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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th October 1865.*

No. 363. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Ecclesiastical Department:—

Communicating a Memorandum from the Govern-
ment of India, directing that Local Funds
should not be employed in the construction
and improvement of Churches, and that they,
as also the Municipal funds, should only be
employed for purposes in which persons from
whom they are collected will benefit. (Here enter 12th October 1865, No. 267.)

No. 364. ORDER THEREON, 19th October 1865, No. 2,551.

Local Funds, No. 18.

Accounts.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Government Department
Proceedings of the Indian Government.
Read the following ✓

Office Memorandum from the Financial Department,—(No. 1921, dated Simla, the 16th August 1865).

REFERRING to Memorandum from this Department, No. 618, dated 3rd June 1865, the undersigned is directed to observe that in a communication* from the Punjab Government, No. 1490, dated 20th July, that Government agreed to pay the chowkeedar for the cemetery at Murdan from Local Funds, and stated that the pay of the two chowkeedars at Goojerat and Chillianwalla, will be charged to Local Funds from 1866-67.

Subsequent to the receipt of this communication, a Resolution was passed in the Public Works Department, No. 658A., dated 22nd July 1865, laying down (see paras. 7 and 8 of the copy herewith sent) that Local Funds should not be employed in the construction or improvement of churches, or in works which only concern a small portion of the community amongst whom the Local Funds are raised.

The above appears to this Department to be a correct and sound principle, and in conformity therewith, the Imperial Revenues should bear the cost of all cemeteries in actual use, and also the cost of the preservation, in decent order, of all burial grounds like Goojerat and Chillianwalla. These may be said to be national monuments, the care of which may be properly borne by the State. Single graves or the few graves on encamping grounds, may be conveniently made over to the nearest village authorities without any additional expense to Government.

Local and Municipal Funds should only be employed for those purposes in which the general body of the persons from whom they have been collected, will benefit. The cost of objects for the use or advantage of particular sections of the community, should be raised by voluntary subscription, or if the Government see fit, by a grant from the Imperial Revenues.

In accordance with these views, it is requested that the necessary instructions may be issued from the Home Department for rescinding the orders sanctioning the payment of a chowkeedar for the Murdan Cemetery out of Local Funds, and for the charge being undertaken by the State.

(Signed) E. H. LUSHINGTON,
Secretary to the Government of India.

From W. KIRKE, Esq., Assistant Secretary to the Government, Punjab, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department,—(No. 1490, dated Murree, the 20th July 1865).

In reply to your No. 618, dated 3rd ultimo, I am directed to state that the chowkeedar for the cemetery at Murdan will be paid from Local Funds, and that the pay of the only two chowkeedars at present paid from the general revenues, viz., those at Goojerat and Chillianwalla, will be charged to Local Funds with effect from 1866-67.

Proceedings of His Excellency the Governor General of India in Council, Public Works Department,—(No. 658A., dated Simla, the 22nd July 1865).

Local Fund Public Works Budget Estimate, Punjab, for 1865-66.

READ the following papers:—

Memorandum from Secretary to Government, Punjab, No. 2410, dated 21st March 1865, submitting Local Funds Budget for 1865-66.

Letter from Secretary to Government, Punjab, No. 65, dated 6th May 1865, submitting Supplementary Local Funds Budget for 1865-66.

OBSERVATIONS.—His Excellency the Governor General in Council observes that the Punjab Local Fund Public Works Budget Estimate for 1865-66, has not

been accompanied by the usual Statement of anticipated Local Income from which the proposed outlay is to be met.

2. The total estimated outlay of the year is Rs. 19,31,946,* being

* Original Estimate	Rs. 19,22,677
Supplementary do.	12,269
Total Rs.	19,34,946

Rs. 33,527 more than the estimate of the previous year. The allotment to each of the three main heads of service, compared with that of 1864-65, is as follows:—

	1865-66.	1864-65.
Original Works, including Reserve	Rs. 12,40,714	Rs. 12,06,146
Repairs	3,17,006	4,79,133
Establishment	3,47,226	2,16,140
Total Rs.	19,34,946	19,01,419

3. The above amount does not include the probable expenditure by the Municipal Commissioners of Delhi, from whom the Local Government appears to have received no Estimate. This Estimate should be obtained and submitted as soon as possible to complete the Provincial Estimate.

4. With reference to the remark, that a Supplementary Budget Estimate will be submitted when the Income Tax allotment for 1865-66 has been declared, attention is requested to the Proceedings of the Government of India in this Department, Circular No. 66 of 1865, from which it will be seen that there is some doubt as to whether there will be any sum at all available from this source for 1865-66.

5. The decrease in the grant for Repairs, and increase in that of Establishment for 1865-66, as compared

	1864-65.	1865-66.	Increase.	Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Repairs	4,79,133	3,47,006	1,32,127	
Establishments	2,16,140	3,47,226		1,31,086

with 1864-65, as per margin, is represented to be owing to a transfer from the former to the latter head of charges for maintenance of ferries, gardens, and station and district roads. But this procedure is opposed to the rules on the subject, as given in Standing Order No. 62 of 1864, Rule XVII., and enhances unduly the cost of Establishment. The amount under this latter head of service, Rs. 3,47,226, should therefore be reduced by Rs. 1,74,994, the amount of these charges as follows, a corresponding increase being made in the assignment for Repairs under the heads indicated:—

Communications.				Rupees.
For maintenance of Boat-bridges and Ferries	...	...	...	55,330
Contingencies for ditto	ditto	...	...	3,758
Extraordinary charges for ditto	...	...	...	21,832
				80,920
Maintenance of district roads	...	...	...	31,136
Total Communications	...	...	...	1,12,056

Miscellaneous Public Improvement.

Maintenance of Gardens, &c.	...	...	...	62,938
				1,74,994

The result of these modifications is shewn in the Table at the end of this Proceedings.

6. The grant for Original Works, Rs. 12,40,714, is thus detailed—

	Rupees.
For Town Halls, Clock Towers, and Town Walls	63,217
For Dispensaries	16,100
For Schools	9,359
Carried forward	88,676

Brought forward	88,676
For Enclosure Wall to Cantonment Church Garden, and improvement of Church Compound at Jullunder and Umritsur	1,826
For Public Gardens	16,000
For Arboriculture	36,501
For Tanks for Irrigation purposes	5,144
For Improvements to Towns, consisting of Drainage, &c.	1,07,507
For Lighting Towns	9,150
For Public Necessaries	9,450
For Markets	8,370
For Water Supply	25,141
For Station Roads, paving of City Roads, &c.	99,043
For Metalled and Unmetalled Roads	3,86,290
For Bridges	58,534
For River Improvements	97,691
For Accommodation for Travellers	62,151
For Miscellaneous Items	40,806
	10,52,280
For Reserve	1,88,134
Total	12,40,714

7. With reference to the proposed grant of Rs. 1,000 for enclosure wall to Cantonment Church Garden at Jullunder, and Rs. 826 for improvement of church compound at Umritsur, items 18 and 19, His Excellency the Governor General in Council is of opinion that these two works are not proper objects for the application of Local Funds.

	Rs.
Repairs to two Station Burial Grounds and five Cemeteries at encamping grounds, Karnaul	250
Annual repairs of Cemeteries, Hissar	50
Ditto Ludiana	200
Ditto Ferozepoor	100
Ditto Rawalpindia	200
Ditto Church and Cemetery, Goojerat	200
Ditto Burial Ground at Jehlum	50
Ditto Two Churches and Burial Grounds, Dera Ismael Khan	200
Total	1,250

8. Similar remarks are applicable to the case of the grants brought forward for repairs to burial grounds and churches detailed in the margin.

9. The grant for Establishment, as corrected, is 8.89 per cent. of the aggregate estimated expenditure of the year from Local Funds.

10. The outlay for 1865-66 may be thus classified—

	ORIGINAL WORKS.			Repairs.	TOTAL.
	Entered in Budget Estimate.	Reserve.	Total.		
	Rupees.	Rupees.	Rupees.	Rupees.	Rupees.
Civil Buildings	70,488	12,672	83,160	23,293	1,06,453
Agricultural	69,577	12,420	81,997	3,834	85,831
Communications	6,04,666	1,08,928	7,13,594	3,13,612	10,27,206
Miscellaneous Public Improvement	3,07,549	54,414	3,61,963	1,81,261	5,43,224
Total	10,52,280	1,88,134	12,40,714	5,22,000	17,62,714
				Establishment	1,72,232
				Grand Total	19,34,946

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ORDER.—Ordered that the foregoing Observations be forwarded to the Government, Punjab, for information and guidance.

Ordered also, that a copy be forwarded to the Financial Department, for information.

No. 2265

Copy FORWARDED to the *Government of Fort Saint George*

for information and guidance.

HOME DEPARTMENT,

SIMLA;

The 27th September 1865.

By Order,

/ Signed / Arthur Howell

Under-Secretary to the Government of India.

Order thereon 12 October 1865 No. 267

*Communicated to the
Several Departments of the Secretariat.*

/ True Extract /

[Signature]

Acting Secretary to Govt.

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Communicated to

the Revenue Board

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To the Revenue Department.

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