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No. 109. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th December 1871, No. 5017 :—

From T. A. N. CHASE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Kurnool, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kurnool, 30th September 1871, No. 41.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting the Local Fund Budget Estimates for the official year 1872-73 as passed by the Local Fund Board.

From the same Officer, dated Kurnool, 11th October 1871, No. 48.

ABSTRACT.—Forwarding a revised statement of Union Funds and an abstract of the Budget Estimate for the official year 1872-73.

From Surgeon-Major W. R. CORNISH, F.R.C.S., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 5th October 1871, No. 1,454.

ABSTRACT.—Remarks on the Budget Estimate of the Kurnool Circle for 1872-73.

THE Local Fund Budget Estimates of the Kurnool Circle for 1872-73 are submitted for the orders of Government.

2. STATEMENT I.-A., REVENUES AND RECEIPTS.—The total Local Fund assets of the year are estimated at Rupees 2,52,210, made up of the following items:—

	RS.
1. Balances	63,340
2. Allotments from General Revenue	44,600
3. Rates and Taxes	1,42,800
4. Fees in Schools, etc.	420
5. Endowments, etc.	350
6. Miscellaneous	700
Total ...	2,52,210

3. The grant from Provincial Funds for this Circle is taken at Rupees 34,580, which is the same as that allowed for 1871-72. This is in accordance with Government Order, Financial Department, dated 20th September 1871, No. 470.

4. A sum of Rupees 10,000, which is the whole of the available surplus Pound Fund, is credited to Local Funds, instead of only a moiety thereof, as directed in Government Order, Financial Department, dated 10th October 1871, No. 544. This appears to be owing to the non-receipt of the order prior to the despatch of the Budget. The Board have reduced the amount to Rupees 5,000.

5. The cess on land is given as Rupees 1,40,000. The actuals of last year were Rs. 69,752, being smaller than usual because Rupees 20,000 was not brought to account until 1871-72 had commenced. The average actuals for the four years from 1867-68 to 1870-71 were Rupees 78,800. The Collector seems to think the estimated increase over the estimate for 1871-72 large, but the Board incline to the belief that it is unduly low.

6. Nothing is entered on account of Tolls, the Government having in their order of the 5th September 1871, No. 427, deferred consideration of the proposals for the levy of this impost.

7. Rupees 80 must be added on account of ferry rents, the order putting Madras Act I. of 1870 in force having been cancelled.

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8. A sum of Rupees 2,800 is entered against House-tax. In addition to the two Unions formed this year, the Local Board propose to take charge of the schools in the Nundial, Veldurti and Patticondah villages and make them Union Schools. These schools, which have hitherto been maintained by private subscriptions supplemented by a Government grant-in-aid, appear from the Returns of the Director of Public Instruction for 1869-70 and 1870-71 to be of the middle class, but the subscriptions for their support have now been withdrawn, and if they are to be continued at all, the Local Board must take charge of them. In doing this, they count on the continuance of the Government grants which amount altogether to Rupees 350. The case is exceptional, and as the schools are not Elementary and no new charge is imposed on Imperial finances, the Board of Revenue hope that Government will consent to this arrangement. The grant is entered in the list. The total Revenues and Receipts thus become Rupees 2,47,290.

9. STATEMENT I.-B., EXPENDITURE.—The proposed expenditure is given as Rupees 2,44,490 made up as follows:—

	RS.
Grant I.	2,10,960
Do. II.	17,970
Do. III.	13,670
Do. IV.	1,890
Total...	2,44,490

10. GRANT I., PUBLIC WORKS, STATEMENT II., ROAD FUND RECEIPTS AND CHARGES.—The total assets of the Road Fund are, as per Statement II., Rupees 2,13,940. Of the several items this amount is following call for notice:—

	RS.
1. Additional appropriation from the Land Cess ...	20,000
2. Surplus Pound Fund	10,000
3. Avenues	20

11. The first item appears necessary and has therefore been admitted. The second item has been reduced to Rupees 5,000, for reasons stated in paragraph 4 *supra*. The third item has been struck out of the statement, as it should be credited to the General Fund. Rupees 80 have been added for Ferry Rents. The assets are reduced by these modifications to Rupees 2,09,000.

12. On the expenditure side the allotment (Rupees 6,500) on account of repairs "by other agency" includes Rupees 2,000, the cost of the maintenance of Avenues, which should be debited to the General and not to the Road Fund. The amount has accordingly been expunged from the statement.

13. The share of the cost of the Public Works Department general establishment chargeable to the Road Fund is Rupees 28,600, or 18 per cent. on the proposed expenditure, and in paragraph 7 of his letter, the President states that the Local Board consider the per-centage, which under the old rules never exceeded 10, rather high. This is true, but it must be remembered that a portion of the grant from Provincial Funds is given expressly for establishment. Under Government Order, 6th November 1871, No. 2,800, (Kistna Local Fund establishment,) the consideration of this class of questions must be deferred for the present.

14. The share of cost of Controlling establishments has been increased to correspond with the increased charge for the Presidency.

15. A slight alteration has been made in the allotment for Tools and Plant and in the Reserve, to make them correspond with the rules.

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16. Of the allotment of Rupees 350 on account of Contingencies, only Rupees 170 should be shown in Statement II. The remainder, Rupees 180, appears from the note to the statement to be included in the sum of Rupees 200 exhibited under Grant IV. for Contingencies and intended for furniture, etc., required for the Local Fund Board's Office. The total cost of the Controlling establishment, plus the 200 Rupees, has been distributed between the Road and General Fund, and the heading "3 (D)" in the statement has been altered to "share of cost of general management chargeable to the Road Fund," as directed in paragraph 9 of the Government Order, Financial Department, dated 29th November 1871, No. 725.

17. STATEMENT II.-A, PART I., NEW WORKS.—Part I. contains seven items with an aggregate allotment of Rupees 96,720. The 1st, 4th, and 6th are unsanctioned.

18. An estimate for the 6th item, amounting to Rupees 5,720, is now before the Board of Revenue and will be shortly laid before Government.

19. The allotment of Rupees 11,000 for the first item has been reduced by Rupees 3,000, to make up partly for the reduction in Surplus Pound Fund receipts. If, as the Board anticipate, the actual receipts exceed the estimate, this sum can be restored in a Supplemental Budget. The other Rupees 2,000 it may be observed is saved by the exclusion of the expenditure on avenues.

20. PART II, REPAIRS.—Part II. comprises thirteen items with a total allotment of Rupees 63,360. This provides for 416 miles of road and a few improvements.

21. Item No. 5 has been transferred to the Appendix, because its allotment is exactly Rupees 1,000.

22. Item No. 12 is for the maintenance of Avenues, and has been changed from "Communications" to "Sanitary and Miscellaneous."

23. APPENDIX TO PART II.—None of the items shown in this list call for remark except the 23rd, which is for "village streets improvements with an allotment of Rupees 3,000." This item is exhibited in Part II., and is repeated in the Appendix. The repetition is evidently a mistake and the second entry must therefore be struck out. No difference in the total proposed expenditure is caused.

24. STATEMENT II.-B.—This statement shows that the principle laid down in No. XXIX. of the Local Fund Rules has been observed in the allotment of Land Cess for roads, even after making the reduction proposed by the Revenue Board in Part I. The amended total of Road Fund expenditure thus becomes Rupees 2,07,330 and of Grant I. Rupees 2,07,440.

25. GRANT II., EDUCATION.—The total of Grant II. (Education) is Rupees 17,970 made up as follows:—

	RS.
1. Payment for Inspection	5,000
2. Training Schools... ..	5,000
3. Union Schools.....	2,970
4. Grant-in-aid.....	5,000
Total...	17,970

26. The allotment for the 1st item has not been made with reference to the new scheme of the Inspecting staff approved of in Government Order, Financial Department, dated 18th October 1871, No. 314. In fact, the Budget was submitted long before the issue of the order. In paragraph 8 of his letter, the President states that ample provision has been made for the inspection of schools, that three Inspecting Masters are provided for in the current year's Budget, and that another Master is now added at the instance of the Inspector of Schools, so as to give each man

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not more than two taluqs. The two-thirds of the Deputy-Inspector's salary, etc., and the whole cost of the four Inspecting Masters' salary, etc., amount to Rupees 3,728, as shown in the margin. The cost of the new Deputy-Inspector recommended by Mr. Powell would be Rupees 1,640. He would, however, be satisfied with two Inspecting Schoolmasters, and the reduction thus made in the estimate would be Rupees 1,044. If two Deputy-Inspectors and four Inspecting Schoolmasters are provided for, the allotment for Inspection must be Rupees 5,368.

27. The 3rd item is for charges in five Union Schools, as detailed in Statement III. The receipts of the Union Fund are estimated at Rupees 3,910 and the expenditure at Rupees 2,970, leaving a balance of Rupees 940.

28. The 4th item is for Results grants. No particulars are given, but it seems to be sufficiently liberal.

29. GRANT III., SANITATION, ETC.—The total proposed expenditure under Grant III. (Sanitation, etc.,) is Rupees 13,670 and comprises the following items:—

	RS.
1. Hospitals and Dispensaries	1,340
2. Payment to Government on account of Vaccine Establishment	2,630
3. Employment of Medical Practitioners	1,000
4. Sanitary Establishment and cleansing of tanks and wells	6,220
5. Hospitals in Municipalities	80
6. Hospitals in Municipalities	2,400
Total...	13,670

30. The 1st item is for charges at the Nundial Dispensary which has been opened this year.

31. The allotment for the 2nd item agrees with that in the Medical Budget of the current year.

32. The 3rd item is for the training in Kurnool or Madras of twelve young men who are afterwards to be employed as Native Doctors in the Taluqs, their salaries being fixed in communication with the Inspector-General, Medical Department. The allotment does not seem to be commensurate with its object, but the Board believe arrangements for training native doctors are now or will soon be under the consideration of Government. In the meantime the allotment may stand. It will do for a beginning.

33. The details of the 4th item are given in Statement IV.-B. It is observed from this statement that Scavengers are to be employed in fifteen places and that Rupees 300 are to be spent in each taluq in clearing tanks and wells, in removing prickly-pear, and in carrying out other minor sanitary improvements. The Sanitary Commissioner recommends that the allotment should be accepted. The President might perhaps have provided part of the sum from the balance of the Union Fund, but the Board cannot make any alteration in this respect with safety.

34. The 5th item is, as per Statement IV.-A, the cost of establishment attached to two Choultries.

35. The 6th item (Rupees 2,400) is the contribution to the Municipalities at Kurnool and Cumbum for the Dispensaries at those places. The provision is Rupees 400 in excess of that in the current year's Budget.

36. GRANT IV., MISCELLANEOUS.—Of the several allotments proposed under Grant IV. the first has been altered with reference to the establishment sanctioned for the Board of Revenue and the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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37. The following is an abstract of the Budget Estimates as modified by the Board of Revenue:—

Receipts.		Charges.	
	RS.		RS.
Road Fund...	2,09,000	Road Fund...	2,05,420
Union Fund ...	3,910	Grant I. ... { Union Fund ...	...
Endowment Fund ...	...	{ Endowment Fund ...	...
General Fund ...	34,380	{ General Fund ...	2,020
			2,07,440
		Grant II. ... { Union Fund ...	2,970
		{ General Fund ...	15,000
			17,970
		Grant III. { Endowment Fund ...	...
		{ General Fund ...	13,670
			13,670
		Grant IV. ... { Road Fund ...	1,910
		{ General Fund ...	310
			2,220
			2,41,300
		Road Fund balance ...	1,670
		Union do. do. ...	940
		Endowment do. do. ...	...
		General Reserve ...	3,380
			5,990
Total...	2,47,290	Total...	2,47,290

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 110. ORDER THEREON, 26th January 1872, No. 97.

With the foregoing Proceedings the Revenue Board submit the Local Fund Budget of the Kurnool Circle for 1872-73.

2. Under G. O., 15th January 1872, No. 30, the grant from Provincial Funds for public works in the circle will be reduced to Rupees 30,150. The grants to the three schools which the Local Fund Board propose to take over are entered in the wrong place; they should appear as a further detail under 2-A, Statement I. The amount is said to be the present grant-in-aid; but the returns of 1869-70 and 1870-71 show only Rupees 242 and Rupees 307 as drawn in those years. The case of these schools is somewhat special, and, education generally being backward in Kurnool, the Government consent to the schools being taken over and formed into union schools. On the principle laid down in G. O., No. 392, dated 24th August 1871, grants from Government equal to those in force at the time of the schools being taken over will be continued. The school at Narnur, transferred in the current year, used to receive aid, but none is entered for it in the present Budget. The sum of Rupees 350 will probably cover all the grants. Draft Notifications for the levy of the house-tax for the new schools should be sent up without delay. The Board of Revenue should issue a general instruction that no proposals for the formation of unions are to be sent up unaccompanied by such drafts. The names

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of the villages comprised within the union, and their distances from that in which the school is situated, should also invariably be stated.

3. By the reduction of the Provincial grants the receipts in Statement I.-A. will be reduced to Rupees 2,42,860; on the other hand, the probable charge for Public Works General Establishment is increased to Rupees 34,260, allowance being made for the reduction in the grant for works noticed below. The Revenue Board have rightly pointed out to the Local Fund Board that the charge against them for Public Works Establishment was, on the old scale of charges, considerably less than eighteen per cent. Under the revised scale of charges for 1872-73, Local Funds generally pay for Public Works Department supervision 15.3 per cent., whereas Provincial Funds pay not only 27.6 per cent. on the grant for provincial works, but also (through the establishment grants) 12.3 per cent. of the charges which under the orders of the Government of India are debitable to Local Funds. The reduction in the Provincial grant and the increase in the establishment charge will cause a deficit in the Kurnool Budget necessitating a revision of the grant for works. This, it seems to Government, had best be made by striking out the allotment of Rupees 8,000 for Item No. 1, Statement II.-A., which is an unsanctioned work. The Government also strike out the grant for medical practitioners, Rupees 1,000, the scheme being a crude one, and by appropriating the Road Fund balance, which is unnecessarily large, there being a full reserve, deficit is obviated. If the Local Fund Board desire to provide for it in any other way, Government will be prepared to consider their proposals.

	RS.
Repairs	85,720
Establishment	61,360
Tools and Plant	41,120
Reserve	1,470
	14,800
Balance	2,04,530
	40
Total	2,04,570

land cess will be Rupees 2,04,570 and the charges as shown in the margin. Grant I., Public Works, will be Rupees 2,04,580.

5. The allotment of Rupees 5,000 for inspection will be ample, even allowing for two Deputy Inspectors. As the

travelling charges of these officers will not be doubled, the ranges being smaller, the Revenue Board's estimate of Rupees 5,338 is excessive. The Local Board have provided for four Inspecting Schoolmasters, whereas Mr. Powell recommended only two. The Government do not object to four being entertained if the Local Board is willing to pay for them. Grant II. is Rupees 12,970.

6. Grant III. will be Rupees 12,670 and Grant IV. Rupees 2,330, the proper proportion of the charge which will be incurred for establishment in the Accountant-General's office being added. The Budget as revised by Government is as follows:—

	Receipts.	RS.
Balances		63,340
Allotments, &c.		35,600
Rates and Taxes		1,42,800
School fees		420
Miscellaneous		700
Total		2,42,860

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	Expenditure.	RS.
Grant I.		2,04,580
„ II.		17,970
„ III.		12,670
„ IV.		2,330
		2,37,550
Balances—		
Road Fund		40
Union „		940
General „		4,330
		5,310
Total		2,42,860

(True Extract.)

R. S. S. S.
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

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- „ Accountant-General.
- „ Public Works Department.
- „ Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.
- „ Director of Public Instruction.
- „ Sanitary Commissioner.

