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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th September 1867.*

No. 165. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th August 1867, No. 5,509.

Read the following letters:—

From the Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 17th April 1867, No. 109.

1. As directed in paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, dated the 5th February last, No. 718, I have the honor to submit, herewith, the Supplemental Budget for Local Fund Works, prepared with reference to the collections expected to be realized by the introduction of the Road Cess Act, and to the actual balance of the District Road Funds which was available after the commencement of the current official year. In preparing the Supplemental Budget, I have taken sufficient care that ample provision is made for the early completion of the works already entered in the Budget as in progress.

2. I will lose no time in submitting the Budget Map called for in the Board's Circular Memorandum, dated the 25th ultimo, No. 321, as soon as it is received from the Superintending Engineer, who has been requested to send it as early as practicable.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Supplemental Budget.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Estimate of Receipts.

From the same Officer, dated Camp at Andiputty, 12th June 1867, No. 150.

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated the 30th January last, No. 641, and to the Official Memorandum, under date the 18th ultimo, No. 537, I have the honor to submit, herewith, a Map shewing the District Fund Roads with reference to Local Fund Budget of 1867-68.

2. With respect to the Board's Official Memorandum of the 5th instant, No. 569, I beg to observe that the Supplemental Budget in question was forwarded to the Board with my letter, dated the 17th April last, No. 109.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Map.

From the same Officer, dated Camp at Periakolum, 28th June 1867, No. 160.

1. I have the honor to request the Board will be pleased to sanction, at their early convenience, the Supplemental Local Fund Budget submitted with my letter of the 17th April last, No. 109, as I am anxious to avail myself of this working season, and undertake at once the different works alluded to therein.

2. Owing to the insufficiency of money now on hand under the Local Funds, I also beg the Board's sanction for transferring from the Imperial Funds to the Local Funds a sum of Rupees 50,000, on the understanding that it will be reimbursed from the latter funds so soon as the money is collected.

3. I have taken the necessary steps for the early collection of the Road Cess, and hope to have ample funds soon.

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From the same Officer, dated 19th July 1867, No. 191.

1. With reference to the Board's order, contained in their Proceedings, dated 31st May, No. 3,342, directing all Collectors to report what works may be transferred to the Local Fund, I am of opinion that Nos. 3* and 4† ought to be transferred to the Local Fund Budget, and to this extent alteration should be made in my Supplemental Estimate.

2. I beg to bring to the Board's notice that all Salt roads, i. e., roads leading from the sea coast inland, have hitherto been considered Imperial lines; but, as I have pointed out to the Superintending Engineer in my letter noted marginally, it seems very doubtful whether a road ought to be considered an Imperial line *throughout its entire length*, because there happens to be a salt pan at one end of it. In my Supplemental Budget already submitted to the Board, I have entered large sums for what are considered Salt roads in this district.

Dated 17th April 1867, No. 602, Extract here-
with forwarded.

3. It is certain that something must be done for these roads either from Imperial or District Funds, otherwise I apprehend a serious falling in Salt revenue.

4. I, therefore, request the Board will favor me with their opinion as to whether the so-called Salt roads are to be considered Imperial lines throughout their entire length, or what portion of them should be so considered.

Extract of a letter sent to the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, dated the 17th April 1867, No. 602.

There is, however, one point raised in your letter, regarding which I have serious doubts. I allude to Imperial roads to be constructed from Imperial Funds.

4. I think that the only lines of road which should bear this appellation are those on which Government Troops or Stores are likely to be transported, or those which connect the chief towns of neighbouring districts.

5. Restricted to this sense, the only Imperial lines of road in this district are the Trichinopoly and Madura, Madura and Tinnevely, and also Madura and Tuticorin.

6. I do not think the Salt roads can be properly called Imperial roads. They lead from our small sea ports and salt pans, simply to the interior of the district.

7. It is true the salt pans realize a large revenue to Government, and perhaps Government may see fit to supplement the Local Funds for the construction of these roads; but after construction, I think they would be properly classed as district roads.

8. Act III of 1866 was introduced not only for the purpose of making and maintaining roads, but also to relieve Imperial finances of a heavy burden, an object which would not be obtained if the Salt roads were to be considered Imperial lines and maintained from Imperial Funds.

9. There is also another point of view from which the matter may be looked at. It may be argued that although it may be the duty of Government to make and maintain the approaches to their salt pans, it hardly can be expected that they will make and maintain roads of several hundreds of miles in length, merely because there happens to be a salt pan at one end of them. After

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the road from the pan reaches the first considerable village, the duty of Government is, I conceive, at an end, for after that the road will be used for many other purposes, besides the conveyance of salt.

10. All these so-called Salt roads should, I presume, be entered in the Budget as "New Works."

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. ARBUTHNOTT,
Collector.

1. With the first and second of the letters above recorded, the Collector submits his supplemental or rather revised District Road Fund Budget for 1867-68, together with a District Map.

2. In the original Budget, the income of the District Road Fund was estimated at Rupees 45,130, exclusive of a balance of Rupees 5,659, or in all Rupees 50,789. The Collector now estimates the total income at Rupees 1,64,260, which is Rs. 1,19,130* in excess of the original estimate.

Rs.
1,64,260
45,130
1,19,130

3. The actual cash balance on the 1st April 1867 is given in the Abstract Estimate of Receipts and Charges which accompanied the revised Budget as Rupees 3,160, instead of Rupees 3,610, as appears from the Report on the operations of the Local Funds during 1866-67. This latter sum added to Rupees 1,64,260, gives a total of Rupees 1,67,870, which may be reckoned as the aggregate available assets for the year.

4. Part I. of the revised Budget contains fifteen works, of which Items Nos. 1, 2, 6, and 7 appear in the original Budget. The total expenditure incurred up to 31st March 1867 on account of Nos. 1, 2, and 4, and shewn in the Budget, differs from that given in the Statement of expenditure furnished with the Local Fund Report for 1866-67, as hereunder particularized:—

Items.	Expenditure shewn in the Budget.	Expenditure shewn in the Annual Report.
	Rs.	Rs.
No. 1.	22,034	21,410
" 2.	15,620	16,120
" 4.	2,000	2,900

The Collector is requested to explain why the Supplemental Budget and the Annual Report shew different results, though they were prepared after the close of the past official year. Presuming, however, that the Annual Report is correct, the figures shewn in it have been adopted and entered in the revised Budget prepared in the Board's Office. In the case of the two last named works, the allotments proposed by the Collector have been so reduced as to bring them within the balance of their respective estimates.

Nos. 2 and 4.

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5. Items Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 are for bridges, &c., on Road No. 1, from Pallaputty to Periakolum, on the road to the Pulneys, which has altogether the large sum of Rupees 33,350 assigned to it in the Budget. The Board are of opinion that this road has an unduly large share of the assets assigned to it, but as these works with one exception (No. 8) are sanctioned works, a more equal distribution would only result in increasing the unexpended balances of the year. In the next Budget, however, the claims of the other parts of the district should be duly considered.

6. The allotment of Rupees 5,000 for Item No. 6,† which was originally intended for expenditure by the Revenue Department, has now been transferred to the Public Works Department, in accordance with the Collector's letter, dated 17th June 1867, No. 152, recorded in the Board's Proceedings, dated 13th July 1867, No. 4,371.

7. Items Nos. 9 to 12, for which it is proposed to allot Rupees 45,000, are all in reality parts of one road from Dindigul to the Salt station of Tondi. This is a very important line, and the plans and estimates should be prepared and submitted as soon as possible. Considering the effect it must have on the Salt Revenue, the Board think that Government might fairly be expected to contribute a moiety of the heavy expense it will entail.

8. Item No. 13 is a part of the road from Madura to Ramnad, which is certainly an Imperial line, and, therefore, the allotment of Rupees 15,000 for it should be struck out of the Budget.

9. There are eight new works entered in Part I., for which estimates have not been submitted. They cannot of course be commenced until the estimates are sanctioned in the usual course.

10. Part II. of the revised Budget being incomplete, it has been found necessary to revise it in the Board's Office. It contains seventeen works, of which eleven appear in the original Budget.

11. In the fourth letter above recorded, the Collector recommends that, of the nine works enumerated in the list of roads which accompanied the Government Order, Revenue Department, dated 28th May 1867, No. 1,207, only two* should be transferred to the District Road Fund Budget. He further requests instructions as to whether all Salt roads,

which have hitherto been treated as Imperial lines, should be considered as such throughout their entire length, because there happens to be a salt pan at one end of it, or what portions of them should be so considered.

12. In accordance with the Collector's recommendation, the two works noticed above have been added to the Part II., which raises the number of works in it from seventeen to nineteen. As regards the Salt roads, the Board are of opinion that they should generally be considered as Imperial. The Collector will, however,

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consult with the Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division, and report in detail which of them may be considered to be local lines.

13. The total expenditure proposed in Parts I. and II. of the Budget is as follows:—

	Rs.
By Public Works Department...	Original Works... 53,551
	Repairs... 4,367
	57,918
By Revenue Department	Original Works... 53,979
	Repairs... 14,491
	1,20,388
Add—	
For Public Works supervision at ten per cent. on the estimated expenditure...	5,792
Reserve at ten per cent. on Rupees 1,64,260 ...	16,426
	1,48,606

The Board recommend that the above expenditure of Rupees 1,48,606 may be sanctioned, in supersession of that provided in the original Budget to the extent of Rupees 50,789, including Reserve and the allowance for Public Works supervision, which should be considered cancelled.

14. The total expenditure of Rupees 1,48,606, if deducted from the total available assets for the year shewn above, leaves an unappropriated balance of Rupees 18,764.* The Board are of opinion that this amount should be applied to the improvement of roads in

the large Zemindaries of Ramnad and Shevagunga, which will now contribute largely to the Road Fund, and they accordingly request the Collector to report on this point.

15. In the third letter above recorded, the Collector requests an advance of Rupees 50,000 from the Imperial to the Local Funds, on the understanding that it be reimbursed from the latter funds so soon as the Road Cess is collected. The Collector, however, will be informed that such loans are objectionable, and that until the requisite plans and estimates for the several new works proposed to be undertaken during the year are sanctioned by Government, such an advance would be of little use.

REVISED SUPPLEMENTAL DISTRICT ROAD FUND BUDGET FOR 1867-68.

Part I.—Original works to be executed out of the District Road Fund.

Executive Division or District.	Project.		Amount of Estimate.	Computed expenditure up to 31st March 1867.	AMOUNT REQUIRED IN 1867-68.			Remarks.
	No. Locality.	Description.			By Public Works Dept.	By Revenue Dept.	Total.	
Madras.	1	COMMUNICATIONS. Road between Pallapatty and Periakolam.	RS. 62,210	RS. 21,410	RS.	RS. 20,539	RS. 20,539	Government Order, Revenue Department, 12th October 1865, No. 2,476. Item No. 61 in the Original Budget.
	2	Do. on the Andiputty pass	22,700	16,120		5,580	5,580	Government Order, Revenue Department, 28th September 1865, No. 2,346. Item No. 62 in the Original Budget.
	3	Constructing bridge on the Vencatadricota river.	3,850	1,858	1,991		1,991	Government Order, Revenue Department, 10th October 1865, No. 2,453.
	4	Do. do. Manjalar do.	4,400	2,903	1,500		1,500	Government Order, Revenue Department, 3rd March 1865, No. 454.
	5	Do. and Tunnels on Road No. 18, between Pallapatty and Periakolam in the limits of Silkwardipatty.	1,130			1,130	1,130	Sanctioned in Board's Proceedings, 19th December 1866, No. 9,005.
	6	Palamapatty bridge	5,060		5,060		5,060	Government Order, Revenue Department, 19th November 1866, No. 3,169. Item No. 63 in the Original Budget.
	7	Petty New Works...				1,500	1,500	Item No. 64 in the Original Budget.
	8	Constructing and improving tunnels on the road between Periakolam and Ieradanapatty.	2,230			2,230	2,230	Estimate will be submitted shortly.
	9	Road between Tondy and Tirupattoor.			15,000		15,000	Do.

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Madras.—(Concluded.)	10	Road between Tirupattoor and Kottampatty.			10,000		10,000	Estimate will be submitted shortly.	
	11	Do. do. Kottampatty Nattam			10,000		10,000	Do.	Do.
	12	Do. do. Nattam and Dindigul			10,000		10,000	Do.	Do.
	13	Do. do. Tirumangalam and Udamapatty.				13,000	13,000	Do.	Do.
	14	Do. do. Andiputty and Chinna-manur.				10,000	10,000	Do.	Do.
		Total...			53,551	63,979	1,07,530		

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26th August 1867.

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Secretary.

REVISED SUPPLEMENTAL DISTRICT ROAD FUND BUDGET FOR 1867-68.
Part II.—Repairs to be executed out of the District Road Fund.

Executive Division or District.	PROJECT.		Amount of Estimate.	Computed expenditure up to 31st March 1867.	AMOUNT REQUIRED IN 1867-68.			Remarks.
	No.	Locality.			Description.	By Public Works Dept.	By Revenue Dept.	
Madras.	1		Rs.	Rs.	Communications.	Rs.	Rs. 1,500	Entered in the Repair list of the Original Budget.
	2				Maintenance of road between Palampatty and Periaculum.		1,300	Do.
	3				Do. on the Andipatty pass		2,000	Do.
	4				Pulney Hill roads		2,000	Do.
	5				Cantonment do.		500	Do.
	6				Road from Pambaur to Kistnama Naick's Tope.		1,000	Do.
	7				Maintenance of road from Melur to Tirupavanam.			Do.
	8				Road from Madura to Sekkanomby.	1,500	1,000	Do.
	9				Maintenance of road from Dindigul to Battalagunta.			Do.
	10				Blasting and removing rocks on Periaculum Ghaat.	1,040		Do.
	11				Petty repairs		1,000	Do. for Rupees 1,900.
	12				Repairing streets in Cusbah Town.		826	Do. for Rupees 926.
	13			3,350	Road from Nattam to Chatterpatty.		310	
	14			3,598	Do. between Melur and Tirupavanam.		1,202	
	15				Do. do. Nattam and Madura		500	
	16			2,647	Do. do. Dindigul and Battalagunta.		553	
	17				Sirumalay Ghaat	400		
	18				Arappolliem road	800		
	19				Maintenance of road from Oosalam-patty to Tiroomangalam.	820		
					Do. from Paresakulum via Eoom-bauray to Pulney.	607		Government Order, Revenue Department, dated 28th May 1867, No. 1,207. Transferred from the Public Works Budget.
		Total...				4,367	14,491	18,858

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26th August 1867.

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Secretary.

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No. 160. ORDER THEREON, 10th September 1867, No. 2,126.

Local Funds, No. 7.

Account.

1. The Government sanction the revised Local Fund Budget Estimates submitted with the above Proceedings.

2. They request the Board to explain on what grounds they consider the Madura and Ramnad road to be "certainly an Imperial line."

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
.. the Accountant General.
.. the Department Public Works.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 26th August 1867.

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No. 5,509.

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Reviewing revised District Road Fund Budget of Madura District for 1867-68, requesting sanction of Government to expenditure of Rupees 1,48,606 in supersession of that provided in Original Budget.

No. 15.166.

Sp. Secy. Genl. P. B. S. P.

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