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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 3—1—	1866.

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No. 3. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th November 1865, No. 7,301:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 31st October 1865, No. 223.

1. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Board's Miscellaneous Circular of the 12th October 1865, No. CXXXVIII., (Board No. 6,449,) I have the honor to forward a revised Budget of District Road Fund for 1865-66, prepared with reference to actual receipts of the past five months, and to the probable income of the ensuing seven months, together with a Memorandum shewing the allotments proposed to be made from the additional funds now found available.

2. In the original Budget, a sum of Rupees 1,336 was entered as the probable balance on the 1st May 1865, but the actual balance on that date amounted to Rupees 9,954* or Rupees 6,618 in excess. The probable receipts for 1865-66, were originally estimated at Rupees 25,400, whereas a sum of Rupees 22,026 has already been realized within the last five months, and a further sum of Rupees 16,774 will, it is anticipated, be recovered during the ensuing seven months, making in all Rupees 38,800, or Rupees 13,400 over and above the original estimate. This increase is chiefly owing to the establishment of toll bars at the Craigmore cutting on the road from Ootacamund to Coonoor, and on the Cauvery and Bhowany Bridges at Bhowany at Suttimungalum, as well as to the levy of road cess on all lands on which a reduction of assessment was made. These additional items of receipts were not anticipated when framing the original Budget Estimate. Thus the aggregate available funds, including the actual balance on the 1st May 1865, amount to Rupees 48,754. Of this, Rupees 25,340 have already been allotted as per sanctioned Budget, the excess now found available being Rupees 23,414. Of this latter sum, Rupees 2,250 will be required for the additional toll establishment, and Rupees 1,340 will have to be set apart as a reserve on the additional income of Rupees 13,400. Rupees 2,004 will also have to be deducted as the probable collections during the latter end of the year. There remains then Rupees 17,820, which sum I propose, in consultation with the Superintending Engineer, to spend as follows:—

	RS.
* In the Collector's Treasury...	9,802
In the hands of the Executive Officers...	152
	9,954

	RS.
Bridging and opening the trace from Kartery to the Coonoor Ghát	6,000
Opening the trace from Kotagherry to Kodanad	700
Maintenance of the new Coonoor Ghát	6,000
Repairing Chuttrums	2,000
Do. Travellers' Bungalows...	1,500
	16,200
Establishment for Public Works superintendence on the additional expenditure of Rupees 16,200...	1,620
	17,820

As to the necessity for the works proposed, I beg to forward copy of a letter from the Superintending Engineer, dated 21st instant, and request early sanction for the estimated expenditure. I have called on Colonel Walker for plans and estimates for such of the works as are new, and so soon as they are received, they will be forwarded to the Board.

3. I have written to the Superintending Engineer regarding the works to be executed during the ensuing official year, and immediately on the receipt of his reply my Budget Estimate of Local Funds for 1866-67 will be submitted.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Revised Budget of District Road Fund for 1865-66.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—Memorandum shewing the Budget allotments of the District Road Fund as already sanctioned for 1865-66, and the proposed allotments to be made from additional funds now found available.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

ABSTRACT.—States how an additional allotment from District Road Fund may be made.

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1. With the foregoing letter the Collector of Coimbatore submits a Supplemental Budget for expenditure out of the District Road Fund for the current year 1865-66, in consequence of the actual balance at the commencement of the official year having increased from Rupees 1,336, the amount originally anticipated, to Rupees 9,954, and the expected collections during the year being likely to exceed the original estimate by Rupees 13,400. This increase is owing to the establishment of toll bars at Craigmore and on the Cauvery and Bowany Bridges, and to the levy of road cess on all lands on which a reduction of assessment has been made, as these measures were not anticipated when the original Budget was submitted.

2. The assets available for expenditure will now amount to Rupees 48,754. Out of this sum, the cost of original works and repairs provided in the Budget for 1865-66, amounting to Rupees 25,340, being deducted, there remains a balance of Rupees 23,410 available for further expenditure.

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Bridging and opening the trace from Kartery to the Coonoor Ghát... ...	6,000
Opening of the trace from Kotagherry to Kodanad	700
Maintenance of the new Coonoor Ghát...	6,000
Repairing Chuttrums...	2,000
Do. Travellers' Bungalows ...	1,500
Public Works Establishment for do....	1,620
Reserve on additional receipts... ...	1,340
Pay of additional Toll Establishment...	2,250
	21,410

3. Of this sum, the Collector proposes to expend a sum of Rupees 21,410 on the works noted in the margin. The Board approve of the several works and charges proposed by the Collector, with the exception of the provision of Rupees 1,500 on account of repairs to Travellers' Bungalows, which charge is not debitable to Local Funds. The total cost of works now proposed, with this exception, amounts to Rupees 19,910, leaving still a balance of Rupees 3,500.

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4. The several works now proposed are intended to be executed through the agency of the Public Works Department, and the Collector promises to submit plans and estimates for the several new works, as soon as he receives them from the Superintending Engineer.

5. With the foregoing observations, the Board resolve to submit the Supplemental Budget received from the Collector, and request the sanction of Government for the additional expenditure of Rupees 19,910. It will be understood that no work can be undertaken until the plans and estimates have been approved.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 3rd January 1866, No. 2.

Local Funds, No. 1.
Civil Works.

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* Bridging and opening trace from Kartairy to Coonoor Ghát...	6,000
Opening trace from Kotagherry to Kodanad...	700
Maintenance of new Coonoor Ghát ...	6,000
	12,700

1. The Collector of Coimbatore states that the District Road Fund is likely to produce in the current year Rupees 22,018 more than he estimated, and of this surplus he proposes to spend Rupees 12,700* on the Neilgherries, and Rupees 3,500 in the repair of Travellers' Bungalows and Chuttrums in the District. The first appropriation is approved by the Board of Revenue, but before sanctioning it the Government require further information.

2. The increase in the receipts is attributed by the Collector to the establishment of toll bars at the Craigmore cutting near Ootacamund and on the Bowany and Suttimungalam bridges, and to the levy of road cess on the lands on which reduction of assessment was lately made. The first item may very properly be expended on the Neilgherries, but as the Collector is silent regarding the condition of the main road from Ootacamund to Coonoor, the Government are unable to decide whether it should be expended on this road or devoted to the new work which he proposes.

3. The proceeds from the tolls on the two bridges over the Bowany ought certainly to be applied first to placing the roads, on which they are levied, in repair, and when this object is attained, roads in the vicinity ought to have the preference over roads on the Neilgherries.

4. So also whatever amount of road cess is levied from the Ryots of the plains should first be applied to meeting their wants.

5. The Collector will state what portion (in round numbers) of the estimated increase, current and arrear, will not, on this principle, be available for the works he proposes. He will also mention the general condition of the road from Poothanoor to Ootacamund.

6. The Government also wish to know why provision is made for the repair of the new Coonoor Ghát, which is being constructed out of Imperial funds. The proposed allotment is also very large for maintenance of a work still under execution.

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7. The information now called for should be submitted without delay, and meanwhile the requisite plans and estimates should be proceeded with.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Collector of Coimbatore.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue Department

No. 2.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 3d ~~Dec~~ December 1865.

Read the following

Proceedings of the Board of Revr.

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(Here enter 15th Nov. 4./65 & 7801)

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Requesting the
Collector of Coimbatore to
furnish further inform:
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surplus toll funds on
the works specified.

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