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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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

No. 267. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th November 1869, No. 8,499.

Read the following letters:—

From T. A. N. CHASE, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 14th September 1869, No. 320.

I HAVE the honour to forward the usual Local Fund Budget for 1870-71.

2. Parts I. and II. of the Road Fund Budget have not been countersigned by the Superintending Engineer as required in Board's Circular Memorandum. dated 24th August 1869, No. 6,352, as I find it impossible to obtain his consent within the time fixed for the despatch of these Estimates, viz., 15th September.

3. I have, however, sent him a duplicate copy, and on receiving it back I will forward it to the Board, with such alterations as he may suggest. The Estimates could not be sent to him earlier, as they have had to be based upon the actuals of at least five months, as observed by the Board in their Proceedings, dated 4th June 1869.

4. I do not think the Superintending Engineer will make any alterations, because there is actually no new road recommended, the money being required for carrying out roads which are in the Budget of the current year.

5. I hope in a day or two to address the Board on the subject of the items I have entered for establishment, Huzoor and Talook, for which a sum of Rupees 1,800 has been provided in my Budget.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Budget Estimate.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Part I., Original works to be executed.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Part II., Repairs to works to be executed.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.—Estimate of Local Fund disbursements.

From the same officer, dated 29th September 1869, No. 340.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that the Superintending Engineer refuses to countersign the Local Fund Budget Estimates for 1870 and 1871 because of an error, and because I have entered work to be carried out by the Revenue Department without his concurrence.

2. In this dilemma I request the Board to instruct me how to act. I have done my utmost to act up to orders, and hastened in from Koilguntla, a distance of about eighty miles, early this month, that my Budget might be sent in by the proper date so as to reach the Board on the 15th September 1869.

3. The Board's orders are that the Estimates should be made up from the actuals of five months of the current year. The five months were April, May, June, July, and August, so it was impossible for me to make up the Estimates till September; and when they were made up, it was impossible for me to send them to the Superintending Engineer previous to submitting them to the Board, for the Superintending Engineer was at the time on circuit somewhere in the Cuddapah District; I was therefore obliged to send in my Budget without the Superintending Engineer's countersignature, and that he now refuses for the reasons stated above.

Vide Board's Proceedings, dated 14th June 1869.

4. I do not see how I could have acted otherwise than I did, and of course the Superintending Engineer has a right to withhold his concurrence. As there is only one Superintending Engineer for these three extensive districts, Bellary, Cuddapah, and Kurnool, it is practically impossible to carry out the Board's instructions regarding these Local Fund Budgets, for which less than 15 days are allowed for their preparation, and which presuppose the presence of the Collector and Superintending Engineer making out the Budget together.

5. The error* pointed out by the Superintending Engineer can easily be corrected, but I cannot conceive why he should withhold his concurrence to the Revenue Department executing the repairs required, for they are similar to those in the current year's Budget, and those to which he concurred on a former occasion, unless he wishes all the repairs to be done by his own department. But this can hardly be the case after having seen the remarks of Government on the Local Fund Budget of the current year, in which objection was made to the Revenue Department having entered less work to be executed by them than for the previous year.

* Item No. 2 in Part II. being the same as Item No. 13, the latter has to be omitted.

Vide letter from Colonel Moberly, to Government, No. 1,625, dated 9th September 1867, paragraph 6, recorded in Board's Proceedings, No. 6,170, dated 25th idem.

6. I have corrected the error complained of, and have again sent the Estimates for Colonel Moberly's signature.

From the same officer, dated 11th October 1869, No. 355.

Referring to my letter, No. 340, dated 29th September 1869, I have the honour to forward, for the information of the Board, copies of my letter to the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, and of his reply to it, regarding the Local Fund Budget, and request instructions.

2. I do not know if Colonel Moberly has countersigned and sent on the Local Fund Budget or not, but infer from his decided objections to the Revenue Department doing any work on roads, that he has not.

3. The roads I have entered to be repaired by the Revenue Department are only those which that department had entrusted to it for that purpose during the current year, and such as Colonel Moberly formerly said the Revenue Department were competent to undertake.

4. The Board are aware I made up my Budget as early as, under the orders of the Board, I was able to do, and therefore could not get the concurrence of the Superintending Engineer before despatching it, and I do not think when the rule, quoted by Colonel Moberly, was framed that it was intended that for each year the distinct concurrence of the Superintending Engineer should be solicited, and granted, for each work.

5. I need hardly bring to the notice of the Board that when such opposition is made to the simplest possible work being carried out by the Revenue Department, and the Budget is as it were stopped by the Superintending Engineer, that the blame for not carrying on work, and for the non-submission of the Budget by the correct date, cannot fall on the Revenue Department.

Enclosure No. 1.

From T. A. N. CHASE, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, dated 29th September 1869, No. 812.

With reference to your docket, No. 1,948, dated 25th instant, I have the honour to inform you that as by the orders of the Board my Local Fund Budget Estimates cannot be made up till after the expiration of the five months (entered in the margin) of the current year, and as they were due in Madras on the 15th September, it was impossible for me to prepare my Estimates earlier, or to get your concurrence and countersignature in time so that the Budget should reach the Board's Office by the proper date.

April.
May.
June.
July.
August.

2. I had therefore no other course to adopt than that which I did, viz., sending my Budget to Madras without your signature and sending a copy to you for signature.

3. I have now corrected the error you pointed out and return the Budget, which I have the honour to request you to countersign and forward to the Board.

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4. I have also the honour to request your concurrence to the works (Repairs) I have entered to be carried out by the Revenue Department. They are only such as you, in your letter to Government, dated 9th September 1867, No. 1,625, paragraph 6, stated to be of that nature which could be carried out by the Revenue Department, and those which have hitherto been carried out by the Revenue Department.

Enclosure No. 2.

From Lieutenant-Colonel A. S. MOBERLY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Collector of Kurnool, dated 7th October 1869, No. 2,063.

In reply to paragraph 4 of your letter, No. 812, of the 29th ultimo, I have the honour to observe that you have quite overlooked the latter part of paragraph 3 of my letter, No. 1,625, of 9th September 1867, and also the whole of paragraph 5. I am utterly opposed to the Revenue Department carrying out any execution of road work; and in paragraph 6 merely pointed out what work might be done by your department, if Government desired that the Revenue Department should carry out some of the new works.

2. I am steadfastly opposed to your department doing any work that appertains to this department, and until the rule "The Collector, with the concurrence of the Superintending Engineer, may himself, etc. etc.," is cancelled, will never give my consent.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) T. A. N. CHASE,
Collector.

Parts I. and II. of the Road Fund Budget, received with the first of the foregoing letters, are submitted for the sanction of Government, with reference to paragraph 1 of their order of the 16th March 1869, No. 711.

2. Part I. contains nine works with an aggregate allotment of Rupees 1,20,230, and a provision of Rupees 2,500 on account of Miscellaneous Public Improvements.

3. The allotment for the first work has been raised from Rupees 20,000 to 30,000 to ensure its completion during the year. The amount added has been saved from the allotments for other works, which will be noticed further on.

4. Items 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9 are unsanctioned works, but Item No. 4 has been ordered by Government to be proceeded with as a special case in anticipation of the submission of the Estimate, which was reported to be in the hands of the Superintending Engineer undergoing check. The Collector is requested to see that the Estimate is sent with all possible expedition.

G. O., R. D., 24th Sept. 1869, No. 2,655.

5. The 7th item has been struck out, as the work is expected to be completed during the current year (1869-70). The work appears as Item No. 9 in the Supplemental Budget of the year, with an allotment of Rupees 5,000, and is intended for the undermentioned works:—

For Culverts on Gooty and Kurnool road.

	Rs.
For improvements to the bridge on the 10th mile...	4,800
For a Culvert on the 38th mile	1,890
	6,690

The Collector has sent in Estimates for these two works. The second Estimate has been sanctioned by the Board and the first has been submitted to Government.

6. The 8th item is entered in the present Budget as well as in the current year's Supplemental Budget, but no Estimate has been submitted for any one of the crossings. The Collector must be aware that the allotments in both the Budgets cannot be utilized until Estimates are prepared and duly sanctioned.

7. Part II. contains twenty-seven repair works with a total allotment of Rupees 22,920, besides a provision of Rupees 3,800 on account of Miscellaneous Public Improvements.

8. The items noted in the margin need not be shown separately in the Budget, as their respective allotments are below 250 rupees each, and they should therefore be shown in a lump sum under "Petty Repairs."

Nos. 3, 6, 12, 14 to 20, 23, and 26.

9. Item No. 13, with an allotment of Rupees 2,400, has been struck out, as it is the same as Item No. 2. The error has been pointed out in paragraph 5 of the Collector's second letter recorded at the head of these Proceedings.

Road from Adony to Gooty, Rs. 2,400.

10. The allotment for Item No. 27 has been reduced from 200 rupees to 100 rupees, as the road was formed partly from the Forest and partly from the Road Funds. On a reference made by the Collector on the subject, the Board have decided that the maintenance allowance of Rupees 200 ought to be provided from those Funds in equal proportions. The reduced allotment has been added to that of "Petty Repairs."

11. Under the head Miscellaneous Public Improvements, there is an allotment of Rs. 1,800 for clearing the jungles on the Nandikanama Ghaut. In paragraph 4 of their Proceedings, dated 15th March 1869, No. 1,745, the Board remarked as follows:—"The road has now been formally "declared an Imperial line, and after the present grant of 12,000 rupees—half from the Road "Fund and half from the Public Works Budget—is expended, the cost of future clearances will "be an Imperial charge, the Road Fund merely keeping the Choultries and halting places in "repair." The grant of Rupees 12,000 above alluded to, is that sanctioned in Government Order, Revenue Department, dated 7th November 1868, No. 2,805. The Board have already sanctioned Rupees 7,130 for the undermentioned purposes, besides providing for halting places:—

	RS.
For building a Choultry at Pacherla on the Nandikanama Ghaut. Half of this amount is to be paid from Imperial Funds—Government Order, Revenue Department, dated 22nd June 1869, No. 1,764	1,300
For clearing jungles and sinking wells on the Nandikanama Ghaut ...	6,000
	7,300

12. Under the above circumstances, the Board are of opinion that the future clearance of the jungles on the ghaut in question should be undertaken from Imperial Funds, and accordingly resolve to disallow the proposed allotment of Rupees 1,800 in the present Budget.

13. In the Abstract of Receipts and Charges, the available assets of the Fund are given as Rupees 1,81,100.

14. Under the head "Expenditure proposed" there is a sum of Rupees 1,800 provided on account of establishment kept up in the Collector's Office. In their Proceedings of the 4th instant, No. 8,163, the Board sanctioned the entertainment of an Accountant on a salary of Rs. 25 per mensem or Rupees 300 per annum and disallowed the rest of the proposed establishment. The allotment of Rupees 1,800 has therefore been reduced to Rupees 300.

15. The proposed allotment of Rupees 100 for the Contingent charges of the Revenue Department has been reduced to Rupees 50, the scale fixed by the Board.

16. With the foregoing omissions and additions, the total proposed expenditure amounts to Rupees 1,80,330, which deducted from the available assets of Rupees 1,81,100 leaves a balance of Rupees 770.

17. It will be observed from Mr. Chase's two last letters, that Colonel Moberly has refused to countersign the duplicate copies of Parts I. and II. of the Road Fund Budget sent to him. His objection is not to the works or their allotments, but simply to the fact that some of the works are to be executed by the Revenue Department. Colonel Moberly relies on No. XVII. of the Local Fund Rules, which runs as follows:—"The Collector, with the concurrence of the Superintending "Engineer, may himself undertake the execution of repairs and ordinary works not requiring "professional skill, etc." These rules were drawn up and circulated in the early part of 1864, but since then, Government have issued orders from time to time, when reviewing the Road Fund

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Budgets of the past three years, directing that the ordinary repairs of roads which do not require any professional skill should be undertaken by the officers of the Revenue Department. Colonel Moberly is of opinion that repairs to roads cannot be properly effected except by the professional department, but the Board do not agree with him.

No. 268. ORDER THEREON, 23rd November 1869, No. 3,025.

Local Funds, No. 19.
Account.

THE District Road Fund Budget lists of the Kurnool district for 1870-71, revised by the Board of Revenue, are approved with one amendment. The allotment of Rupees 1,800 for clearing the jungles on the Nandikanama Ghaut should be retained. The clearing of such jungles may be fairly viewed as a local charge.

2. Referring to paragraph 17 of the Board's Proceedings, Colonel Moberly will be informed through the Public Works Department that the Secretary of State has, in his Despatch, dated 27th May 1869, No. 16, ordered and approved the course adopted by Mr. Chase.

Procs. of Govt., dated 22nd June 1869, No. 1,773.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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For clearing Jungles and sinking wells on the Nundikanama ghaut ———	6,000
	7,300

12. Under the above circumstances, the Board are of opinion that the future clearance of the Jungles on the ghauts in question should be undertaken from Imperial Funds and accordingly resolve to disallow the proposed allotment of Rs 1,800 in the present Budget.

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Govt. of India
REVENUE
To
THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c, &c, &c,

Dated November 1869.

G. O. 23rd November 1869, No. 3,025.

Re. the Road Fund Budget for
November 1869-1870.

Rs. 7,300

Annual Road Fund Budget—Estimates for
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Sub Secretary

To,

The Actg Secretary to Government
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with Copies of Collector's Letters
dated 14th & 29th September 1869
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Proceedings of the Madras Government.
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W.O.M

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A.P.

Pro: of Govt. of 22nd June 1869. No 1773.

Mr Secy Govt of Bo with Govt Desp No 28 dated 14 Sept 29th
21 —— Ord Deptt. Desp No 29
6 —— Acctt Genl

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