Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 19th November 1873.

No. 76. Read the following letter from G. BANBURY, Esq., Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Hon. R. A. DALYELL, Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Ootacamund, dated 31st October 1873, No. 2,428-60 :—

In reply to the Proceedings of Government, dated 20th instant, No. 1,134, I have the honour to state that Mr. Goodrich's staff has been made up of drafts from the Kistna and Cuddapah parties as was all along contemplated and arranged. Mr. Cox has already been transferred to the Cuddapah party, as stated in paragraph 2 of my letter of the 7th instant. In fact, every reduction and every arrangement that I could make consistently with proper progress and fair supervision of the work has been made, as intimated in paragraph 2 of my letter of the 20th instant, No. 2,323. But so enormous a slice as Rs. 60,000 being taken thus late in the year from the sum which the Madras Government deemed the lowest* that could be sanctioned must involve large reductions in existing establishments, diminish effective supervision, and seriously decrease our outturn. Thus, if it be finally ordered that the budget allotment, as reduced by the Government of India, should not be exceeded, and that this department should not be helped, as lately contemplated, from savings† in the Land-revenue Budget, it will, I regret to say, be necessary that both Mr. Goodrich and Mr. Clogstoun should return to the regular revenue line; that Major Stuart should revert to regimental duty; that work should be stopped in Ganjam and in Chingleput; and that the latter party should be reduced to just sufficient strength to work up the details for the report on the principal division.

* *Vide* paragraph 3 of Government Proceedings, dated 17th December 1872, No. 1,685.

† *Vide* Proceedings of Government, dated 15th September 1873, regarding the Ganjam party.

2. But I trust there is no real necessity for thus breaking up the department which Government lately ordered to be placed "upon an effective footing," and regarding which, when passing last year's budget, they remarked that "it is good economy to push on operations." These reductions made by the Government of India in the budget allotment appear to be rather in the light of probable or estimated savings, which, if not feasible under one head, may be met from those found possible elsewhere. Thus last year the Settlement Budget was similarly reduced by the Government of India, but, upon my applying to the Madras Government for a further grant when the sanctioned amount was exceeded, I was told there was no necessity for this course, as, "under the recent orders of the Government‡ of India, the Government do not consider that any supplemental grant is necessary to meet anticipated expenditure for *sanctioned* work in excess of the budget-estimate for the year."

G. O., dated 20th May 1868, No. 1,427.

G. O., dated 17th December 1872, No. 1,685.

‡ *Vide* orders of Government of India contained in Proceedings of Madras Government, dated 28th September 1872, No. 1,289.

3. As already stated in my previous letters all should go on satisfactorily if I am permitted to work upon the budget-estimate as sanctioned by the Madras Government; but, if I am not

Dated 26th August 1873, No. 1,789.
,, 20th October ,, ,, 2,323.

thus aided during these last four months of the year, the department must become, as it were, disorganized and its restoration be a task of time and difficulty owing to the loss of its trained hands.

		Rs.
Regular Estimate, 1873-74		3,79,000
Saving		36,000
		3,43,000
Government of India allotment ...		*3,22,100
Excess...		20,900

* Including the grant for Tinnevelly.

4. Should it be finally determined that no aid be given, I find that, by stopping work in Ganjam and Chingleput and by transferring the officers as mentioned at the close of paragraph 1, the saving would be Rs. 36,000, still leaving 20,900 in excess of the Government of India grant. There are three causes for this unavoidable excess—

1*st*.—The fact of the retrenchment being only known in August.

2*nd*.—The original budget having been framed as economically as possible and all probable reductions included, so that by transfer to other parties no saving is effected, the abolition of the hands thus transferred having been already calculated upon.

3*rd*.—To field-work in Cuddapah having occupied a longer time than was expected owing to the large amount of interstitial field measurement that had to be dealt with and to certain alterations having been recently ordered in the mode of demarcation.

No. 77. ORDER THEREON, 19th November 1873, No. 1,267.

Miscellaneous.

UNDER the explanation now submitted by the Director of Revenue Settlement, the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the proposals made in his letter, dated 7th October 1873, No. 2,193, but it must be on the distinct understanding that only regularly sanctioned charges are incurred by him. If, under these circumstances, his budget provision be exceeded, the excess can be met from savings under other heads.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Revenue Settlement.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Rs. 1267

Under the explanation now submitted by the Director of Rev. Settlement the G. in C. is pleased to sanction the proposals made in his letter dated 7th Oct/73 No 2193, but it must be on the distinct understanding that only regularly sanctioned charges are incurred by him. If under these circumstances his budget provision be exceeded the excess can be met from savings under other heads.

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From
The Director of
Revenue Settlement
To H.M. Secy to Govt
Revenue Dept

Dated 31st Oct 73
Rec'd 4th Nov 73

No 2468
Dt 1267 - 19 Nov 73

Copy of the above communication
by the Revenue Board
to the Accountant General,
Madras, for information
and guidance in the
matter of the
sanctioned charges
incurred by the Revenue
Officers in the
Cuddapah District.

Write out.

20 Oct Rev 73 No 171-172
15 Sept Rev 0 — 116-117
17 Oct Rev 72 0 — 104-110
28 Sept Rev 0 — 182-182
7 Oct Rev 72 0 — 106-107
20 Aug Rev 73 — 502-509
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