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No. 237. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th March 1873, No. 446:—

Read the following letters:—

From the President of the Local Fund Boards, North Arcot District, dated 26th November 1872, No. 614.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting copy of Mr. Sewell's letter, dated 19th November 1872, No. 165, forwarding Budget Estimate of Local Fund Board of Chittoor Circle for 1873-74.

From the same Officer, dated 15th January 1873, No. 11.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting copy of letter from Vice-President of Local Fund Board, Vellore Circle, with Budget for 1873-74.

The Local Fund Budget Estimates of the Chittoor and Vellore Circles for 1873-74 are submitted for the approval of Government.

CHITTOOR CIRCLE.

2. STATEMENT I.-A., REVENUES AND RECEIPTS.—The Road Fund balance, Rupees 370, is the same as that shown in the current year's budget, but the Vice-President states that there will probably be a deficit of about Rupees 30,000 at the close of this year, which will be thrown on the funds of 1873-74. The attention of the Collector is called to No. II. of the Local Fund Rules, which directs that the expenditure in any official year from Local Funds should not exceed the assets of that year. After the close of the current year he should ascertain the actual deficit, and arrange at once to place the fund in a solvent position. This will not be difficult now that Government have ordered the Land Cess to be raised to one Anna in the Rupee. The increase in receipts, and the manner in which it is proposed to apply it, should be shown as soon as possible in a supplemental budget.

3. In the current year's budget there is a sum of Rupees 250 entered as the contribution from the Wallajahpet Municipality for roads, but the item is not repeated in the present budget and no explanation is given of the omission. The Board have inserted the amount.

4. A sum of Rupees 750, the subscription promised annually by the Vellore Circle Board and the Wallajahpet Municipality, towards the up-keep of the Raneepet Dispensary and Lying-in-Hospital is now shown in two distinct items.

5. Rupees 4,200 entered against (b) Hospitals and Dispensaries is made up of Rs. 3,600, the Tripatty Mahunt's subscription for the hospital at Tripatty, and Rupees 600, the estimated receipts from miscellaneous contributions for the Chittoor Dispensary. The Board have added to this provision Rupees 2,070, the contribution for the Raneepet Dispensary from the Lungerkhana endowment.

6. The receipts from Travellers' bungalows, Rupees 100, have been transferred to 7, Miscellaneous.

7. GRANT I., PUBLIC WORKS, STATEMENT II., ROAD FUND RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.—The Road Fund assets are estimated at Rupees 1,56,960, including an additional appropriation of Rupees 11,790 from the one-third Land Cess.

8. The contribution of Rupees 250 from the Wallajahpet Municipality has been entered, which raises the Road Fund receipts to Rupees 1,57,210.

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9. The allotments for the undermentioned items are incorrectly given, and have been altered as follows:—

	From	To
(b) Share of the cost of Public Works supervision chargeable to the Road Fund	Rs. 30,920	Rs. 26,970
(d) Do. do. do. of General management do.	1,300	1,500
(e) Contingencies	250	200
4. Tools and Plant	900	1,030
6. Reserve	14,517	15,680

10. PART I., NEW WORKS.—Part I. contains four items, with a total allotment of Rs. 16,350.

11. PART II., REPAIRS.—Part II. contains 20 items, with an aggregate assignment of Rupees 87,110. It is observed that the description of the roads in most cases, their lengths, and the rates of mileage have been altered without any explanation for so doing. On the whole the present provision is nearly Rupees 7,000 in excess of the current year's total allotment for repairs of roads. The Vice-President simply remarks that "a great drain is shown on our resources under the head of Repairs, which represent the up-keep of the roads in the district." The President will furnish a list showing how the roads in this year's budget have been accounted for in the present list.

12. GRANT II., EDUCATION.—The allotment for payment for inspection is Rupees 4,350 which is Rupees 1,590 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's budget. The increase is due to the proposed employment of two additional Inspecting Schoolmasters, whose salaries and allowances do not amount to more than Rupees 1,240. The Board have therefore reduced the allotment to Rupees 4,000.

13. GRANT III., SANITATION, ETC.—The allotment for Hospitals and Dispensaries, Rupees 9,730, is for meeting the charges of the undermentioned dispensaries:—

	RS.
1. Chittoor Dispensary.....	3,232
2. Tripatty do.	1,944
3. Grant-in-aid to Raneepet Dispensary... ..	2,154
4. Palmanair Dispensary... ..	2,400
Total...	9,730

14. The 3rd item is to be defrayed from the General Fund, besides the contribution of Rupees 2,065-15-0 from the Lungerkhana endow-

ment, and another sum of Rupees 750, which the Vellore Local Board and the Wallajah Municipality have agreed to subscribe. These two sums should have been entered.

15. The 4th item should not have been shown separately. Its component parts should have been mixed up with the transactions of the other dispensaries, the details being given in Statement IV.-A. In their Order, Financial Department, dated 12th February 1873, No. 209, the Government sanctioned an establishment at an annual cost of Rupees 1,740 to be attached to the institution which would leave, out of the allotment of Rupees 2,400, only Rupees 660 for medicine and other necessary charges. The Board think that this amount is insufficient and accordingly resolve to make the following provisions:—

	RS.
1. Medical subordinates	1,200
2. Servants	540
3. Medicine and apparatus	600
4. Diet of patients	720
5. Rent	240
6. Furniture and sundries	100
Total...	3,400

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16. The assignment for Vaccine establishment, Rupees 2,110, should be raised by Rupees 696,* or in round numbers by Rupees 700 to meet the salaries of five additional Vaccinators authorized to be employed in the Zemindary tract of the circle.

17. A provision of Rupees 80 under (f) Choultries is intended to meet the salaries of a Sweeper and a Toty attached to the Arconum Chuttrum, which does not appear to have been transferred to the Local Board. The President will at once apply to the Board of Revenue for its formal transfer. In their Order, Revenue Department, dated 18th January 1872, No. 110, the Government sanctioned an endowment of lands calculated to yield an annual income of Rupees 60. This sum should have been shown in Statement I.-A. against (c) Choultries. The receipts and charges of the institution have now been entered in the budget, pending the receipt of an application for its transfer.

18. GRANT IV., MISCELLANEOUS.—The provision for the Collector's office establishment has been altered from Rupees 390 to Rupees 370.

19. The cost of the Circle Board's establishment has been raised by Rupees 60, being the salary of a Peon on Rupees 5 a month sanctioned in G. O., Financial Department, dated 7th March 1872, No. 251.

20. An abstract of the Budget as revised by the Board of Revenue is as follows:—

Receipts.		Charges.		
	RS.		RS.	RS.
Road Fund... ..	1,45,420	Grant I. ... { Road Fund... ..	1,52,090	
Endowment Fund	10,970	{ General Fund		1,52,090
General Fund	42,190	Grant II. ... General Fund	12,000	12,000
		Grant III. ... { Endowment Fund... ..	6,100	
		{ General Fund	15,230	21,330
		Grant IV. ... { Road Fund... ..	1,500	
		{ General Fund	400	1,900
				1,87,320
		General Reserve		2,770
		Balances.		
			RS.	
		Road Fund	3,620	
		Endowment Fund	4,870	
		General Fund		8,490
				1,98,580
Total...	1,98,580	Total ..		

VELLORE CIRCLE.

21. STATEMENT I.-A., REVENUES AND RECEIPTS.—A sum of Rupees 300 is entered as the contribution from the Vellore Municipality on account of Educational Inspecting agency. The President will state upon what data the amount was calculated, and whether the Municipal Board have consented to pay it.

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22. Opposite to (b) Hospitals and Dispensaries Rupees 2,066 is shown, which is the contribution from the Lungerkhana endowment for the Rancepet Dispensary. This amount should be drawn by the Chittoor Circle Board direct from the treasury and paid to Dr. Scudder. The necessary provision having been made in the budget of that circle the present entry has been struck out.

23. Rupees 1,200 shown against (c) Choultries, etc., is for the maintenance of the Arcot Lungerkhana from the Lungerkhana endowment.

24. GRANT I., PUBLIC WORKS, STATEMENT II., ROAD FUND RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.—The income of the Road Fund is estimated at Rupees 88,000, which includes an additional appropriation of Rupees 8,140 from the one-third Land Cess. The latter amount has been reduced to Rupees 5,910 in order to provide for the General Fund Reserve. The expected collections on account of the arrears of Road Cess, Rupees 5,000, ought not to have been shown separately. They have now been added to the two-thirds of the Land Cess collections.

25. On the expenditure side the allotments for the items noted below have been altered:—

	From RS.	To RS.
Petty Establishment	3,650	3,140
Share of the cost of the Public Works Department supervision chargeable to the Road Fund	13,020	15,140
Share of the cost of General management do.	800	880
Tools and Plant	620	580
Reserve	7,000	6,710

26. The actual cost of the Petty establishment employed in the circle is only Rupees 3,144, as detailed in the margin of paragraph 8 of the Vice-President's letter.

27. STATEMENT II.-A., PART I., NEW WORKS.—Part I. contains seven items, with an aggregate allotment of Rupees 31,000. Items Nos. 3 to 7 are unsanctioned, and their total assignment is Rupees 18,500. This shows that the Local Fund Board do not adopt the principle enunciated in repeated orders of Government, requiring that works in progress should be completed before new ones are undertaken. The first work* appears to have been commenced as a famine work in

1866, and there was an expenditure of Rupees 57,574 up to the close of 1871-72, leaving only Rupees 11,426 as the balance of the estimate. In the current year's budget Rupees 7,000 were provided for the work, which was afterwards transferred to meet the cost of certain emergent repairs. In the present budget only Rupees 2,500 out of Rupees 11,426 are entered, which still leaves Rupees 8,926 to be provided for. The Board are of opinion that this long-standing work should be completed without further delay, and accordingly recommend Government to allot Rupees 11,426, or Rupees 11,430 in round numbers. This necessitates reductions in the proposed allotments for all the unsanctioned works to the extent of Rupees 13,160.

† Item No. 1, Road from Arnee to South Arcot frontier via Chetput	50,300
Already expended	47,270
	3,030

28. In the current year's budget there was another old work† which required only Rupees 3,030 to complete it. Its allotment was also transferred to meet the cost of emergent repairs. The President will state why no provision has been made for it in the present budget.

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29. PART II., REPAIRS.—Part II. contains 11 items, with a total allotment of Rs. 32,770. The rates of mileage have been raised in the case of the 1st and 9th items in consequence of the heavy traffic passing over the roads.

30. GRANT II., EDUCATION.—None of the items under this grant seem to call for remark.

31. GRANT III., SANITATION, ETC.—The provision of Rupees 500 under (f) Choultries, Contingencies, is intended for the repair of Native Chuttrums, for digging wells, and for erecting sheds at the more frequented halting places. The entry is out of place, and has been transferred to Grant I. and to the Appendix to Part II. of the budget.

32. Under (g) Miscellaneous the grant of Rupees 2,066 for the Rancepet Dispensary has been disallowed for reasons stated in paragraph 22 *supra*.

33. GRANT IV., MISCELLANEOUS.—The first two items under this grant have been corrected.

34. An abstract of the Budget as modified by the Board is as follows:—

Receipts.		Charges.			
	RS.			RS.	
Road Fund... ..	79,860	Grant I. ... { Road Fund... ..	83,670		
Endowment Fund ...	2,850	{ General Fund ...	2,020		
General Fund	23,780	Grant II. ... { General Fund ...	8,560		85,690
		Grant III. ... { Endowment Fund...	1,200		8,560
		{ General Fund ...	4,950		
		Grant IV. ... { Road Fund... ..	880		6,150
		{ General Fund ...	220		
					1,100
		General Reserve			1,01,500
					2,120
		[Balances.			
		Road Fund... ..	1,220		
		Endowment Fund ...	1,650		
		General Fund			2,870
Total ...	1,06,490	Total ...			1,06,490

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 238. ORDER THEREON, 24th May 1873, No. 726.

With their Proceedings above recorded; the Board of Revenue submit the Chittoor and Vellore Local-Fund Budgets for 1873-74.

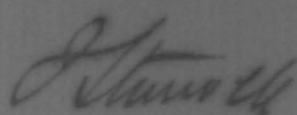
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and they also consider that the remainder of the funds still allotted to items 3 to 7 should be devoted to one or at most two works, instead of swelling the list of unfinished works in different parts of the circle.

7. The decrease under Grant III. is owing to the transfer of dispensaries and lungerkhanas above alluded to. The expenditure under the other head calls for no particular notice.

8. Subject to the above remarks, and pending the submission of the Supplemental Budget called for from the Chittoor Board, the Budget of both Circles are passed as submitted by the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)



Acting Under Secretary,
for Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue, with enclosures returned.

- .. Revenue Department.
- .. Accountant-General.
- .. Public Works Department.
- .. Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.
- .. Director of Public Instruction.
- .. Sanitary Commissioner.
- .. President of the Local Fund Boards, North Arcot.
- .. " of the Municipal Commissions, North Arcot.

Exd. J. Wright.

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