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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following papers:—

No. 628. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 14th May 1868, No. 238.

Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Financial Department, (Accounts,) dated Fort William, 4th April 1868, No. 1,967.

Read—

The Budget Estimates of Local Funds for 1868-69 submitted by the several Local Accountants General, with the exception of Oudh and North-Western Provinces.

RESOLUTION.—The Budget Estimates for 1868-69 of Local Funds in Oudh and the North-Western Provinces not having been received, the figures for those Provinces, as shewn in the Cash Requirement Estimates for that year, have been used in making up the probable Receipts and Charges of Local Funds in the several Governments and Administrations during 1868-69.

2. The Receipts and Charges of Local Funds, as estimated by the Local Accountants General, are as follow:—

	Receipts.	Charges.
	RS.	RS.
Government of India	3,62,306	3,70,623
Oudh	14,24,600	15,14,900
Central Provinces	16,42,000	16,30,700
British Burmah	10,63,985	11,48,250
Bengal	58,04,926	61,15,559
North-Western Provinces...	67,22,400	69,94,100
Punjab	27,99,693	34,39,486
Madras	45,27,300	46,35,300
Bombay	49,77,997	50,78,039
Total ...	2,93,25,207	3,09,26,957

3. The local estimates of Charges have been increased by Rupees 25,41,480 on account of the estimated balances of the Tullubanna, Peons, and Ameens' Fee Funds, which have been credited to the General Revenues, to meet additional expenditure for improving Judicial Establishments.

	RS.
Oudh	2,900
Central Provinces...	1,51,500
Bengal	13,99,180
North-Western Provinces... ...	37,400
Madras	40,000
Bombay	9,10,500
Total ...	25,41,480

4. The estimated Charges in 1868-69 may be classed as follow :—

	Government of India.	Oudh.	Central Provinces.	British Burmah.	Bengal.	N.-W. Provinces	Punjab.	Madras.	Bombay.
	Rs.	Estimate not received.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Estimate not received.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Collection and management { By Civil Officers }							1,90,273		Details not given in the Estimate submitted.
{ By P. W. Officers }	41,901		4,40,008	64,232	17,45,056		1,850	9,10,770	
Public Works { By Civil Officers							12,16,696	5,93,540	
{ By P. W. Officers	1,01,331		9,62,802	65,880	8,93,341		5,22,750	18,37,310	
Police				6,45,672	8,04,420		4,36,390	12,860	
Education	1,04,980		1,38,800	1,21,629	2,76,299		2,34,910	30,300	
Hospitals and Dispensaries	8,312			3,141	72,767				
Public Gardens, &c.	12,289			11,680	22,265			660	
Pensions	6,790						1,70,690		
Conservancy and Lighting	1,306			38,003				1,06,400	
Port charges				1,78,292			83,450		
Compensation for lands					37,434		1,83,180	1,40,000	
Scientific and Charitable Institutions							3,99,297	10,43,460	
Transfers	2,600		1,51,500		27,79,576		34,39,486	46,75,300	59,88,539
Miscellaneous	91,114		89,090	19,721	8,83,581				
Total	3,70,623		17,82,200	11,48,250	75,14,739				

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26th June 1868.

5. The Governor General in Council directs that, in future Estimates, the charge for collection and management by Public Works Officers be shewn distinct from that by Civil Officers.

6. Orders have been passed separately regarding the Local Funds in Bengal, which, it is estimated, will be indebted to Government at the close of 1868-69. The Funds under other Governments, which will be in the same predicament, are shewn in the accompanying Statement A, with the amount of their liabilities specified against them. The Accountants General concerned are requested to report as early as possible what steps have been taken for placing the Funds on a solvent footing.

7. The balances at credit of the Local Funds in the several Presidencies and Provinces on 31st March 1869 are estimated as follow:—

	Rs.
Government of India	1,12,300
Oudh...	Estimate not received.
Central Provinces	1,27,209
British Burmah	5,61,923
Bengal	8,198
North-Western Provinces	Estimate not received.
Punjab	6,11,180
Madras	16,26,377
Bombay	34,18,099

8. As the Bombay Estimate has not been prepared in the form prescribed in the Financial Resolutions noted in the margin, the Governor General in Council desires that the Accountant General, Bombay, will explain the cause of his disregard of the orders quoted above, and submit as early as practicable a re-cast of the Estimate in the form prescribed.

No. 2,017, dated 15th April 1864.
,, 1,871, ,, 1st ,, 1865.
,, 1,589, ,, 29th March 1866.
,, 1,557A, ,, 21st ,, 1867.

ORDERED, that a copy of the above Resolution be sent to the several Local Governments and Administrations for information, and to the Comptroller General of Accounts, and the local Accountants General concerned, for information and guidance.

Ordered also, that a copy of the above Resolution be sent to the Public Works Department for information.

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

A.

INSOLVENT FUNDS.

Madras.

	Rs.	A.	P.
District Road Fund	1,43,819	0	0
Emigration Fee Fund—			
British Colonies	1,193	0	0
French ,, ...	39,741	0	0
Educational Building Fund...	97,123	0	0
	2,81,876	0	0

British Burmah.		
Municipal Fund	1,42,897	0 0
Income Tax Fund	19,615	0 0
Port Fund, Bassein	94,675	0 0
,, Moulmein	1,23,581	0 0
,, Kyook Phyoo	254	0 0
	3,81,022	0 0
Government of India.		
Gwalior Residency Bazaar and Rhoond Fund	940	0 0
Cantonment Magistrate, Mhow	20,347	0 0
	21,287	0 0
Bombay.		
Marine Funds;—Kurrachee Port and Pilotage Fund ...	62,296	0 0
	62,296	0 0

Communicated to the Revenue Department.
(True Extract.)
(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

No. 629. Official Memorandum from the Accountant General, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated 2nd June 1868, No. 60.

1. With reference to the Official Memorandum from the Secretary to Government in the Revenue Department, No. 68, dated the 28th ultimo, the undersigned has the honor to state that, the sum of Rupees 1,75,181, entered in the Local Funds Budget Estimate of this Office for the current year, as the probable balance at the credit of the District Road Fund on the 1st April 1868, was arrived at by adding to the actual balance, on the 1st April 1867, Rupees 1,57,747, the estimated receipts* for 1867-68, and deducting therefrom the estimated disbursements† for that year, as per Local Funds Budget Estimate for 1867-68, sanctioned by the Government of India. The above course was adopted with reference to the form of the estimate prescribed in the Financial Resolution, No. 2,017, dated the 15th April 1864, the observance of which, it will be observed, has been repeatedly insisted upon by the Government of India, as per their Order noted in the margin.

* Rupees 7,82,512.

† Rupees 7,65,078.

Financial Resolution, No. 1,871, dated 1st April 1865, No. 1,589, dated 29th March 1866.

2. With regard to the second paragraph of the Official Memorandum under reply, the undersigned has the honor to state that, in the absence of any departmental estimate on account of the Process Service Fund Revenue, the receipts and disbursements on that account have been estimated with reference to the Actuals of 1866-67.

(Signed) F. LUSHINGTON,
Accountant General.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 26th June 1868.

No. 630. ORDER THEREON, 26th June 1868, No. 1,805.

Local Funds, No. 21.

Account.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue.

2. The Government of India have transferred Rupees 40,000 from the estimated surplus under "Process Service Fund" in 1868-69 to the general revenues, "to meet additional expenditure for improving Judicial Establishments." This sum appears to have been taken from the balance under "Process Service Fund, *Revenue*," as that under "Process Service Fund, *Police*" is small, as shewn in the subjoined table.

	Process Service Fund, Police.	Process Service Fund, Revenue.
Balance on 1st April 1868 ...	7,062	29,042
Receipts during 1868-69 ...	1,690	44,000
Total ...	8,752	73,042
Charges	940	33,000
Balance...	7,812	40,042

3. The Government are disposed to think that this appropriation has been made under a misapprehension as to the origin of the fund. The money was raised under Section 53 of Madras Act II. of 1864 for the recovery of arrears of revenue, which provides that "Persons employed in serving Notices, or in other process under this Act, shall be *entitled* to batta at such rates as may, from time to time, be fixed by the Board of Revenue with the sanction of Government, and published in the *District Gazette*," and the proceeds can scarcely be held applicable for judicial purposes. Should they have been more than was required for the ample remuneration of the persons employed in serving the Notices, &c., the Board should have lost no time in reducing the rates.

4. According to the Accountant General's Budget for 1868-69, the receipts of the year are estimated to amount to Rupees 44,000, and the disbursements to Rupees 33,000. The balance amounts to only Rupees 11,000, and the greater portion of the 40,000 Rupees will be the accumulated surplus of past years. But the Government observe, from paragraph 73 of the Local Funds Report for 1866-67, dated 3rd April 1868, No. 2,457, that the Board of Revenue have called upon the Collectors of the three districts,* in which alone the balances are large, to submit proposals for their disposal.

* Madras.
North Arcot.
South Arcot.

5. Under these circumstances, the Government, before addressing the Government of India on the subject, resolve to request the Board of Revenue to submit the Collectors' letters as called for in another Order, together with a full report on the fund in question, stating also their opinion as to whether the surplus can be appropriated for imperial purposes.

6. There is another point in the Resolution of the Government of India which requires notice. They remark that the Madras "District Road Fund" is insolvent, as the estimated charges of 1868-69 exceed the estimated receipts by Rs. 1,43,819.* This is a mistake which arose from the Accountant General taking from the Revenue Board's estimate, as per margin, only the receipts and charges, and not the opening balance. The Accountant General explains that the opening balance was struck agreeably to the instructions of the Government of India by adding to the *actual* balance, on the 1st April 1867, the estimated receipts for 1867-68, and deducting therefrom the estimated disbursements for that year, as per Local Funds Budget Estimate for 1867-68, sanctioned by the Government of India. The Accountant General gives the actual balance on the 1st April 1867 at Rupees 1,57,747, whereas, according to the Board's Local Funds Report for 1866-67, the *actual* closing balance of the year, or the opening balance of 1867-68, was Rupees 4,08,006. The opening balance in the Budget for 1868-69 calculated on the Accountant General's method ought to be Rupees 4,25,440, as shewn below:—

*

	RS.
Balance	1,75,181
Receipts	22,31,600
Total...	24,06,781
Charges...	25,50,600
Excess...	1,43,819

	RS.
Balance	3,29,350
Receipts	22,31,600
Total...	25,60,950
Expenditure...	25,50,600
Balance...	10,350

	RS.
Balance on the 1st April 1867...	4,08,006
Estimated receipts for 1867-68	7,82,512
Total...	11,90,518
Deduct estimated disbursements	7,65,078
Balance...	4,25,440

1868-69.	RS.
Balance	4,25,440
Estimated receipts	22,31,600
	26,57,040
Deduct charges	25,50,600
Balance	1,06,440

Thus, instead of the fund proving insolvent at the close of 1868-69, it would leave a surplus of upwards of a lac of Rupees. The Board of Revenue will place themselves in communication with the Accountant General, and report under what circumstances there is such a large difference in the *actual* balance on the 1st April 1867, as given in their respective accounts. The Government presume that this is another evil result of the difference in the principle on which these two sets of accounts are prepared, which has lately come under their notice.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Accounts.

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To

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Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Under date the 26th June 1868.—

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Proceedings of the Madras Govt. Fin. Deptt.: Communicating Resolution of Govt. of India in the F. D., on the Budget Estimate of L. F. for 1868/69. (Rece enter 14th May 1868 No. 238.)

From the Accountant General. Explaining how the balance at credit of Distt. Road Fund on the 1st Apl. 1868 was arrived at and stating that in the absence of Departl. Estimates the Receipts & Charges on account of Process Service Fund, Revenue has been estimated with reference to the actual of 1866-67.— (Rece enter 2d June 1868. No.)

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for disposal of these balances, and the Govt. are not aware what further instructions have been issued by the Board on the subject.

5. Under these circumstances the Government resolve to request the Board of Revenue before addressing the Govt. of India on the subject, to submit the Collectors' letters as called for in another order, together with a full report on the Fund in question, stating also their opinion as to whether the surplus can be appropriated for Imperial purposes.

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* Balance Rs. 1,75,181
Receipts - 2231600
Total - 2406781
Charges - 2550600
Excess - 143819

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Receipts - 2231600.
Total 2560950
Expenditure 2550600
Balance — 10350.

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1867 at Rs. 157,747 whereas
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Local Funds Report for
1866/67 the actual closing
balance of the year or
the opening balance of
1867/68 was Rs. 408,006.
The opening balance
in the Budget for 1868/69
ought to be Rs. 425,440 as
calculated on the A. Genl's method
as shown below:

	Rs.
Balance on the 1st April 1867	408006.
Estimated Receipts for 1867/68	782572.
Total	1190578.
Deduct Estimated disbursements	765078.
Balance	425440.

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V. B.

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