

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th January 1882, No. 33 :—

ABSTRACT.—Reviewing and submitting for the orders of Government *Local Fund Budget* of the Masulipatam Circle in Kistna District for 1882-83.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd March 1882, No. 640 :—

ABSTRACT.—Submitting to Government letter from the Director of Public Instruction remarking on the provision made for education in the *Local Fund Budget* of the Masulipatam Circle, Kistna District, for 1882-83; and requesting the President to obtain the Circle Board's views on the several suggestions made by the Director.

ORDER—dated 13th May 1882, No. 365, Financial.

The estimated receipts and charges of the Masulipatam Local Fund Circle for 1882-83 are compared below with the regular estimates for 1881-82 and the actuals for 1880-81 :—

RECEIPTS.

	Actuals, 1880-81.	Regular Estimate, 1881-82.	Proposed Estimate, 1882-83.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Balances—			
Road Fund	1,32,484	1,67,800	19,200
Endowment Fund	422	500	610
General Fund	96,803	1,18,610	82,580
Allotments from General Revenue—			
Provincial Funds—			
For Schools	..	310	310
Special Funds	6,725	8,000	8,100
Cess on Land	2,12,285	1,50,850	1,50,000
Tolls	20,190	23,430	23,000
Fees in Schools	979	1,100	1,290
Contributions from other Circles, &c.	50	50	..
Receipts from Endowments, &c.	357	440	400
Miscellaneous	2,267	3,290	3,230
Total	4,72,562	4,74,380	2,88,720

CHARGES.

	Actuals, 1880-81.	Regular Estimate, 1881-82.	Proposed Estimate, 1882-83.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
GRANT I.			
New Works—			
Communications	61,393	1,34,110	68,060
Civil Buildings	3,957	16,880	17,920
Miscellaneous Public Improvements.	516	2,330	2,900
Repairs—			
Communications	48,275	57,020	47,540
Civil Buildings	1,235	1,150	360
Miscellaneous Public Improvements.	3,666	5,390	5,880
Local Fund Engineering Establishment.	16,517	27,310	27,310
Tolls and Ferries	..	..	2,290
Tools and Plant	4,442	11,640	3,690
Road Fund Reserve	..	..	15,170
Contributions to other Circle, &c. ..	4,000	5,000	..
Miscellaneous	398	..	..
GRANT II.			
Inspection	2,320	2,330	2,760
Training Schools	1,105	2,880	2,600
Local Fund Schools	4,757	8,910	12,750
Salary Grants	119	30	..
Results Grants	1,886	3,500	5,000
Miscellaneous	46	680	1,080
GRANT III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries	7,536	13,180	19,050
Distribution of Medicines	836	900	900
Vaccination	3,740	4,000	4,320
Sanitation	10,116	14,760	18,680
Choultries	223	310	310
Travellers' Bungalows	505	810	810
Miscellaneous	5,986	6,060	5,910
GRANT IV.			
Establishment	2,550	52,810	8,360
Miscellaneous Debt Account	1,553	..	..
General Reserve	..	..	3,440
Balances—			
Road Fund	1,65,396	19,200	7,440
Endowment Fund	500	610	710
General Fund	1,18,989	82,580	3,480
Total ..	4,72,562	4,74,380	2,88,720

2. The actuals for 1880-81 do not appear to be correctly shown. The closing balances according to that column differ from the opening balances of the regular estimate for 1881-82, in which the Accountant-General's figures have been adopted. Care should be taken in future to secure correct accounts of the actuals for the previous year before the estimates for the year following are submitted.

3. The regular estimate shows on the expenditure side a large increase as compared with the budget estimate owing to the refund ordered by the Board of Revenue of upwards of Rs. 45,000 to the Nuzvid estate. This amount consists of double collections of Land Cess in Faslis 1286, 1287, and 1288. The circumstances under which so erroneous a collection was made should have been reported to Government. The whole amount of the refund was debited to the Road Fund, with reference to paragraph 21 of the Local Fund Rules. The Board's remarks on the other items of the regular estimate are approved. On the Normal School charges and the increase to the Circle Board's Establishment, G.Os., 14th and 6th February 1882, Nos. 234 and 205, respectively, were passed. The question regarding the purchase of a steam-roller will be separately disposed of, meanwhile the provision made for this purpose will stand.

4. *Budget Estimate, 1882-83.*—The Land Cess estimate is passed pending explanation of the decrease in the current demand noticed by the Board of Revenue. The proposed transfer of Rs. 20,000 from the General to the Road Fund is approved under the circumstances stated. It is noted that the Road Fund, notwithstanding the debit to it of the large refund of cess made to the Nuzvid estate in 1881-82 is expected to close that year with a balance of nearly Rs. 20,000 and that the fact that it is inadequate to meet the charges against it in the current year is chiefly due to the heavy allotments for Public Works. Of the new roads and communications, for which provision is made in the budget, all but two are in different stages of progress. There appears no sufficient justification for the inclusion of these two new works, when the Road Fund cannot meet the necessary and ordinary charges devolving upon it without borrowing. They should accordingly be struck out and the unallotted closing balance of the Road Fund, Rs. 2,440, be raised to Rs. 7,440. No contribution is provided towards the upkeep of the roads in the Masulipatam Municipality as in last year, and it is observed that the Municipality accordingly have not taken credit for the amount in their budget for 1882-83.

5. The educational provisions are fully discussed by the Director whose remarks on the necessity for an additional Deputy Inspector deserve attention. If the Local Fund Board approve this proposal the budget should be amended. The provision for the Normal School should be raised as advised by the Director. The submission to Government of the enclosures to the Director's letter was unnecessary.

6. The other items do not call for remarks.

7. The budget is passed subject to the above remarks.

(True Extract.)

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To the Board of Revenue, with enclosures.

- „ Revenue Department, } with copy of Board's Proceedings, No. 33,
- „ Public Works Department, } dated 7th January 1882.
- „ Accountant-General.
- „ Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
- „ Sanitary Commissioner.
- „ Director of Public Instruction.
- „ President of the Municipal Commissions, Kistna District.

Exd. J. Wright.

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The Supd Insp. 2^d Field
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With order

Order, dated 13th May 1882, No. 565.

Local Funds—Budgets—Reviewing the Local
Fund Budget of the Masulipatam Circle for the
year 1882-83.

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