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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 16th November 1869.

No. 155. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th October 1869:—

Read Budget-Estimate of Local Fund Receipts of the Tinnevelly District for 1870-71, dated 17th September 1869, No. 359, with four enclosures.

THE foregoing papers are submitted for the approval of Government, with reference to paragraph 1 of their Order of the 16th March 1869, No. 711.

2. Part I. of the Budget contains fourteen works, with a total allotment of Rupees 65,060. Of these works twelve have been brought forward from the Budget of 1869-70; one from that of 1868-69; and one, the last on the list, is a fresh proposal. Neither Viravanullur nor Gurammalpuram is marked on the Map. No estimate has been submitted, and yet the amount of the estimate, the computed expenditure up to the end of the current, and the allotment for 1870-71, are each entered as Rupees 700. There is evidently some mistake, and whilst so many works remain unfinished, it is contrary to the orders of Government to begin a new one; but as the item is small the Board will allow it to stand, pending explanation which should be submitted as soon as possible.

3. Part II. contains twenty-eight items of repair-works, with an aggregate allotment of Rupees 37,150. None of them appear to call for any remark, except the 27th item which is "petty new works," with an allotment of Rupees 2,000. It is observed from the column of remarks that this item is intended for "special and unforeseen casual repairs." If this is the case it is not apparent why the items should be styled "petty new works." The proper description of the item should be "petty repairs," and therefore the Board have struck out the item, and added the amount to the allotment for "petty repairs." Detailed information should be given in justification of the large allotments made for the following roads:—

(1.) From Tinnevelly to Kalladakurichi, *via* Shermadevi, twenty miles, Rupees 2,400.

(2.) From Kovilputti to Ettiapuram, nine miles, Rupees 1,800.

Full particulars should be given with regard to the character of the road and the extent of traffic.

4. In the Abstract of Receipts and Charges the available assets of the fund are given as Rupees 1,40,670, inclusive of the anticipated balance at the beginning of 1870-71.

5. Under the head "Expenditure Proposed" the allotment of Rupees 250 on account of contingent charges of the Public Works Department is reduced to the scale fixed by the Board, viz., Rupees 200; the necessity for the increased grant not being shown.

6. There is a sum of Rupees 3,500 proposed for the contingencies of the Revenue Department, with a remark that it is the "cost of avenues and Soolochanum's Bridge Establishment, etc." The Acting Collector does not say how much is wanted for the avenues, and how much for the establishment of the Soolochanum's Bridge. But on referring to the Local Fund Report of the district for 1868-69 it has been ascertained that the establishment cost Rupees 320; deducting this from Rupees 3,500 there remains 3,180 for avenues.

7. As regards the cost of avenues it is not known whether the charge is to be incurred for their formation or maintenance. If it is for the former the provision must be made in Part I. of the Budget under "Miscellaneous Public Improvement:" if for the latter the provision must appear in Part II. under the same head. In the absence of any definite information the Board have caused the sum of Rupees 3,180 to be entered in both those parts of the Budget in equal proportions.

8. With respect to the establishment for Soolochanum's Bridge the Acting Collector is requested to state whether the bridge is on an imperial or local road, and why the establishment is required; and also to quote the authority under which the cost of the establishment is chargeable to the Road Fund. Pending the receipt of this information the allotment of Rupees 320 will be disallowed.

9. No allotment is made for the contingent charges of the Revenue Department. The amount fixed by the Board for such charges for each district is Rupees 50 which is now inserted. The Acting Collector is informed that the allowance is intended to meet the charges here under particularised:—

Sundry articles of furniture required for the use of Local Fund Clerks, etc.
Stationery charges.
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10. With the foregoing alterations the total proposed expenditure amounts to Rupees 1,38,890, which, deducted from the available assets of Rupees 1,40,670, leaves a balance of Rupees 1,780.

No. 156. ORDER THEREON, 16th November 1869, No. 2,969.

Local Funds, No. 8.
Accounts.

THE Government approve the District Road Fund Budget Lists of the Tinnevelly District for 1870-71 as revised by the Board of Revenue. The erroneous system of commencing several expensive roads at the same time has been adopted in this district, and the annual allotment for each is necessarily so small that there is no probability of the works being completed for several years to come. The Board of Revenue will accordingly suggest to the Acting Collector the propriety of making such transfers in the allotments as will enable him to complete the most important lines within a reasonable time.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 2969. R.P.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
Dated the 23rd August 1870.

Read the following
Report of the Board of Revenue

Submitting for approval
Board of Land Revenue
Financially District Budget
Estimates for 1870-71

Read the Government
the District Land Revenue
Budget Estimates of the
Financially District for
1870-71 as revised by the
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Financial Report for Land Revenue Budget.—Estimates for 1870-71 revised and submitted by the Board of Revenue, approved

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