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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 31st October 1870.

No. 365. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th October 1870:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Bellary, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Hospett, 26th September 1870, No. 338.

I HAVE the honour to submit estimates of the Local Fund Budget for the official year 1871-72 as noted in the margin, and to state that Parts I. and II. of the same will be submitted as soon as they are received from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to whom they were sent on the 21st instant for counter-signature.

1. Abstract of receipts and charges of Local Funds, with Road Fund Map.
2. Budget-estimate of do.
3. Jungle Conservancy Budget.

THE Board submit, for the approval of Government, Parts I. and II. of the Road Fund Budget for 1871-72, with reference to their Order, dated 16th March 1869, No. 711.

2. Part I. contains eleven works, with an aggregate allotment of Rs. 78,000, and a provision of Rupees 5,000 for "Miscellaneous Public Improvements." Of the eleven works, the fourth is a sanctioned one, the remaining ten are unsanctioned; and it is not stated when estimates for them are likely to be submitted, but it is clear that many years must elapse before funds sufficient to complete all of them can be provided. The items marginally noted are being brought forward from one Budget to another, and the estimates are always promised but never submitted. Under such circumstances there can be no hope that the Road Fund of the district will be utilized as it ought to be; the Budget is valueless, and the Road-cess payers have just cause for complaint.

No. of Items.	Budget Item No. of			
	1867-68.	1868-69.	1869-70.	1870-71.
1st	.....	71	68	46
2nd	.....	.....	69	47
3rd	3	72	70	48
5th	.....	77	73	50
6th	4	73	74	51

3. The last five items make their appearance in the Budget for the first time, but, in the absence of estimates and information, the Board do not see how to enforce the orders that old works are to be finished before new ones are commenced.

4. The Superintending Engineer has complained that his establishment is too weak to prepare estimates in Cuddapah, and the Board presume that he considers himself unable to administer the expenditure on new works in Bellary for the same reason. The subject was brought to the notice of Government in paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd May 1870, No. 3,526. In Government Order, Public Works Department, dated 13th June 1870, No. 63, the Superintending Engineer was called upon to furnish a list of all estimates in his Office, showing how long each has been on hand, as well as quarterly statements of the progress made in the disposal of those estimates, and of any others that might be subsequently received. The Board trust that these instructions will have the desired

effect; but there is nothing in the Budget now before them to encourage this hope. One effect of the delay of the Public Works Department is that, as will be shown below, a large sum has to be left unappropriated in Bellary—a district where every Rupee of the Road Fund could be, and ought to be, profitably expended.

5. The amount of the estimate for the fourth work is given as Rupees 25,310, but this is Rupees 480 less than what it ought to be, as will be seen from Government Order, Revenue Department, dated 7th May 1870, No. 665. The correct amount has accordingly been inserted.

6. Part II. contains 52 items, with a total allotment of Rupees 68,000, and a provision of Rupees 10,000 on account of Miscellaneous Public Improvements. The items noted in the margin, being each below Rupees 250, have been added to the allotment for "Petty Repairs," which is raised from Rupees 470 to Rupees 930.

No.	Allotment.
	RS.
18	20
20	50
22	200
23	10
26	100
28	80
	460

7. In the abstract of receipts and charges the available assets are shown as Rupees 2,20,800, including the balance of Rupees 94,200, expected to remain unspent at the beginning of the year.

8. Under the head "Expenditure proposed," the provision for the establishment entertained in the Board's Office is given as Rupees 150 per annum instead of Rupees 230, and the Officiating Collector quotes the Board's Circular Memorandum, dated 19th March 1869, No. 286, as his authority. In doing so, he seems to have lost sight of the Board's Proceedings,* dated 2nd December 1869, No. 8,888 A. which authorizes an allotment of Rupees 230 from the funds of each district. The correct figure has been inserted.

*Paragraph 8.

9. The allotment for the "Contingent charges" of the Revenue Department is given as Rupees 100, whereas, Rupees 50 is the scale sanctioned by the Board for each district. In the absence of any explanation for the increased allotment, the Board have reduced the amount to the fixed scale.

10. Out of the unappropriated balance of Rupees 22,260, shown by the Officiating Collector, the Board have transferred a sum of Rupees 7,700 to the fourth item in Part I. of the Budget, so as to ensure its completion within the year.

11. With the foregoing alterations, the total proposed expenditure amounts to Rupees 2,07,120, which, deducted from the available assets of Rupees 2,20,800, leaves a surplus balance of Rupees 13,680.

No. 366. ORDER THEREON, 31st October 1870, No. 1,679.

Local Funds, No. 20.
Account.

THE District Road Fund Budget lists of the Bellary District for 1871-72 are approved and returned to the Board.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
31st October 1870.

2. Paragraphs 2 to 4 of the Board's Proceedings will receive notice in the Public Works Department. The Superintending Engineer will be directed, through that department, to expedite the submission of some of the estimates, so that the District Road Fund may be utilized. He will be desired to report a once what progress has been made on each estimate, and when each, with the necessary plans, etc., will reach the Collector.

3. The pay of *one* watchman for the avenue along the road from Belluhooncy to Vulbapore is given at *twenty Rupees per mensem* in Part II. This is perhaps a mistake, and the Collector's attention should be directed to it.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department,

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 31st October 1870.

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Dated October, 31st.

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Read.

G. O., 31st October 1870, No. 1,679.

OCTOBER.

Nos. 365-366.

Bellary Road Fund Budget-estimates for 1871-72 approved, and returned to the Board of Revenue.

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