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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 23rd November 1869.

No. 248. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th November 1869, No. 8,255:—

Read the following letters:—

From J. A. C. BOSWELL, Esq., Officiating Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Bezwada, 13th September 1869, Extra No. 5.

With reference to your Circular Memoranda, Nos. 6,352 and 6,352A, dated 24th August and 2nd September 1869, I have the honour to submit my Local Fund Budget for 1870-71.

2. District Road Fund.—The printed Budget for 1869-70 shows a balance of Rupees 30 in favour of the fund at the end of the year, but as the Road Fund started this year with a deficit of Rupees 12,114, a similar deficit may probably occur this year also, unless there is an increase in the collection of Road Cess over the Budget Estimates. Should the Road Cess collections not be able to cover the expenditure, I shall stay the execution of some of the less important works, in order that we may start without any debt. The receipts for 1870-71, I estimate at Rupees 1,72,600, whereof Rupees 1,35,000 is likely to be realized by Road Cess collections, Rupees 15,000 by a transfer from Pound Fund, and Rupees 12,500 from Nanul Grass Fund. Under the last fund there remains a large balance not utilized. The Board, in their Standing Order, dated 8th August 1866, No. 7, observed that the sale proceeds of Nanul and Koray reeds and grass planted for the protection of rivers and tanks should be formed into "Nanul Grass Fund." In this district, however, the fund has chiefly consisted of the produce of the grass growing spontaneously on the channel banks. As this partakes of the nature of grass rent, I think it should be credited to District Road Fund, but the Accountant-General has ruled that it should be credited to Nanul Grass Fund, on the ground that he recognizes no difference between grass which grows naturally, and that which is planted. As no separate establishment is maintained under this fund, and no cost incurred, except what may be necessary for guarding the pasturage which may not have been taken upon rent, I consider it should be treated as "Grass rent." Whether or not the existence of the item is recognized as a separate fund, the collections should be transferred to District Road Fund, as there is no other means of utilizing this legitimate branch of revenue. The total receipts, as estimated in the Budget, amount to Rs. 1,72,600. The proposed expenditure amounts to Rupees 1,72,160, as particularized in the margin. In Part I. the Superintending Engineer proposes an allotment of Rupees 1,11,505, but I have struck out roads from Satanapalli to join Trunk Road No. VII. near Peduguralla and from Nuzvid to Kesarapalli, for which he proposed an allotment of Rupees 10,000, owing to the want of funds, and have increased his allotments under Miscellaneous Public Improvement, from 2,000 to 3,000 rupees, in order to provide for any improvements urgently required. The figures given by the Superintending Engineer, as

	Rs.
Original Works	1,02,500
Repairs	26,000
Establishment	11,750
Tools and Plant	1,600
Miscellaneous Charges	500
Cost of Public Works Supervision ...	12,550
Reserve	17,260
Total...	1,72,160

computed expenditure up to 31st March 1870, differ in certain respects from the accounts prepared in the Huzoor. Lieutenant-Colonel Moberly appears to have taken the amounts allotted in the Budget as the computed expenditure which, however, it is not. He has put down the estimate of the road from Guntoor to Ilur at Rupees 1,73,700, whereas the amount for which sanction was actually accorded is Rupees 1,69,200, *vide* Government Order, dated 20th February 1868, No. 483, Revenue Department, and item 38 printed in Local Fund Budget for 1869-70. I have called upon that officer for an explanation of the discrepancy. But as he is now moving about in the Nellore District, I have made up my Budget without awaiting his reply.

3. Adverting to paragraph 6 of Circular Memorandum, dated 24th ultimo, No. 6,352, I have the honour to state that the only work newly proposed, is the road from Kowtaram to Gudivada, which is already marked in the map as a proposed line. But as the map indicates several roads as proposed, whereas they are now in progress, I have forwarded the map to the Superintending Engineer, with a request that he will be so good as to note down in it the subsequent alterations, and to forward the same direct to the Board to avoid delay. Care has also been taken to quote the references in the manner indicated in paragraph 5 of memorandum just quoted.

4. The Superintending Engineer proposes in Part II. an allotment of Rupees 26,000. Out of this, it is proposed to expend Rupees 1,955 on Petty repairs, the rest being maintenance allowances for the 26 roads enumerated in Part II.

The Superintending Engineer has not given the length of the roads, but this omission has been supplied as far as information was available in my office.

5. The provision for the establishment is as noted below:—

	RS.
Salaries of 7 Overseers and 14 Maistries, agreeably to Board's Proceedings, dated 26th June 1868, No. 4,721...	8,400
Travelling allowance of do. and establishment of Overseers, agreeably to do., dated 10th August 1869, No. 5,870.	2,604
Salary of Local Fund Clerk at Huzoor...	600
Do. of Local Fund Establishment at the Board's Office ...	150
Total ...	11,754

The other items of expenditure need no remarks.

6. Jungle Conservancy Fund.—The amount available for expenditure in the ensuing year is Rupees 16,693. The proposed expenditure is Rupees 15,480, whereof Rupees 10,000 will be placed at the disposal of the Department Public Works. A detailed Budget has been appended. The detailed Budget of expenditure for 1869-70, promised to be supplied in paragraph 5 of Board's Proceedings, dated 27th July 1869, No. 5,481, has not been received as yet.

	RS.
Anticipated balance	4,593
Do. receipts	12,100
Total...	16,693

7. Pound Fund.—Out of Rupees 37,186 available for expenditure under this head, it is proposed to expend Rupees 25,740, but the Board will observe that,

this allowance is intended to meet the charges marginally described and not any other charges.

8. It will be seen that the proposed expenditure amounts to Rupees 1,71,570 which, deducted from Rupees 1,72,600 the estimated income of the fund, leaves a balance of Rupees 1,030.

9. The Road Map has not as yet been received, though the Officiating Collector states that it was sent to the Superintending Engineer for transmission direct to the Board.

10. As regards the transfer of the unexpended balance of the Process Fund to the Road Fund, applied for in paragraph 8 of the Officiating Collector's letter, the Board are unable to take any action in the matter until the orders of Government are received on a reference made to them on the subject.

11. The Board note, with approval, the Collector's determination to keep the expenditure of the current year within the income.

No. 249. Order thereon, 23rd November 1869, No. 3,016.

Local Funds, No. 18.
Account.

The District Road Fund Budget of the Kistna District, revised by the Board of Revenue, is approved.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 23rd November 1869.

I have allotted Rupees 7,740 for establishment, whereas the amount hitherto expended was only Rupees 1,740. I have in view a scheme for remunerating the Village officers to whom no remuneration whatever is now being paid, though a large amount is collected through their agency. As my plans have not been matured yet, I have roughly calculated the additional expenditure at Rupees 6,000. I shall address the Board separately on this point.

8. PROCESS SERVICE FUND.—The Board having directed the discontinuance of batta peons, the fund will soon disappear; should any balance remain, I request the Board will be pleased to permit me to transfer the same to District Road Fund.

9. The other funds need no remarks.

10. The Superintending Engineer's Budget for District Road Fund, is herewith enclosed.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Part I.—Original works to be executed in 1870-71.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Part II.—Detail of estimate for repairs for 1870-71.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Estimate of Local Fund Receipts and Charges for 1870-71.

From the same officer, dated Kondapalli, 20th September 1869, Extra No. 44.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of printed blank forms of Local Fund Budgets, received with Circular Memorandum of 8th September 1869, No. 946.

2. My Budget for 1870-71 having already been despatched, I have caused the same information to be embodied in the printed form which I now do myself the honour to submit.

3. In the Budget of District Road Fund expenditure, Rupees 1,600 were provided for tools at the requisition of the Superintending Engineer, but I observe from the printed form now received that the Board are not prepared to allow for this purpose more than one per cent. on the total expenditure. The amount calculated according to this principle amounts to Rupees 1,255, which I have accordingly entered. With this single exception, the present Budget corresponds with that already submitted.

4. No printed form has been furnished for exhibiting the details of proposed expenditure under Jungle Conservancy Fund. This was, however, submitted by me already.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Part I.—Original works to be executed for 1870-71.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Part II.—Repairs to be executed.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Abstract of Receipts and Charges of Local Funds for 1870-71.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.—Budget Estimate of Local Fund Receipts for 1870-71.

Govt. of Madras 23rd Nov. 1869 No. 1

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Sir,

Dated November, 23rd.

Recd.

G. O., 23rd November 1869, No. 3,013

From

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

MADRAS, 23rd November 1869.

Krishna Road Fund Budget.—Estimate for 1870-71, revised by the Board of Revenue, etc.

With the first of the foregoing letters, the Officiating Collector submits his District Local Fund Budget for 1870-71 in manuscript, Parts I. and II. of the Road Fund Budget being duly countersigned by the Superintending Engineer.

2. With the second letter, Mr. Boswell submits the same Budget in the printed form, recently circulated to all Collectors.

3. The Board resolve to adopt the last mentioned Budget, and submit it for the approval of Government, with reference to their Order of the 16th March 1869, No. 711.

4. Part I. of the Road Fund Budget contains nine works, with an aggregate allotment of Rupees 96,500, and with a separate provision of Rupees 3,000 each for Petty New Works and Miscellaneous Public Improvements. Of the nine works, eight have been brought forward from the Budget of 1869-70, and the remaining work from the Budget of 1868-69. The latter (No. 9) has not yet been commenced, and in accordance with the orders of Government, the Board have deemed it necessary to transfer its allotment of Rupees 5,000 to the first work on the list.

5. Part II. of the Budget contains 26 Repair works, with a total allotment of Rupees 24,045, and with a provision of Rupees 1,955 on account of Petty repairs. Of the 26 works, the 15th and 16th need not be shown separately in the Budget, as their allotments are below Rupees 250. The attention of the Officiating Collector is called to the Board's Circular Memorandum, dated 2nd September 1869, No. 6,352A, which specially directs the provision of usual allotments for works estimated to cost less than Rupees 250 without further specification than—

"Petty new works"
"Petty repairs."

The Board have accordingly struck out the two works and added their allotments to that of "Petty repairs." The necessity for the large allotments assigned to Nos. 5 and 7, should have been explained, but as the allowances seemed generally to have been fixed on a moderate scale, they will be allowed to stand. The length of the road should have been given in No. 26. The Board believe it to be about 60 miles.

6. In the abstract of Receipts and Charges, the estimated income of the fund is given as Rupees 1,72,600, which includes the sum of Rupees 12,500, the accumulated surplus of the Nanul Grass Fund. In paragraph 2 of his first letter, the Officiating Collector states that no separate establishment is maintained on account of this fund, and no cost incurred except what is necessary for guarding such pasturage as may not have been rented out. He recommends the transfer of the surplus to the Road Fund, as there is no other means of utilizing it. The Board see no objection to the proposed transfer, and have accordingly admitted the amount as an item of income to the Road Fund.

7. Under the head "Expenditure proposed," there is an allotment of Rupees 301, for Contingent Charges of the Revenue Department. In the absence of any information as to the necessity for such a large grant, the Board have reduced it to Rupees 50, the scale fixed by them for the Contingent Charges of this district in common with others. The Officiating Collector is informed that

Sundry articles of furniture required for the use of Local Fund Clerks, etc.
Stationery charges.
Saderward charges.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 23d November 1869.

Read the following
Pro. of the Bd. of Revenue.

Subs Local Fund
Budget of Tinnevelly Dist. for 1870/71. } (B.R. 8th Nov. 1869)

The District
Road Fund Budget of
the Tinnevelly District revised
by the Board of Revenue is
approved.

Mr Cfs Pollio B/f Rev with y/ends Dec 1/23 SC 14 Dec 26.
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Geo. Ed. Ball