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No. 70. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th December 1873, No. 2626:—

Read the following letters:—

From the President of the Local Fund Boards, Trichinopoly District, dated 13th October 1873, No. 40.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting Local Fund Budget Estimates for 1874-75.

From the same Officer, dated 24th November 1873, No. 50.

ABSTRACT.—Forwarding a sketch showing the proposed and existing Tolls in the District.

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 18th December 1873, No. 2,527.

ABSTRACT.—Stating that the provision for expenditure made in the Local Fund Budget seems to be sufficient.

THE Local Fund Budget Estimate of the Trichinopoly Circle for 1874-75 is submitted for the orders of Government.

2. STATEMENT I.-A., REVENUE AND RECEIPTS.—The Local Fund assets of the year are estimated at Rupees 2,46,520, made up as follows:—

	RS.
1. Balances...	24,990
2. Allotments from General Revenue ...	66,480
3. Rates and Taxes ...	1,52,000
4. Contribution from Municipalities for Insuec- tion ...	150
5. Receipts from endowed Choultries ...	2,000
6. Miscellaneous ...	900
Total...	2,46,520

3. It is not clear from the President's letter that the sums shown under "Balances" are such as are thought likely to remain unutilized at the close of the current year. They seem to represent the sums left unappropriated at the time when the budget was prepared.

4. The current year's grant (Rupees 44,210) from Provincial Funds for roads is repeated in the present budget. To this a sum of Rupees 6,750 is added, being the contribution from Provincial Funds towards the cost of repairing the Trunk road from Trichinopoly to Madura, authorized in G. O., Financial Department, dated 18th June 1873, No. 852.

5. The Cess on land is estimated at Rupees 1,20,000 against Rupees 1,25,000 in the current year's budget. The President attributes the decrease (1) to the fall of Rupees 41,500 in the Land Revenue demand for Fasli 1282, and (2) to a more accurate calculation of the Land Cess in Muttahs and Zemindaries. The terms used by the President with regard to this calculation suggest that it has not been properly made even now. The Land Cess payable by Zemindars is $\frac{1}{12}$ th of the rental of the estate minus $\frac{1}{2}$ nd of the Peishcush.

6. In their Proceedings of the 7th August 1873, No. 1,517, the Board laid before Government a letter in which the President of the Local Fund Board requested on general principles that the tolls belonging to the Municipalities of Trichinopoly and Srirungum might be handed over to the Local Fund Board. One of the advantages which would result from this measure was stated by the President to be that the Local Fund Board would be able to set up two new toll gates, one at the southern extremity of the Coleroon bridge, and the other on the road from Combacorum to Srirungum. The Srirungum Commissioners had consented to give up their tolls, but the Trichinopoly Commissioners, while leaving the decision entirely to Government, urged that the toll receipts were urgently required by the Municipality. It was thus left to Government to order

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whether the tolls should or should not be made over to the Local Fund Board, but Government in their Order of the 26th August 1873, No. 1,207, only said that they could have no objection to the transfer. In this budget it is assumed that Government have not only ordered the transfer, but that they have approved of the two new toll gates for which sanction is requested in the letter, dated 24th November 1873, No. 50. The receipts are estimated at Rupees 30,000, tolls being levied on traffic passing both ways, and the Local Fund Board proposes to give half of this as a contribution for roads to the two Municipalities. The toll gate on the Iyaur bridge is expected to yield Rupees 2,000.

7. The receipts are thus—

	RS.
Road Fund	1,85,230
Endowment Fund	14,970
General Fund	46,320
Total...	2,46,520

8. STATEMENT I.-B., EXPENDITURE.—The total proposed expenditure is Rupees 2,07,960, classified as follows:—

	RS.
Grant I.	1,83,160
„ II.	9,050
„ III.	13,330
„ IV.	2,420
Total...	2,07,960

9. GRANT I., PUBLIC WORKS, STATEMENT II., ROAD FUND RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.—The Road Fund assets are estimated at Rupees 1,85,230, and the expenditure at Rupees 1,84,560, leaving a balance of Rupees 670.

10. The provision of Rupees 5,860 made for the Road Fund Petty Establishment is the current year's grant for the same item plus the charges on account of three Writers under the Local Fund Overseers.

11. The cost of supervision by the Public Works Department, calculated at 25 per cent. on the proposed expenditure, is Rupees 27,850.

12. A sum of Rupees 2,530 is provided for charges on account of the nine tolls entered in Statement II.-C. No provision is made for the toll bar at Iyaur bridge, because it is to be rented out as in the current year.

13. The share of the cost of the General management chargeable to the Road Fund should be estimated at Rupees 1,720.

14. Rupees 100 is provided for Contingencies in Statement II., while there is nothing shown under the corresponding item in Grant I., Statement I.-B. The amount has, therefore, to be entered in the latter statement also.

15. The Road Fund reserve calculated at 10 per cent. of the receipts is Rupees 17,820.

16. The Road Fund expenditure will thus be Rupees 1,83,390, leaving a balance of Rupees 1,840.

17. STATEMENT II.-A., PART I, NEW WORKS.—This contains six road items with a total allotment of Rupees 36,000. The first two items appear in the current year's budget, and the remaining four are unsanctioned works. The President will be good enough to report what it is that causes such delay in projecting and estimating for new works in his circle. The subject has attracted attention before. It is presumed that the estimates will be submitted within the first four months of the year—*Vide* Rule XXX., Clause 2.

18. PART II., REPAIRS.—The allotment for road maintenance is Rupees 75,400, being Rupees 150 less than in the budget of the current year. All the roads in that budget are provided for, but the allowances of many have been reduced. Rupees 1,000 are allotted for Town roads in Museri and Perambalur.

19. Rupees 100 each are provided for repairs to four public bungalows.

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20. The following entries under Grant I. have to be altered:—

	RS.
Cost of Public Works Supervision	27,950
Tools and Plant	1,120
Contingencies... ..	100
Road Fund Reserve	17,820

21. Grant I. is thus—

Road Fund	1,81,670
General Fund... ..	510

Total... 1,82,180

22. GRANT II., EDUCATION.—The allotment for Educational inspection is Rupees 1,680, which provides for three Inspecting Schoolmasters. Two were sanctioned in G. O., dated 18th October 1871, No. 314, and a third on Rupees 30 a month is said to be wanted. The Board think all three should be allowed.

23. It is proposed to deal with Local Fund Schools in a supplemental budget, and a sufficiently large balance for this purpose is left unappropriated. The Local Fund Board's scheme was laid before Government in Revenue Board's Proceedings, dated 31st October 1873, No. 2,221.

24. The number of the Salary Grant Schools in the current year's budget is six, but the Local Fund Board propose to make two of them Results Grant Schools, and Rupees 370 is entered for the remaining four.

25. Rupees 7,000, or Rupees 1,000 more than in the current year, are provided for Results grants. The Director has informed the Board that he considers the provision in the budget for education sufficient.

26. The total of Grant II. is Rupees 9,050, chargeable to the General Fund.

27. GRANT III.—This grant consists of the following items:—

	RS.
1. Vaccination	4,000
2. Sanitation	5,000
3. Choultries	730
4. Public Bungalows	240
5. Contribution to Municipalities	3,360

Total... 13,330

28. A sum of Rupees 4,000 (Rupees 1,320 more than in the current year) is entered against the first item, "Vaccination." This sum is estimated as the probable cost of a Vaccine Establishment fit to carry out the Circle Board's proposals approved by Government in their Order, Financial Department, dated 13th August 1873, No. 1,141. The details of the establishment are given in paragraph 22 of the President's letter, and seem to be suitable.

29. The allotment for the second item is distributed as follows:—

	RS.
1. Improving of Water-supply	2,000
2. Improving the Village sites	1,000
3. Scavenging of large Villages and small Towns..	2,000

Total... 5,000

30. The fifth item (Rupees 3,360) is made up of the following:—

	RS.
1. Contribution to the Trichinopoly Municipality for Civil Dispensary	860
2. Do. to Srirangam Municipality for do.	1,500
3. Do. do. for one-third of the actual cost of annual festival	200
4. Do. being the equivalent of the amount raised by voluntary subscription towards the extra expenditure required to admit of the services of Native Surgeon attached to the Dispensary	800

Total .. 3,360

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31. The first two items appear in the current year's budget. The others were admitted for the current year in Board's Proceedings, dated 1st November 1873, No. 2,228, which disposed of the List of incomplete works, etc.

32. The total of Grant III. is—

	RS.
Endowment Fund	730
General Fund	12,600
Total ...	13,330

33. GRANT IV.—The only item under this grant that was revised in this office is "Contribution to the Controlling Establishment at the Presidency." This is reduced to Rupees 840.

34. Grant IV. will thus be—

	RS.
Road Fund	1,720
General Fund	570
Total ...	2,290

35. The President is requested to expedite the despatch of the road map promised in the P. S. attached to the letter giving cover to the budget.

36. The following is an abstract of the budget as revised by the Board :—

Receipts.		Expenditure.			
	RS.		RS.		RS.
Road Fund... ..	1,85,230	Grant I. ... { Road Fund	1,81,670		
Endowment Fund	14,970	{ Endowment Fund	...		
General Fund	46,320	{ General Fund	510		
					1,82,180
		Grant II. ... General Fund	...		9,050
		Grant III. { Endowment Fund	730		
		{ General Fund	12,600		
					13,330
		Grant IV. { Road Fund	1,720		
		{ General Fund	570		
					2,290
					2,06,850
		General Reserve	...		4,140
		Balances.			
		Road Fund	1,840		
		Endowment Fund	14,240		
		General Fund	19,450		
					35,530
Total...	2,46,520	Total...	...		2,46,520.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

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No. 71. ORDER THEREON, 9th February 1874, No. 211.

The Budget Estimates of the Trichinopoly Local Fund Circle for 1874-75, which are submitted with the above Proceedings, are compared below with those of the current year :—

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	1873-74. RS.	1874-75. RS.	1873-74. RS.
Balance brought forward...	15,720	24,990	23,000
Allotment from General Revenue—			36,000
Provincial Funds	44,210	50,960	77,860
Special Funds	15,100	15,520	31,520
Cess on Land	1,25,000	1,20,000	14,860
Tolls	2,000	32,000	17,820
Contribution from other Circles	240	150	...
Receipts from Endowments, Contributions, &c.	2,200	2,000	2,670
Miscellaneous	...	900	1,680
			...
			6,580
			4,000
			5,000
			980
			2,360
			2,320
			3,810
			35,530
Total ...	2,04,470	2,46,520	2,04,470

2. As pointed out by the Board of Revenue, it seems doubtful whether the opening balance has been correctly calculated. The estimated grant from Provincial Funds for roads is a repetition of that for the current year, together with the promised special grant of Rupees 6,750 for the Madura road, and will be allowed to stand pending the final decision of Government as to the distribution of the Provincial grant among the various circles. The very large increase in Tolls is owing to the budget having been prepared on the assumption that Government had sanctioned the municipal tolls being taken over by the Local Fund Board and the establishment of two new tolls. This was certainly a somewhat strained construction to put on G.O., dated 26th August 1873, No. 1207, but the Municipalities seem to be liberally treated in the proposals now submitted, as the construction and maintenance of a loop-line by which through traffic would escape taxation would probably involve a still larger loss to the Trichinopoly Municipality. The Government desire, however, to hear the opinion of the Commissioners before sanctioning the change. In the meantime the entries may remain, and as the only effect of the new toll-gates will be to toll the traffic to and from Srirangam, which has hitherto escaped, the necessary sanction is accorded for their establishment.

3. Out of the Rupees 36,000 provided for New Works, the Government note that Rupees 16,000 are allotted for metalling roads already constructed, and that only Rupees 10,000 are assigned for projects on which no expenditure has hitherto been incurred. These latter items will be permitted to stand subject to the final

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decision of Government, or the Board of Revenue, on receipt of the explanation of the necessity for the works which the President promises to submit along with the estimates. The large increase shown in the abstract under "Other items" of Public Works expenditure, is chiefly owing to the payments of the municipal share of the tolls appearing in the Budget as a contribution for roads.

4. The entertainment of a third Inspecting Schoolmaster is sanctioned as recommended by the Board of Revenue, and the Government approve the decision of the Local Fund Board to reserve a large General Fund balance, with the view of preparing a Supplemental Educational Budget on receipt of orders on the scheme submitted with Board's Proceedings, dated 1st November 1873, No. 2226. The remaining items of expenditure call for no remark, and the Budget is passed as submitted by the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

S. Anderson
Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Trichinopoly.

- „ Board of Revenue.
- „ Revenue Department. ✓
- „ Accountant-General.
- „ Public Works Department.
- „ Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
- „ Director of Public Instruction.
- „ Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.
- „ President of the Local Fund Boards, Trichinopoly.

Exd. J. Wright.

S. Anderson

Revenue Dept

Budget of 1874-75

FINANCIAL.

To *N. 5222*

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,

Trichinopoly,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated February, 9th.

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G.O., 9th February 1874, No. 211.

to Mr

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 70-71.

Trichinopoly Circle.—Budget Estimate of this
circle for the year 1874-75, reviewed.

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