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Read the following papers :—

No. 241. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd March 1873, No. 304.

Read the following letters :—

From the President of the Local Fund Boards, Kistna District, dated 23rd November 187 ,
No. 2,793.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting the Local Fund Budget of the Masulipatam Circle for 1873-74.

From the same officer, dated 18th December 1872, No. 2,970.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting Local Fund Budget of the Gunttoor Circle for 1873-74.

From the same officer, dated 17th January 1873, No. 84.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting copy of the Masulipatam Local Fund Board's resolution requesting sanction to place at their disposal the services of a 1st Class Hospital Assistant to be stationed at Juggiapett.

From the Sanitary Commissioner, dated 6th February 1873, Nos. 337 and 338.

ABSTRACT.—Remarking on the provision made for sanitary purposes in the Budgets of the Masulipatam and Gunttoor Circles for 1873-74.

The Budgets of the Masulipatam and Gunttoor Circles of the Kistna District for 1873-74 will be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Budgets are framed on the supposition that Repalli will continue in the Northern Circle. To make the Circles conterminous with Public Works Ranges it would have to be placed in the Southern Circle, but the Collector objects to the transfer on the ground that it would make one Circle too rich and the other too poor. So far as the Board can see at present this objection is well founded. Further information was called for by Official Memorandum on the 19th November 1872, and when it is received the question will be submitted for the final orders of Government.

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3. STATEMENT I.-A., RECEIPTS.—No modifications in the estimate of receipts seem to be required. They are as follow :—

	Rs.
Road Fund	1,98,310
Union Fund	2,930
Endowment Fund	960
General Fund	47,200
Total...	2,49,400

4. EXPENDITURE, STATEMENT II., ROAD FUND.—The Road Fund assets as shown above are Rupees 1,98,310.

5. The cost of Petty Establishment, according to the President's letter of the 20th December 1872, No. 2,977, which has been disposed of separately, is Rupees 6,288, so the allotment should be Rupees 6,290 instead of Rupees 6,400.

6. The cost of Public Works supervision at 26.0842 per cent. on Rupees 1,31,250 is Rupees 34,240. The Local Board press for a decision on Mr. Boswell's proposal to maintain a separate engineering staff for Local Fund work. The consideration of the subject was postponed

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38. The following is an abstract of the revised Budget—

Receipts		Expenditure	
Rs.		Rs.	
Road Fund	2,38,310	Road Fund	1,58,200
Union Fund	2,000	Union Fund	1,370
Endowment Fund	60	Endowment Fund	840
General Fund	17,230	General Fund	16,380
			2,06,590
		Grant II.	
		Union Fund	1,200
		General Fund	9,100
			10,300
		Grant III.	
		Endowment Fund	130
		General Fund	15,600
			15,730
		Grant IV.	
		Road Fund	2,310
		General Fund	320
			2,630
			2,35,200
		General Reserve	3,520
		Balances.	
		Road Fund	8,100
		Union Fund	400
		Endowment Fund	
		General Fund	2,180
			10,680
Total	2,49,400	Total	2,49,400

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39. Receipts.—The amended Budget made out by the President has been of the greatest assistance to the Board, but their observations in these Proceedings will refer to the original Budget. Great inconvenience would have been saved if the sheets of paper had been stitched together and if the paper had been less flimsy.

40. The request given by the President for raising the opening balance of the Road Fund to Rupees 20,000 and that of the General Fund to Rupees 2,000 are conclusive.

41. The unsanctioned Unions must be provided for when they are sanctioned in a supplemental Budget. The only Unions now in existence are Nundoor and Chinna Ganjam, and the house-tax collected in these, which is all that should appear in Statement I.-A., is Rupees 1,410.

42. No entry is made (in spite of the remarks made in reviewing the current year's Budget) on account of the contribution of the Guntur Municipality for educational supervision. The Board have again entered Rupees 100. The proper amount should be determined as soon as possible.

43. As the transfer of the Sektanagaram Choultry to the Local Fund Board is certain to take place, the endowment receipts, namely, Rupees 60, may appear in the Budget; but the sanction of Government for the transfer should be obtained immediately.

44. As suggested by the President Rupees 500 is entered as proceeds by the sale of books in elementary schools.

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39. The receipts are thus:—

	RS.
Road Fund	1,19,720
Union Fund	1,410
Endowment Fund	60
General Fund	36,380
Total	1,57,570

40. GRANT I., STATEMENT II., ROAD FUND.—The additional appropriation to the Road Fund proposed by the Local Fund Board is unnecessary as the Budget stands.

41. Avenue receipts belong to the General Fund.

42. The Road Fund receipts are thus, as already mentioned, Rupees 1,19,720.

43. The Repair allotment is raised to Rupees 22,600 as proposed by the President.

44. The cost of the Petty Establishment, according to the President's letter of the 20th December 1872, No. 2,977, is Rupees 4,720.

45. The cost of Department of Public Works supervision at 26.0842 per cent. on expenditure is Rupees 20,240.

46. The Road Fund share of the cost of general management will be Rupees 1,260.

47. The allotment for Tools and Plant should be Rupees 780 and the Reserve Rupees 9,970.

48. The Road Fund expenditure is thus Rupees 1,14,770, leaving a balance of Rupees 4,950.

49. STATEMENT II.-A., PART I., NEW WORKS.—An allotment of Rupees 24,520 is provided for the Great Northern Road, and the Local Fund Board urge that "the great need of an increased expenditure on the part of the Great Northern Road, which lies within the Circle, and the general expensiveness of road-making in the Delta" are reasons for a special grant from Provincial Funds. The subject is before Government.

50. PART II., REPAIRS.—The allotment of Rupees 1,000 for unspecified petty repairs proposed by the President is approved, as also that of Rupees 200 for repairing the Sektanagaram Choultry.

51. The charge for Public Works supervision in Grant I. will be Rupees 21,150 and the allotment for Tools and Plant Rupees 810.

52. With the other modifications already suggested the grant will be—

	RS.
Road Fund	1,13,510
General Fund	4,640
Total	1,18,150

53. GRANT II.—The charges in the sanctioned Union Schools will be—

	RS.
Salaries	840
Servants	60
Miscellaneous	370
Total	1,270

It may here be mentioned that the exclusion of unsanctioned Unions from the Budget necessitates the exclusion of all allotments connected with them, as, for instance, the Rupees 1,000 proposed by the President for building school-houses.

54. As proposed by the President Rupees 1,000 is entered for salary grants, Rupees 600 for purchasing books to be sold in elementary schools, and Rupees 1,000 as a contribution to the Masulipatam Circle for a training school.

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60. STATEMENT III.—All the Unions except Nandur and Chinnai Ganjam must be struck out in Statement III.

61. The balance of the Masters should not be entered as salary grants, which are a form of aid given to schools not wholly supported by the Local Fund.

62. It is observed that the balance in each Union is devoted to sanitary purposes. The amount which in the case of the Union retained is Rupees 142 should be shown under Grant III, and not under Grant II.

63. STATEMENT III.—A.—The Rupees 142 devoted to sanitary purposes should not be shown in this statement, which is restricted to charges in Local Fund Schools.

64. All the Unions except Nandur and Chinnai Ganjam must be struck out.

65. GRANT II. is thus—

Union Fund	Rs.
General Fund	1,270
	10,600
Total	11,870

66. GRANT III.—The Local Fund Board propose to establish dispensaries at Dachipalli, Vengaludi, and Chinnai. There can be no objection to the first two situations, and it is very desirable that there should be a dispensary somewhere in the line of coast villages which includes Chinnai. The Board are inclined to think, however, that it would be better to place the dispensary at Bapulla, the Thavalar's head-quarters, as being more accessible to supervision. The President will be good enough to report on this point.

67. The Board agree with the President that the allotment is correct, and have raised them to Rupees 3,000, as shown below.

68. The President thinks the allotment for Vaccination should be raised as in the other Circle; but this cannot be done unless the Circle Board wish to introduce the same scheme into their own.

69. Nothing is entered for the employment of Medical Practitioners. From the current year's Budget and the information submitted with it the Board are under the impression that certain men have been already engaged and are being trained, and, if so, they must be paid. The current year's allotment of Rupees 300 is, therefore, repeated.

70. The allotment of Rupees 3,000 for sanitary expenditure is raised to Rupees 5,000, as shown below.

71. The expenses in Oboltries and Public Bungalows must be exhibited separately. The President seems to be under a mistake when he says that nothing is provided for them. Rs. 500 is allotted in Statement II.—A., Part II., for repairs, and the other allotments, which are retained though they seem to be small, are—

Establishment	Rs.
Contingencies	290
	60

72. STATEMENT IV.—A.—The allotment for Medical Subordinates in the dispensaries is raised from Rupees 450 to Rupees 720 as the Board agree with the President that a better paid officer should be in charge of such institutions.

73. Two servants will certainly be needed, and the provision on this account is raised from Rupees 45 to Rupees 156.

74. If there are to be in-patients at all Rupees 100 will not be enough for their diet. The provision is raised to Rupees 400.

75. The total expenditure in the three dispensaries will thus be Rupees 5,930.

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71. STATEMENT IV.—B.—The allotment for general sanitary purposes is raised to Rs. 4,860, which should be expended as the Sanitary Commissioner has advised in the letter disposed of in G. O., Financial Department, dated 22nd October 1872, No. 1,437. The Rupees 140 which it appears from Statement III. is to be spent from Union Funds for sanitation in Unions is entered.

72. GRANT III. is thus—

Endowment Fund	Rs.
Union Fund	60
General Fund	140
	14,300
Total	14,500

73. GRANT IV.—The Circle's share of the sanctioned cost of the Collector's office establishment, namely, Rupees 1,200, is Rupees 460.

74. Grant IV. is—

Road Fund	Rs.
General Fund	1,260
	400
Total	1,660

75. The General Fund Reserve should be Rupees 3,440.

76. The following is an abstract of the revised Budget:—

Receipts.		Expenditure.			
	Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Road Fund	1,19,720	Grant I. { Road Fund	1,13,510		
Union Fund	1,410	{ General Fund	4,640		1,18,150
Endowment Fund	60	Grant II. { Union Fund	1,270		
General Fund	36,380	{ General Fund	10,600		11,870
		Grant III. { Endowment Fund	60		
		{ Union Fund	140		
		{ General Fund	14,300		14,500
		Grant IV. { Road Fund	1,260		
		{ General Fund	400		1,660
					1,46,180
		General Reserve			3,440
		Balances.			
			Rs.		
		Road Fund	4,950		
		Union Fund			
		Endowment Fund			
		General Fund	3,000		7,950
Total	1,57,570			Total	1,57,570

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

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No. 242. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th March 1873, No. 1492 (Miscellaneous).

Read the following letter from Surgeon G. BIDIE, M.B., Secretary to Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Secretary to Board of Revenue, dated Fort St. George, 8th March 1873, No. 158.

In compliance with No. XX., Local-Fund Rules, I have the honour, by despatching the Inspector-General, to submit to your Board the following remarks on the Budget Estimate for 1873-74 of the Masulipatam Circle.

2. The Local-Fund Board propose to open new Dispensaries at Bezvada, Juggiapett, and enter a grant of Rupees 2,000 for each of these. This allotment I am to remark, will not be sufficient, and the Inspector-General thinks that in addition should be made in each instance to the sum of Rupees 400 set apart for purchase of medicines and instruments.

3. A grant of Rupees 1,000 is entered as a contribution to the Municipality Masulipatam for the Dispensary there. This will leave about Rupees 2,010 provided from Municipal funds.

Submitted to Government in continuation of the Board's Proceedings, 3rd March 1873, No. 304.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE, Secretary.

No. 243. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th March 1873, No. 1527 (Miscellaneous).

Read the following letter from Surgeon G. BIDIE, M.B., Secretary to Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Secretary to Board of Revenue, dated Fort St. George, 8th March 1873, No. 1583.

With reference to No. XX., Local-Fund Rules, I have the honour, by despatching the Inspector-General, to submit to the Board the following remarks on the Budget Estimate of the Local-Fund Board, Guntur Circle.

2. In Form B, Grant III., there is a proposed appropriation of Rupees 6,000 for "Hospitals and Dispensaries." Of this amount Rupees 4,000 are appropriated for the opening of three new dispensaries in the district, and regarding the provision for these, I am to remark that the sums allotted for medicines, medical apparatus are much too small. Another item in this grant is a sum of Rupees 500 said to be for travelling allowance of Zillah Surgeon, but as none of his official duties, in connexion with the dispensary, require him to leave his station it seems desirable that this sum should be added to the insufficient grant for medicines for the new dispensaries.

3. The two proposed grants, alluded to in paragraph 2, viz., that for Dispensaries and that for travelling allowance for Zillah Surgeon, dispose of Rupees 4,500 of the total sum allotted for Hospitals and Dispensaries, and there remains a balance of Rupees 2,000 the object of which is not clearly understood if it does not appear in Form IV.-A.

4. The grant to the Guntur Municipality in aid of the dispensary there is Rupees 1,500, which will leave a sum of about Rupees 800 to be provided from Municipal funds of the town.

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Submitted to Government in continuation of the Board's Proceedings, dated 3rd March 1873, No. 304.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 244. Orders received, 24th May 1873, No. 728.

With their Proceedings above recorded, the Board of Revenue submit the Local-Fund Budgets of the Masulipatam and Guntur Circles for 1873-74. The Budgets have been prepared on the assumption that the transfer of the Repalli Taluq to the Guntur Circle will not be insisted on, and in G. O., dated 25th April 1873, No. 533, the Government have acceded to the view of the Collector and the Board of Revenue in this respect.

2. MASULIPATAM.—The following abstract shows the Budget for 1873-74 compared with that for 1872-73:—

REVENUE.			EXPENDITURE.		
	1872-73.	1873-74.		1872-73.	1873-74.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Balances	66,510	92,800	Public Works—		
Alloiments—			New Works	1,19,000	99,000
Provincial	37,780	87,950	Repairs	46,380	49,950
Special	18,000	11,000	Establishment	47,760	44,070
—Total			Road-Fund Reserve	17,960	11,830
Cess on land	1,26,000	1,00,000	Other items	1,850	1,740
House-tax	550	2,440		2,32,950	2,06,590
Miscellaneous	5,520	5,210	Education—		
			Inspection	2,760	3,100
			Training Schools	2,000	2,000
			Local-Fund Schools	930	1,200
			Grants-in-aid	3,500	3,000
			Purchase of books	...	1,000
			Sanitation—		
			Dispensaries	...	4,000
			Vaccination	1,650	5,200
			Medical Practitioners	300	400
			Sanitary Establishment		
			—Cleansing tanks and		
			wells	2,500	5,000
			Contributions to Muni-		
			cipality	800	1,000
			Other items	100	120
			Controlling Establish-		
			ment, &c.	2,150	2,530
				2,49,730	2,35,200
			Balances and General		
			Reserve	4,960	14,200
Total	2,54,690	2,49,400	Total	2,54,690	2,49,400

3. The very excessive opening balance is explained by the fact that allotments were made in the current year for several new works for which it was found impossible to get the estimates ready in time. A recurrence of such an impediment to the utilization of funds has been avoided in the preparation of this budget.

4. In the Order of Government reviewing the Budget for 1872-73 it was distinctly intimated that the grant assigned for roads in G. O., dated 15th January 1872, was made with special reference to the salt roads, and that but for these the Masulipatam Circle with its large balances would have had no claim to any grant. In the present Budget the two most important of these works have been omitted, and the Board of Revenue recommend the acceptance of the Local-Board's opinion. The Government will not insist on their prosecution under the circumstances, but the greater portion of the allotment from Provincial Funds will not be renewed only Rupees 5,000 being given (in addition to the establishment grant of Rupees 12,610) on account of Item No. 9, Statement II.-A, and Part I.; and Item No. 3, Part II. This, with the grant for schools, will make the Provincial allotment Rupees 17,950.

5. No reason is assigned for the decrease in the estimated assignments from Special Funds. The House-tax must disappear from the Budget under recent orders. The allotment for New Works must be decreased by Rupees 8,000 on account of the reduction in the Provincial grant. The amount can probably be best spared from Item No. 4, but it is open to the Local Board to make other arrangements. This will reduce the charge for Establishment to Rupees 41,980, and the Road-Fund Reserve to Rupees 9,830. The Local Board and the Board of Revenue press for a decision with regard to Mr. Boswell's scheme for a separate establishment for public works, the consideration of which was deferred in G. O., dated 6th November 1871, No. 2800. The Government need hardly say that the adoption of any such scheme (which could not be confined to a single district) would be somewhat premature before a fair trial had been given to the working of the present arrangements under the new organization of the Public-Works Department, and on this ground alone they would be prepared to negative the proposal.

6. It must also be pointed out, however, so far as the difference in cost is concerned, that the normal saving under the proposed scheme would not be so great as appears when the comparison is made with allotments for establishment calculated rateably on the expenditure entered in a budget, framed, as the present one is, with the view of working out the greater portion of an overgrown opening balance aggregating Rupees 1,14,800 in the two circles. When the balances have once disappeared the annual amount allotted for expenditure by the Public-Works Department in the two circles is not likely at the utmost to exceed Rupees 1,40,000, the cost of supervision for which would be about Rupees 36,500. This, with the petty establishment costing Rupees 11,000, would make the charge under the present arrangements only about Rupees 5,000 in excess of the Rupees 42,408 proposed by Mr. Boswell. The latter, it is also to be observed, makes no allowance for a Pension Fund which would be a necessity were a separate establishment

entertained, and which, in the case of the regular officers of the department, falls, under the present arrangement, entirely on Imperial Funds. The question of inefficiency through neglect of road for irrigation work, raised, and apparently well-supported, in the papers incorporated with G. O., dated 25th May 1873, No. 919, Revenue Department, and G. O., dated 6th November 1871, No. 2800, Public Department, will receive serious consideration in the Public-Works Department, and the Local-Fund Board may rest assured that the Government fully realize the obligation to provide thoroughly competent and sufficient supervision which they have assumed by negating the proposal for a separate establishment.

7. The Circle Board's proposal to employ a first-class Apothecary and third-class Hospital Assistants instead of ordinary vaccinators is referred for the consideration of the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, who will consult the Superintendent-General of Vaccination. In the meantime the provision may remain in the budget. The allotment for Hospitals will be raised to Rupees 5,000 with reference to the remarks of the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department. The attention of that Officer is drawn to the Circle-Board's application for the services of a first-class Hospital Assistant from the commencement of

8. The abstract of the budget, as modified by Government, is as follows:—

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	RS.		RS.
Road Fund	1,78,310	Grant I.—	
Endowment Fund	960	Road Fund	1,76,110
General Fund	47,630	Endowment Fund	840
		General Fund	17,550
			1,94,500
		Grant II.—	
		General Fund	10,300
		Grant III.—	
		Endowment Fund	120
		General Fund	16,600
			16,720
		Grant IV.—	
		Road Fund	1,000
		General Fund	540
			2,530
		Balance—	2,24,110
		Road Fund	210
		General Fund	2,640
			2,850
Total	2,26,960	Total	2,26,960

Ed. J. Wright.

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To
The BOARD OF REVENUE,
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