

Public Works (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 303 W

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Civil Budget Estimates for 1899-1900

Pro: Civil Dept forwarding to the Govt of
Madras the estimates for 1899-1900
communicated to the Officers concerned.

Forwarding to the Government of India, with remarks, the Civil Budget Estimates of this Government for 1899-1900.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

Telephonic message from the Accountant-General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 10th January 1899.

From T. HESKETH BIGGS, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 14th January 1899, No. 112.

I have the honour to submit the accompanying Civil Budget Estimates for 1899-1900 and to offer the following remarks.

2. The revised estimate of the current year under Provincial services opens with a balance of Rs. 7,18,000 or Rs. 2,82,000 less than half the prescribed minimum with which the accounts of 1897-98 was specially directed by the Government of India to be closed in order to meet the famine requirements. This decrease is due to district boards not being in a position to bear the share of the famine expenditure assigned to them and which had consequently to be made good temporarily from Provincial funds. This year and next also owing to plague they cannot meet it and the proposed estimates therefore do not provide for the repayment during the current or the ensuing year of the temporary aid thus rendered. The current year is expected to close with a balance in favour of Provincial funds of Rs. 13,09,000, the net result of the year's transactions being a surplus of Rs. 5,91,000. This surplus has resulted mainly from the non-utilization of Rs. 7,99,000 of the grant of Rs. 8,50,000 provided for famine relief and would have been better but for the extra expenditure of about Rs. 2,75,000 on account of plague.

3. The budget estimate for next year provides for a total receipt of Rupees 3,26,63,000 and a total expenditure of Rs. 3,34,21,000 resulting in a deficit at the close of the year of Rs. 7,58,000 which represents exactly the extra expenditure budgeted for on account of plague.

4. In this connection I beg respectfully to invite the attention of Government to the latter portion of Government of India letter, No. 710-A, dated the 10th February 1898, in which it is clearly stated that the Provincial finance should be so administered that the Provincial balance may gradually attain the prescribed minimum of twenty lakhs of rupees. But from the estimates now accepted by Government it would appear that the increase in revenue has been absorbed for meeting fresh charges such as the following:—

	RS.
(1) Improvement of the position of taluk gumastahs	95,000
(2) Reorganization of the office establishment of the Inspector-General of Registration	5,000 (Moiety only Provincial).
(3) Establishment of four new Munsifs' courts	37,000
(4) Railway Police scheme	26,000
(5) New sanctions for the Educational Department	15,000
(6) Do. for the Medical College	7,000
(7) Grants to Municipalities	2,02,000
Total	3,87,000

With regard to the last-named item I have the honour to invite the attention of Government to paragraph 11 of Government of India letter, No. 4385-A, dated 7th October 1898, which says that such grants can be sanctioned by Government only from surplus balances at credit of Provincial funds and not when such balances are as they are now considerably below the prescribed minimum.

5. I may also point out that the provision of Rs. 2,52,000 for the revision of village establishments involves a reduction of the Provincial revenues to about Rs. 31,000.

6. In G.O., No. 1040, Judicial, dated the 6th July 1898, Government sanctioned the sale of the Government promissory notes now standing in the name of the Administrator-General on account of the audit investment and audit funds. The sale-proceeds of these securities are expected to amount to a lakh of rupees. But owing to the low state of the market these securities have not yet been converted into cash and as long as the price of securities continues so low it does not seem desirable to do so and I have not therefore taken credit for their value in these estimates under XVI-A. Law and Justice—Courts of Law.

7. As regards the estimates relating to Local Funds under Act V of 1884, the figures embodied in my estimates are those furnished by District Boards with the exception of the figure relating to plague expenditure. Rs. 7,00,000 passed in G.O., No. 1259, Financial, of 28th December 1898, have been entered for this purpose. In the case of the District Boards of Ganjam and Cuddapah, whose estimates were not received in time, I have adopted the figures passed for the current year. The estimate from Cuddapah has not yet been received. I have the honour to request that the estimates entered by me may be approved by Government.

8. From your telephonic message of the 10th instant I understand that it is proposed to apply to the Government of India for sanction to grant loans to such District Boards as are unable to meet their plague expenditure.

From T. HESKETH BIGGS, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 16th January 1899, No. 125.

I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to insert the word "almost" before "exactly" in paragraph 3 of my letter, No. 112, dated the 14th January 1899, the total amount of Provincial plague expenditure budgeted for 1899-1900 being Rs. 7,55,000 and not Rs. 7,58,000.

From the Accountant-General, No. 179, dated 19th January 1899.

ORDER—No. 123, Financial, dated 19th January 1899.

The estimates will be forwarded to the Government of India.

[Here enter letter No. 124, Financial, dated 19th January 1899].

(True Extract.)

A. B. J. J. J.
for Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.
"all departments of the Secretariat. (Public Works)
Editors' Table.

[Appendix.

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PROVINCIAL SERVICE

Heads of Revenue.	Budget Estimate, 1899-1900.	Revised Estimate, 1898-99.	Budget Estimate, 1898-99.	Accounts, 1897-98.
Principal Heads of Revenue.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.
I.—Land Revenue—				
Collections	138.63	140.38	140.91	150.92
Adjustments	+ 16.48	+ 18.52	+ 17.65	— .63
III.—Salt	1.14	.87	1.10	.77
IV.—Stamps	63.00	63.94	62.63	63.15
V.—Excise	36.50	35.50	38.25	36.55
VII.—Customs	.75	.77	.67	.70
VIII.—Assessed Taxes	13.00	13.00	12.50	12.77
IX.—Forest	12.15	11.25	11.76	10.68
X.—Registration	6.50	6.55	6.25	7.65
Total	288.15	290.78	291.72	282.16
XII.—Interest	2.51	2.44	2.33	1.73
Post Office, Telegraph, and Mint.				
XIII.—Post Office	..	..	..	..
Receipts by Civil Departments.				
XVI.—Law and Justice—				
A.—Courts of Law	8.04	8.30	7.25	8.04
B.—Jails	4.55	4.52	4.35	4.50
XVII.—Police	.87	.94	.88	..
Police	..	..	..	..
Pounds	3.60	3.63	3.60	4.38
XVIII.—Marine	..	..	..	..
XIX.—Education	2.92	2.19	1.95	1.79
XX.—Medical	1.01	1.08	1.04	1.28
XXI.—Scientific and other Minor Departments.	2.55	2.19	2.27	2.28
Total	23.54	22.85	21.34	22.27
Miscellaneous.				
XXII.—Receipts in aid of Superannuation	.62	.60	.54	.53
XXIII.—Stationery and Printing	1.04	1.11	1.28	1.13
XXV.—Miscellaneous	1.87	1.92	1.85	2.03
Total	3.63	3.63	3.67	3.69
Railways.				
XXVI.—State Railways (Gross Traffic Receipts).	2.60	2.47	2.60	2.58
Irrigation.				
XXX.—Minor Works and Navigation—				
Civil Officers	.10	.09	.11	.09
Public Works Department	1.78	1.85	1.72	1.74
Total	1.88	1.94	1.83	1.83
Buildings and Roads.				
XXXII.—Civil Works—				
Civil Officers	.04	.04	.04	.04
Public Works Department	1.83	1.83	1.90	1.88
Total	1.87	1.87	1.94	1.92
Contributions from Local Funds.				
Ordinary	2.38	2.56	2.56	2.69
Máyavaram-Muttupet Railway	.07	.02	.04	.28
Total	2.45	2.58	2.60	2.97
Total Revenue and Receipts	326.63	328.56	328.03	319.15
Opening Balance	13.09	7.18	10.00	22.95
Grand Total	339.72	335.74	338.03	342.10

BUDGET ESTIMATE—MADRAS.

Heads of Expenditure.	Budget Estimate, 1899-1900.	Revised Estimate, 1898-99.	Budget Estimate, 1898-99.	Accounts, 1897-98.
	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.
Direct Demands on the Revenue.	1.29	1.41	1.29	1.32
1.—Refunds and Drawbacks	..	..	..	..
Charges in respect of Collections.	51.57	49.22	49.34	54.61
3.—Land Revenue	4.62	3.93	4.41	3.94
5.—Salt	2.53	2.56	2.40	2.57
6.—Stamps	2.69	2.49	2.57	2.48
7.—Excise	2.54	2.38	2.53	2.35
9.—Customs	.15	.14	.14	.14
10.—Assessed Taxes	8.75	8.11	8.50	7.87
11.—Forest	4.21	4.17	4.22	4.15
12.—Registration	..	..	..	..
Total	78.35	74.41	75.40	79.43
Interest.	2.03	2.07	2.13	1.86
13.—Interest on ordinary debt	..	..	..	..
Post Office, Telegraph, and Mint.	1.08	1.03	1.07	1.08
15.—Post Office	..	..	..	..
Salaries and Expenses of Civil Departments.	9.79	10.02	10.04	10.07
18.—General Administration	..	..	..	..
19.—Law and Justice—	46.76	45.91	46.13	46.25
A.—Courts of Law	11.58	12.18	10.89	11.58
B.—Jails	..	..	..	..
20.—Police—	44.91	43.18	43.91	46.62
Police	2.81	2.77	2.78	..
Pounds	.08	.08	.08	.08
21.—Marine	18.45	17.75	17.40	17.47
22.—Education	19.55	14.16	13.28	13.05
24.—Medical	.75	.74	.75	.85
25.—Political	5.04	5.20	5.48	4.28
26.—Scientific and other Minor Departments	..	..	..	..
Total	159.72	152.29	150.74	150.25
Miscellaneous Civil Charges.	16.42	15.97	16.40	15.90
29.—Superannuation Allowances and Pensions	10.46	9.81	9.73	10.37
30.—Stationery and Printing	1.63	1.52	1.69	1.72
32.—Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..
Total	28.51	27.30	27.82	27.99
Famine Relief and Insurance.	.05	.51	8.50	15.97
33.—Famine Relief	..	..	..	..
Construction of Railways.	.07	.02	.06	.28
37.—Construction of Railways, &c.	..	..	..	..
Railway Revenue Accounts.	1.68	1.75	1.60	1.50
38.—State Railway—Working Expenses	.10	.12	..	..
41.—Miscellaneous Railways	..	..	..	..
Total	1.78	1.87	1.60	1.50
Irrigation.	4.25	3.95	4.25	3.67
43.—Minor Works and Navigation—	29.80	29.77	29.80	28.71
Civil Officers	..	..	..	..
Public Works Department	..	..	..	..
Total	34.05	33.72	34.05	32.38
Buildings and Roads.	2.95	1.62	2.37	3.44
45.—Civil Works—	..	..	..	..
Buildings	.08	..	.09	..
Communications	..	..	..	..
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	..	..	..	..
Mount Capper Jail	22.16	24.84	25.00	17.79
Public Works Department	..	..	..	..
Total	25.19	26.46	27.46	21.23
Contribution to Local Funds.	2.91	2.61	2.61	2.39
Ordinary	.47	.40	.51	.56
Máyavaram-Muttupet Railway	..	..	..	..
Total	3.38	3.01	3.12	2.95
Total Expenditure	334.21	322.65	331.95	334.92
Closing Balance	5.51	13.09	6.08	7.18
Grand Total	339.72	335.74	338.03	342.10
Surplus	..	+ 5.91	..	..
Deficit	7.58	..	3.92	15.77