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23RD OCTOBER 1888, No. 790, FINANCIAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From Captain H. A. STREET, Her Majesty's Indian Marine, Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 15th September 1888, No. G-81.

I have the honor to submit the accompanying budget estimates of the Marine department for the official year 1889-90.

- (a) { Budget estimates of Port Fund Receipts and Charges under Act XII of 1875.
Do. do. do. under Act III of 1883.
(Landing and Shipping Dues at Cocanada.)
(b) { Budget estimate of Provincial Receipts and Charges.
Budget estimate of Marine Works.

2. The actuals of the year 1887-88 under Receipts and Charges of the above heads have been found to agree with the figures in the books of the Accountant-General as directed in paragraph 1 of G.O., No. 1641, Financial, dated 28th December 1885.

3. The estimated receipts for 1889-90 of Port Funds under Act XII of 1875 are (Rs. 3,51,760) three lakhs fifty-one thousand seven hundred and sixty, and the charges (Rs. 4,51,600) four lakhs fifty-one thousand and six hundred and, as compared with the figures of the previous year, stand as follows :—

		Estimates.		Actuals.	
		RS.		RS.	
Receipts.	{ 1888-89	3,80,000	1885-86	3,99,894	
	{ 1889-90	3,51,760	1886-87	3,83,730	
Charges.	{ 1888-89	5,67,000	1887-88	3,95,652	
	{ 1889-90	4,51,600	1885-86	4,20,149	
			1886-87	4,16,399	
			1887-88	3,90,279	

4. The estimate of receipts is based with reference to the actuals of the past three years, and the gradual falling off in receipts from the year 1885-86 is due to the levy of port dues at reduced rates.

5. The estimated charges for the year 1889-90 show a decrease of Rs. 1,15,400, due chiefly to the inclusion in the estimate for 1888-89 of the cost of a steamer from England, the proposal to procure which is now given up; cost of a dredger for Pámban which, it is believed, may not now be required at all; and also to charges on account of tug *Madras*, which vessel has been sold lately. It should also be stated at the same time that the main portion of the estimate for charges for the coming year consists of a large provision being made for Public Works charges which amount to Rs. 2,36,606. The total charges estimated for the year 1889-90, amounting to Rs. 4,51,538, is set down as Rs. 4,51,600 in round numbers.

6. The variations in the items of receipts and charges are explained in the column of explanatory remarks.

7. No provision for payment of contribution to the Madras Harbour Trust has been made in the budget estimate of the coming year, as the question of the transfer to the Harbour Trust of the balance which will remain to the credit of the Port of Madras on the completion of the revision of Port fund accounts is now before Government.

8. The budget estimate of receipts and charges of Port funds under Act III of 1883 (Landing and Shipping Dues at Cocanada), as compared with those of the year 1887-88, stand as follows:—

		Estimates.		Actuals.	
		RS.		RS.	
Receipts.	1888-89	..	10,000	1885-86	13,097
	1889-90	..	11,500	1886-87	8,311
Charges.	1888-89	..	11,000	1887-88	12,895
	1889-90	..	43,000	1885-86	13,202
		..		1886-87	7,573
				1887-88	9,999

9. The estimate of receipts and charges under this head are likewise based on the actuals of the past three years, and the average receipts, Rs. 11,434-5-8, and the average charges, Rs. 10,258, are set down in round numbers as Rs. 11,500 and Rs. 11,000, respectively. To this latter sum, Rs. 32,000, cost of a dredger and punts for the Cocanada groynes works sanctioned in G.O., No. 425, Marine, dated 31st August 1888, has been added, and the estimated charges shown as Rs. 43,000.

10. Passing on to the estimate of receipts and charges of the provincial portion of the budget, which consists chiefly of pilotage collections at Pámban and Cochin and charges connected therewith, as well as charges of the Agent for Government Consignments, the figures for the ensuing year as compared with the previous year stand as follows:—

Pilotage Receipts and Charges.

		Estimates.		Actuals.	
		RS.		RS.	
Receipts.	1888-89	..	3,000	1885-86	15,239
	1889-90	..	3,000	1886-87	15,435
Charges.	1888-89	..	2,900	1887-88	15,371
	1889-90	..	2,900	1885-86	16,323
		..		1886-87	4,506
				1887-88	2,712

11. The estimate of receipts under this head is based on the actuals of the past three years which amount to Rs. 15,000 in round numbers; and of this sum Rs. 3,000 only is shown as estimated receipts, a sum sufficient under this head to cover the estimated charges, which are Rs. 2,900 for the establishments at Pámban and Cochin. The remainder Rs. 12,000 has been carried to the credit of Port funds under G.O., No. 24, Financial, dated 6th January 1882, and shown as estimated receipts of "surplus pilotage collections at Pámban and Cochin."

12. The estimate for 1889-90, as framed, will stand as follows:—

Port Funds.		RS.
Act XII of 1875—		
Receipts	..	3,51,760
Charges	..	4,51,600
Act III of 1883—		
Receipts	..	11,500
Charges	..	43,000
Provincial.		
Pilotage—		
Receipts	..	15,000
Charges	..	2,900
Charges on account of Agent for Government Consignments, Establishment and Contingencies	..	6,164

13. With the above remarks, I beg to submit the estimates in question for the sanction of Government.

ORDER—dated 23rd October 1888, No. 790, Financial.

The Presidency Port Officer submits carefully-prepared estimates of receipts and expenditure in 1889-90.

2. The revenue from Port funds under Act XII of 1875 is entered at Rs. 3,51,760, which is respectively Rs. 44,000, 41,000 and 28,000 beneath the actuals of 1887-88, the average actuals of the three years ending March 1888, and the budget estimate of the current year. Captain Street speaks of the gradual falling off in receipts from 1885-86, but it is observed that the decline in 1886-87 was succeeded by a rise in the following year, in which the revenue was but a little behind that in the first of the three years. A revised estimate for 1888-89 has not been submitted, but from the last returns before Government, it seems probable that the budget estimate will be exceeded, as the income up to the end of July amounted to Rs. 1,35,000 in round numbers. The effect of the reduction in the rate of port dues would seem therefore to have been overestimated, and the Government will raise the Port officer's figures by about a quarter of a lac, fixing the estimate at Rs. 3,75,000.

3. The receipts under Act III of 1883 have been calculated with reference to the average of three years' actuals, and are set down at Rs. 11,500. The average is, however, vitiated by the income in 1886-87, which was below that of the years before and after it by between four and five thousand rupees. The receipts in the present year stood at Rs. 4,442 on July 31st, and Government think that the estimate proposed may be raised by Rs. 1,000.

4. Provincial receipts are entered at Rs. 3,000 nett, the estimate allowing for a payment of Rs. 12,000 to Port funds. In G.O., No. 1137, Financial, dated 22nd October 1887, final orders in regard to this contribution were promised; but, in consequence of the revision of Port fund accounts now proceeding, these have been unavoidably delayed.

5. Turning to the estimates of expenditure, the Government notice with satisfaction that Captain Street proposes a very considerable expenditure on works which will benefit the ports concerned, among them a screw-pile boat jetty at Tellicherry (Rs. 1,46,915); improvements to the entrance of the Kallai river (Rs. 2,000); a pillar and light at Point Calimere (Rs. 15,000); light-towers and quarters on two headlands in Canara district (Rs. 10,000); and a stone jetty at Kundapur (Rs. 3,000). Before these works can be undertaken by the Public Works Department, plans and estimates will have to be prepared and sanctioned, nor can the works be commenced until the ability of the separate Port funds concerned to bear the charge is ascertained. Captain Street will be good enough to state what progress has been made with the plans and estimates of the several works, in order that Government may be in a position to determine the total assignment to be made to the Public Works Department from excluded local funds.

6. The sum of the charges debitable to Port funds of 1875 is Rs. 4,51,538, distributed as shown below:—

	RS.
(a) Salaries	67,320
(b) Establishments (Port)	44,330
(c) Do. (Light-house)	18,432
(d) Contingencies (Port)	61,200
(e) Do. (Light-house)	8,450
(f) Superannuations	15,200
(g) Civil Works (Public Works Department)	13,385
(h) Do. (Departmental)	2,23,221

Under (e) is included the cost (Rs. 25,000) of a dredger and punts for Cuddalore. No provision is made this time for the Government steamer, as the intention of procuring one has been abandoned; or for a contribution to the Harbour Trust Board, as on the completion of the revision of the accounts the question of transferring part or the whole of the credit balance of the Madras Port will have to be considered. The total grant will be fixed at Rs. 4,50,000.

7. The estimate of charges classed under Act III of 1883 is based, as regards ordinary expenditure, on the average of past actuals, an addition of some Rs. 800 being made, and the amount fixed at Rs. 11,000. Besides the ordinary grant, it is proposed to make a special assignment of Rs. 32,000 for a dredger with punts for the Cocanada groynes, raising the total estimate to Rs. 43,000. This proposal is approved provisionally.

8. The estimate of Provincial expenditure stands at Rs. 9,000 in round numbers and requires no remarks.

The estimates and grants as above modified will stand as follows:—

<i>Revenue.</i>		RS.
XVIII Marine		15,000
<i>Excluded Local (Port) funds.</i>		
(a) Under Act XII of 1875		3,75,000
(b) Do. III of 1883		12,500
<i>Expenditure.</i>		
21. Marine		9,000
<i>Excluded Local (Port) funds.</i>		
(a) Under Act XII of 1875		4,50,000
(b) Do. III of 1883		43,000

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Presidency Port Officer.
" Accountant-General.
" Public Works Department.

Ed. W. H. French.

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Communicated to the
Suptg. Engineers IV and VI
Circles who will, in communication
with the Presidency Port
officers, prepare plans and
estimates for the works
referred to in para 5 of
the order.

2. The Financial Dept.
will be requested to
communicate as early
as practicable a list of
the works to be carried
out by the P.W. Dept. from
Excluded Local Funds
and the grants
available for them, to
admit of the budget
estimate for 1889-90 being
prepared in time for
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Edw. A. P. H.

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Erratum.

In para 6 of G.O. 790 Financial
of 23rd October 1888, transpose the words "P. W.
Department" and "Departmental".

Fort St. George
8 Dec 1888

Edw. A. P. H.
Chief Secretary.

To
The Public Works Dept.
" Accountant General
" Presidency Port Officer

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