

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From G. HAMNETT, Esq., Inspector-General of Registration, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 15th September 1886, G. No. 2601 (a).

I have the honor to submit the budget estimates of revenue and expenditure for the year 1887-88, viz.—

<i>Receipts.</i>		RS.
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<i>Expenditure.</i>		
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14. Registration		6,32,700
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48. Civil Buildings, Roads and Services		3,500
Total		6,39,500

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Clerks employed temporarily for indexing Court registers	560
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(iii) *Contingencies.*—The average expenditure for the three years ending 1885-86 amounted to Rs. 34,987. The actuals for 1885-86 were Rs. 37,482. The estimate sanctioned for 1886-87 is for Rs. 47,590. The estimate for 1887-88 is for Rs. 46,800, or Rs. 790 less than the estimate for 1886-87. The estimate for 1887-88 provides for the expenditure which will be required for the equipment of the new offices to be opened during the year.

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The Receipts under X, Registration, in 1887-88, are estimated by the Inspector-General at Rs. 8,65,000, including Rs. 15,000 on account of fees levied under the Joint Stock Companies' Act. The actual realisations, as compared with the estimates, are given below for a series of years:—

Years.	Actuals			Estimates.
	Registration proper.	Joint Stock Companies.	Total.	
1880-81	Rs. 5,67,695	Rs. 3,830	Rs. 5,71,525	Rs. 5,00,000
1881-82	5,82,988	5,228	5,88,216	5,70,000
1882-83	5,73,200	6,246	5,79,446	5,90,000
1883-84	6,24,353	7,714	6,32,067	6,00,000
1884-85	7,44,682	13,725	7,58,407	6,30,000
1885-86	8,39,083	87,270	9,26,353	7,00,000
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1882-83	9,788	1,018
1883-84	51,153	1,468
1884-85	1,20,329	6,011
1885-86	94,401	7,545

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2. EXPENDITURE — "Refunds and Drawbacks."—A provision of Rs. 3,000 is made, but with reference to past actuals,‡ a sum of Rs. 2,000 should suffice.

3. "12, Registration"—*Superintendence.*—The charges are estimated at Rs. 35,400, or Rs. 700 less than the grant for the current year. The estimate is approved. It compares as follows with the figures of previous years:—

Years.	Salaries.	Establishments.	Travelling allowance.	Contingent charges.	Total.
Actuals ..	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1880-81	19,680	6,011	3,298	4,144	33,133
1881-82	18,000	7,275	2,207	(a) 8,146	35,628
1882-83	18,000	9,329	4,016	3,940	35,285
1883-84	18,000	9,387	2,347	3,272	33,006
1884-85	18,000	9,329	2,178	4,054	33,561
1885-86	18,000	9,481	3,250	3,954	34,685
Estimates ..	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1886-87	18,000	10,572	3,000	4,528	36,100
1887-88	18,000	10,056	3,000	4,344	35,400

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Years.	Registrars and Sub-Registrars.		Establishments.		Total.		Grand Total.
	Pay.	Commission.	Pay.	Commission.	Pay.	Commission.	
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1880-81	1,07,023	97,413	28,549	1,09,139	1,35,572	2,06,552	3,42,124
1881-82	1,16,554	98,771	30,324	1,10,397	1,46,878	2,09,168	3,56,046
1882-83	1,37,086	99,285	37,261	1,11,714	1,74,347	2,10,999	3,85,346
1883-84	1,59,257	98,925	41,479	1,17,716	2,00,738	2,16,641	4,17,379
1884-85	1,66,762	1,10,118	42,852	1,40,315	2,09,614	2,50,433	4,60,047
1885-86	1,78,505	1,23,349	48,973	1,57,947	2,27,478	2,81,296	5,08,774
1886-87	1,96,152	1,17,000	55,158	1,52,000	2,51,310	2,69,000	5,20,310
1887-88	2,03,112	1,25,000	61,383	1,61,000	2,64,500	2,86,000	5,50,500

District Charges—Contingencies.

Years.	Estimates. Expenditure.	
	RS.	RS.
1880-81	19,958	19,942
1881-82	25,846	27,661
1882-83	33,582	30,947
1883-84	39,246	32,249
1884-85	37,538	35,230
1885-86	49,226	37,481
1886-87	47,590	..
1887-88	46,800	..

Years.	Grants. Actuals.	
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1882-83	8,000	2,123
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6. The expenditure under "30, Stationery and Printing," is put down at Rs. 300. The actuals, however, of previous years seldom came up to this amount. Rs. 200 will be provided.

7. The estimates as modified in these orders will be passed for inclusion in the consolidated budget as follows:—

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Superintendence	..	..	..	..	..	35,400
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(True Extract.)

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1886-87	..
1887-88	..

(iii) *Contingencies*.—Though provision is said to be made under this head for the additional expenditure which will be required for the equipment of the new offices to be opened during 1887-88, the total amount provided by the Inspector-General (Rs. 46,800) is less than the grant sanctioned for the current year (Rupees 47,590). The estimate is passed in full.

5. The estimate for petty construction and repairs, which will in future be shown under "District charges," is fixed at Rs. 3,500. Looking to the smallness of the actual expenditure as compared with the grants in former years, a sum of Rs. 3,000 should suffice for 1887-88.

6. The expenditure under "30, Stationery and Printing," is put down at Rs. 300. The actuals, however, of previous years seldom came up to this amount. Rs. 200 will be provided.

7. The estimates as modified in these orders will be passed for inclusion in the consolidated budget as follows:—

Receipts.		RS.
X. Registration		8,65,000
Expenditure.		
1. Refunds		2,000
12. Registration—		
Superintendence		35,400
District charges		5,97,300
Petty construction and repairs		3,000
30. Stationery and Printing		6,35,700
		200

(True Extract.)

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