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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—the following paper :—

From Commander H. A. STREET, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 30th March 1897, No. 118 G.

I have the honour to furnish below the explanation called for in G.O., No. 190, Marine, dated 3rd March 1897 :—

(1) *Paragraph 3 of Government Order.*—A sum of Rs. 70,000 was repaid as loan to Tinnevely District Port funds and included in receipts in 1893-94 (*vide* G.O., No. 236, Financial, dated 13th March 1895), and this adjustment accounts for the decrease noticed in the total receipts for the two subsequent years.

(2) *Paragraph 4 of Government Order.*—Particulars of items which account for the increase of Rs. 37,000 in general administration charges in the revised estimate for 1896-97 are contained in page 11 of the Government Order under reference. Provision for works in connection with lighthouse improvements under contemplation was not made in the estimate for 1897-98, as estimates for the same had not been received from the Executive Engineer in charge Lighthouse division.

(3) *Paragraph 9 of Government Order.*—An excess of Rs. 3,500 in the revised estimate for 1896-97 is anticipated in the receipts of the landing and shipping dues at Vizagapatam, and the sum put down as Rs. 11,000 was arrived at with reference to the *actuals* of the past three years. The decrease of Rs. 6,000 noticed in the budget estimate for 1897-98 is due to anticipated decrease in receipts of the landing and shipping dues at Cocanada and Negapatam arrived at by the *actuals* of the past three years. The reduction of Rs. 12,500 in the revised estimate of charges of the Negapatam landing and shipping dues is due to provision for charges for working the dredger "Havelock" having been made for only the last two months of the year 1896-97.

(4) *Paragraph 12 of Government Order.*—The report called for in G.O., No. 68, Marine, dated 23rd January 1897, cannot be supplied till the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, submits plans and specifications.

ORDER—No. 380, Marine, dated 27th April 1897.

Recorded with the following remarks.

The explanation in regard to the decrease in Port fund receipts is accepted.

The increase of Rs. 37,000 in general administration charges has not been sufficiently explained. The Presidency Port Officer merely refers to the statement on page 11 of G.O., No. 190, Marine, dated 3rd March 1897. The following is an extract of the items making up the difference :—

Particulars.	Budget estimate, 1896-97.	Revised estimate, 1896-97.
	RS.	RS.
Share of assessment on Port office building	...	460
Repairs to Port office building	...	3,000
Stationery and printing	1,500	1,600
Miscellaneous charges in connection with establishment for lighthouses	...	10,000
Lighthouse mechanic's pay and travelling expenses	...	1,700
Dredger Wenlock—Establishment	...	10,000
Do. Contingencies	...	12,000
Total	1,500	38,760
Difference	Rs. 37,260	

There is nothing to show the causes of difference between the revised and budget estimates.

The absence of budget provision for lighthouse improvements is not satisfactorily explained. It was known that certain expenditure on lighthouse improvements was contemplated in 1897-98. Provision for this expenditure, details of which could have been ascertained from the Executive Engineer, Lighthouse division, should accordingly have been made. It is not always practicable, or desirable, to disturb a budget after it has once been fixed. Application for the requisite funds is now being made in the Public Works Department.

It is stated that the revised estimate of Rs. 11,000 under receipts, Vizagapatam, was framed with reference to the *actuals* of the past three years. This being so, it is not clear why the budget estimate should have been fixed at the exceptionally low figure of Rs. 7,500.

As regards the absence of provision for the Calicut pier, it has since been explained by the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, that observations over a lengthened period will be necessary before any estimate for a new pier can be framed. As there is thus no likelihood of any expenditure on the work during 1897-98, no provision of funds need be made.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.

„ Financial Department.

„ Public Works Department.

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Secretary to Government.

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