proposed grants to accord with the entries in their office registers. It is, however, observed that there is an application now before the Board for funds required for the incomplete works of the circle to the extent of Rs. 37,480 which will for the present be added to the Road Fund Reserve of Rs. 6,000 provided for in the Regular Estimate.

LOCAL FUND ENGINEERING ESTABLISHMENT.—The increase of Rs. 95 observable in the cost (Rs. 18,460) of the Engineering Establishment is due to the provision made for meeting the circle's share of the pay of a Vernacular Clerk† on Rs. 10 and two lascars‡ on Rs. 6 each per mensem sanctioned for the Local Fund Engineer.

Rs. 3,992, the amount advanced to Range Officers, are shown as an independent item of expenditure. This item need not have been shown in an estimate and is accordingly struck out.

GRANT II.—No material change is expected in the details of expenditure budgeted for Education.

GRANT III.—The sum of Rs. 600 provided under Grant III for Avenue Establishment should properly appear under Grant I. The necessary transfer has accordingly been made.

GRANT IV.—Under Grant IV the cost of the Circle Board's Establishment is given as Rs. 1,544 against Rs. 860 in the Budget. The former amount is stated to include provision for the pay of an Auditor on Rs. 60 per mensem and of two temporary Clerks entertained under G.O., Financial Department, dated 17th February 1880, No. 333. The cost of these establishments should have been shown separately.

4. The following is the Regular Estimate of charges as revised by the Board:—

Items.	Road Fund.	Endowment Fund.	General Fund.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
New Works—				
Communications ... {P.W.D. ...	955	...	...	955
... {Other Agency ...	17,321	...	...	17,321
Civil Buildings	...	...	980	980
Miscellaneous Public Improvements ...	...	...	2,800	2,800
Repairs—				
Communications	73,530	...	...	73,530
Civil Buildings	...	...	4,000	4,000
Miscellaneous Public Improvements ...	...	...	4,946	4,946
Public Works Department Supervision ...	239	...	...	239
Cost of Engineering Establishment ...	16,137	...	2,418	18,555
Avenue Establishment... ..	...	...	600	600
Tolls and Ferries	450	...	...	450
Tools and Plant	4,590	...	686	5,276
Reserve	43,480	...	...	43,480
Contribution	2,470	...	...	2,470
Capital Account of Loan and Interest thereon.	2,995	...	...	2,995
Grant I	1,62,167	...	16,430	1,78,597
" II	...	...	19,070	19,070
" III	...	159	39,277	39,436
" IV	3,020	...	1,229	4,249
Total... ..	1,65,187	159	76,006	2,41,352
Receipts ..	2,17,520	159	87,730	3,05,409
Balance...	52,333	...	11,724	64,057

The balance under the Road Fund will be reserved for the adjustment of famine expenditure while the General Fund balance will be taken to the Budget of 1881-82.

BUDGET OF 1881-82.

5. STATEMENT I-A, REVENUE AND RECEIPTS—LAND CESS.—Out of the total demand of Rs. 2,17,748, made up of Rs. 39,513 arrear and Rs. 1,78,235 current, Rs. 1,80,000 are expected to be collected within the year. The amount is a little more than one year's current demand and may be accepted. Market rents are estimated at Rs. 1,000 with reference to the actuals of the current year and to the proposed extension of the system to other markets. The assets of the year amount to Rs. 2,18,800, as shown below:—

	RS.
Road Fund	1,38,630
Endowment Fund	3,120
General Fund	77,050
Total ...	2,18,800

6. STATEMENT B, EXPENDITURE—GRANT I, PUBLIC WORKS—STATEMENT II, ROAD FUND.—The share of the Cost of General Management and of the Local Fund Engineering Establishment chargeable to the Road Fund should be Rs. 4,160 and

Rs. 16,650, respectively. The allotment for Tools and Plant should be Rs. 2,580. The Road Fund Reserve calculated according to the rules should be Rs. 13,860, but only Rs. 11,320 are available. The total Road Fund expenditure amounts to Rs. 1,38,630, leaving no balance.

7. STATEMENT II-A, PART I, NEW WORKS.—Part I contains eight items with an aggregate allotment of Rs. 45,570, of which Rs. 35,780 appertain to the Road Fund. With the exception of Item No. 3 all the rest are unsanctioned works, for which, however, estimates are promised. The eighth item with an allotment of Rs. 780 is for erecting seventeen store-sheds at different places and is shown under "Miscellaneous Public Improvements." As these sheds are apparently intended for depositing tools, &c., to be used on roads, the Board are of opinion that the item should be shown under "Petty New Works," "Communications," the details thereof being given in the Appendix. The necessary alterations have now been made.

8. PART II, REPAIRS.—This list contains fifteen Road Fund items with an aggregate allotment of Rs. 67,645 against Rs. 64,740 in the current year's Budget, showing an excess of Rs. 2,905. The increased provision is due to the revision of the rates of maintenance for some of the roads with reference to their present condition and to six minor roads* having for the first time been now provided for.

* Items 66 to 71 in the Appendix.
Rs. 5,000 are set apart for the Maintenance of Avenues.

9. LOCAL FUND ENGINEERING ESTABLISHMENT.—The cost of the Engineering Establishment is given as Rs. 19,040, or Rs. 580 in excess of the current year's Budget provision. The excess is intended to meet the annual increment† of Rs. 50 to the pay of the Local Fund Engineer as well as the salaries of the additional hands noticed in the Regular Estimate.

10. The total expenditure under Grant I is —

Road Fund	...	...	...	...	...	...	Rs.
General Fund	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,34,580
							18,160
Total ...							1,52,740

11. GRANT II, EDUCATION.—The current year's provision for Education is repeated except that for the Salary grant, which is raised from Rs. 30 to Rs. 50. The Director of Public Instruction considers that the provision for Education is unduly low, but the Board observe that in this matter the circumstances of the district are peculiar. The attention of the President will, however, be requested to the point.

12. Grant II is Rs. 19,070, chargeable to the General Fund.

13. GRANT III, SANITATION, &c.—The cost of maintaining the dispensaries is estimated at Rs. 5,690 against Rs. 4,570 in the current year's Budget. The increase is chiefly due to the opening of dispensaries at Srivaikuntham and at Otapidaram.

14. The allotments, viz., Rs. 4,810 and Rs. 17,000, for Vaccination and Sanitation, respectively, are considered ample by the Sanitary Commissioner. With reference to paragraph 2 of his letter, Dr. Furnell is informed that the sum of Rs. 15,570 allotted for Civil Buildings and Miscellaneous Public Improvements under Grant I is made up of—

Construction of Chattrams	...	...	...	...	...	...	Rs.
Do. of Store-sheds	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,790
Maintenance of Avenues	...	...	...	...	...	...	780
							5,000
Total ...							15,570

15. The contribution to the Medical College and Inspecting Vaccine Agency calculated at 0.5 per cent. on the bare receipts of the circle should be Rs. 1,030 each instead of Rs. 1,200 entered. The contribution to the Palamecottah Municipality on account of the Civil Dispensary is raised from Rs. 460 in the current year's Budget to Rs. 1,500 in order to meet the demand of that body for a larger contribution which is stated to be under the consideration of the Circle Board. The increased provision will be allowed to stand pending the receipt of a report on the subject.

16. Grant III is—

General Fund	...	...	...	...	...	...	Rs.
Endowment Fund	...	...	...	...	...	...	36,880
							3,120
Total ...							40,000

17. GRANT IV, MISCELLANEOUS.—The contribution to the Controlling Establishment at the Presidency should be Rs. 2,140. The share of the cost of the District Audit Establishment chargeable to this circle* should be Rs. 840. This has been calculated on the assumption that the full complement of the Audit Establishment will be employed.

18. Rs. 1,740 are provided for the establishment of the Local Fund Board against Rs. 860 in the current year's Budget. The Board presume that the former amount is made up of the following items:—

1. Rs. 860 Circle Board's establishment.
2. „ 480 being two-thirds of the salary of the Audit Clerk on Rs. 60 a month.
3. „ 400 being two-thirds of the salary of the two temporary Clerks on Rs. 50 a month.

Total ... Rs. 1,740

Regarding the first item,† the Board think that the salary of the Head Clerk should be calculated at the reduced rate of Rs. 35 a month sanctioned in G.O., Financial Department, dated 20th November 1880, No. 2,155, and therefore the allotment for the Circle Board's establishment should be Rs. 680, or Rs. 180 less.

The second item should be disallowed provision having been made in the Budget for the full complement of the Audit Establishment, as noticed in paragraph 17 *supra*.

The third item should be struck out as there can be no necessity for the retention of the temporary establishment after the Audit Establishment is fully organized, as stated in paragraph 2 of the President's letter recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 20th October 1880, No. 1,565.

19. Grant IV is—

Road Fund	...	...	...	...	...	...	Rs.
General Fund	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,050
							2,350
Total ...							6,400

20. The following is an abstract of the Budget as revised by the Board of Revenue:—

Receipts.		Charges.			
Road Fund ...	RS. 1,38,630	Grant I { Road Fund ...	RS. 1,34,580	RS.	
Endowment Fund ...	3,120	General Fund ...	18,160		
General Fund ...	77,050	" II—General Fund ...	...	1,52,740	
				19,070	
		" III { Endowment Fund ...	3,120		
		General Fund ...	36,880		
				40,000	
		" IV { Road Fund ...	4,050		
		General Fund ...	2,350		
				6,400	
		General Reserve ...	...	...	
		Balance.			
		Road Fund ...	...		
		Endowment Fund ...	...		
		General Fund ...	590		
				590	
Total ...	2,18,800	Total ...	...	2,18,800	

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department,
with four enclosures to be returned.
" President of the Local Fund Boards, Tinnevely District.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.
" Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
" Accountant-General.