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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 23rd July 1867.

Read the following papers :—

No. 447. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th September 1866, No. 6,568.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 11th June 1866, No. 178.

1. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st instant, No. 3,774, communicating Extract from the Budget Estimate of Receipts and Charges of the Revenue Department for 1866-67, I have the honour to explain that the actual of 1864-65, under Stamp Contingencies, included refunds* of the value of unused Stamps erroneously shewn under this head, but afterwards transferred to Refunds under the orders of the Accountant General; besides arrear charges of previous years paid in that year. The provision of a similar sum made for 1866-67 is not required, and the amount can be reduced to Rupees 600, but on the other hand the provision for refunds under Stamps has to be raised from Rupees 7,000 to Rupees 8,200, which is the actual of the year just expired.

* Rupees 1,447-11-10.

2. There are a few other points in the Budget, which I consider it necessary to submit for the orders of the Board, especially the provision made for the purchase of salt, which was reduced in the Board's Office from Rupees 2,48,500, entered in my estimate, to Rupees 45,630. No reasons are given in paragraph 21 of their Proceedings, dated 16th December 1865. The actual of the year just expired is a little more than three lacs of Rupees, and the salt purchased is barely sufficient to last till the next purchasing season. About 5,000 garces, which is but little more than a year's consumption, will have to be purchased in this year, which, even at the rate of Rupees 60 per garce, (and as last year's prices ranged from 66 to 78, I fear I shall not be able to secure my supply at a lower rate than Rupees 60, should I be able to get it for that) will require three lacs of Rupees. I request the earliest consideration of the Board to this subject, as I must at once issue tenders for the supply of salt.

3. The provision for Salt Contingencies (Rupees 300) altogether leaves out the cost of weighing the salt during the sales, which item will require a provision of Rupees 6,000 per annum. The actual of last year, during the first three months of which this charge was not incurred, was Rupees 4,858.

4. The charges for the various items of contingencies have been much reduced by the Board. Every exertion will be made to keep them within the prescribed limits, but I beg to remark that the charges of conveying records, stores, and treasure are necessarily high in this district where labour is dear, and the contingencies of 1866-67 will comprise the charges of thirteen months under the new system, besides some extent of old arrears.

5. I find the Board have retained the cost of the Escheat Establishment at its full amount for the whole year. I shall in due course report what reductions are feasible. Meanwhile the establishment will be retained at its old strength till the end of June, as proposed in my letter No. 171. of the 2nd instant, under the Budget sanction of the Local Government now conveyed.

6. The provision for contribution to Municipal funds is also small. Some 7,500 Rupees will be required in this district for the sanitary improvements of the Municipalities, independent of the contribution towards the cost of their Police, which, I presume, is provided for in the Police Budget.

7. In paragraph 15 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 29th November 1865, No. 7,635A, the Board remark that, under the recent order of the Government of India, the amount realized by the sale of escheats is to be carried to the credit of General Revenue, I request to be furnished with a copy of the order referred to, with necessary instructions on the subject, as the item in question continues to be credited to deposit, as intimated in my letter of the 4th instant, No. 174.

8. With reference to the provision made for the Bungalow Establishments, I request early consideration to my letter of the 15th May last, No. 149, requesting that advances† which had to be made for emergent repairs to the bungalows from the Bungalow funds may be reimbursed from the saving made in the grant for the Bungalow Establishment for the current year or from General Revenue.

† Rupees 3,012.

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1. The Collector proposes in his letter that certain provisions passed in his Budget Estimate of Charges for 1866-67 should be reduced and others raised. This cannot be done. The charges finally passed by the Government of India cannot be altered, nor are any Supplemental Budget admissible. Charges in excess of the Budget provision in one district are to be met from the savings in other districts.

2. The Collector is informed, with reference to paragraph 2 of his letter, that there is no objection to his purchasing as much salt as is required for the current year's consumption. The actual charges under the head of Salt for the whole Presidency during 1865-66, amounted to Rupees 14,85,420, and the estimate under the same head for 1866-67 is Rupees 14,50,000. The increased charge for Malabar can, therefore, probably be met from this provision.

3. Adverting to paragraph 7 of his letter, the Collector is informed that out of the sale proceeds of the escheats, nine-tenths should be carried to deposits as usual for investment, and one-tenth of the net proceeds to the credit of the District Road Fund. The proper head to which the nine-tenths should be credited is now under discussion, and when the question is settled, the Collector will be informed of the decision.

4. The subject referred to in the last paragraph of the Collector's letter has been disposed of in the Board's Proceedings, dated 7th September 1866, No. 6,367.

No. 448. From the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 16th July 1867, No. 4,465.

In paragraph 17 of the Proceedings of Government, dated 22nd January 1866, No. 137, explanation was required regarding the large expenditure under Stamp Contingencies in Malabar in 1864-65. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to

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st that this reference may be struck off the Arrear List, as the reply of the tor of Malabar, dated 11th June 1866, which through oversight was not tted to Government, shews that the increase noticed was owing to the Stamp ngencies, as entered in the Budget of 1866-67, having erroneously included a f Rupees 1,447-11-10, being the refund of the value of unused Stamps which d have appeared under the head of Refunds.

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449. ORDER THEREON, 23rd July 1867, No. 1,670.

arate Revenue, No. 26.
Stamps.

Sanctioned accordingly.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

Board of Revenue.
Accountant General.

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From the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
To the Secretary to Government, R. D.

Dated 16th July 1867.

No. 4,465.

Submitting explanation called for regarding the large expenditure under Stamp contingencies in Malabar in 1864-65, and requesting that the reference may be struck off the arrear list.

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Sanctioned accordingly
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