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No. 135. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st April 1874, No. 756:—

Read the following letters:—

From the President of the Local Fund Board, Nilgiri Circle, dated 17th December 1873, No. 19.

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

From the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, dated 7th January 1874, No. 9.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting remarks on the Budget Estimate of Nilgiri Local Fund Board for 1874-75.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 4th March 1874, No. 351, Financial Department.

ABSTRACT.—*Nilgiri Circle*.—The Board of Revenue informed that it will not be practicable to make to this Circle in 1874-75 a larger grant from Provincial Funds than was given in 1873-74.

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

2. STATEMENT 1.-A., REVENUES AND RECEIPTS.—The assets of the year are made up of—

	Rs.
1. Balances	4,810
2. Allotments from General Revenue	53,030
3. Rates and Taxes	14,000
4. Contributions, etc.	430
5. Endowments, etc.	360
6. Miscellaneous	1,440
Total...	74,070

3. Under the head balances two sums of Rupees 250 and 4,560 are entered against the Endowment and General Funds, respectively. No balance is shown against the Road Fund, and the Board have already pointed out to Government that there will probably be a deficit of Rs. 4,000 outstanding at the beginning of 1874-75.

4. The grant from Provincial Funds for roads is the same as is entered in the current year's budget, viz., Rupees 52,350, and the wants of the Circle are such as to require a much larger grant for roads, but this has to some extent been met by three of the roads being provided for in the Public Works Provincial Budget for 1874-75 as noticed further on.

5. The receipts from Land Cess are estimated at Rupees 2,000 or Rupees 600 more than in the current year's budget. This is owing partly to the late addition of the Ouchterlony Valley to the Nilgiri District and partly to the recovery of the Cess on Forest lands on the Hills granted free of assessment for five years.

6. The contributions from the Ooty and Coonoor Municipalities towards the cost of Educational Inspection are expected to amount to Rupees 100. The Board doubt whether this ought not to be reduced now that the Local Fund has been freed from all charges on account of Deputy-Inspectors.

7. Rupees 330 is entered as a contribution from the Calicut Circle for the section of the road from Hickanulla to Tippacadu, three miles, at Rupees 110 a mile, with reference to G. O., Financial Department, dated 4th June 1873, No. 788.

Vide also Board's Proceedings, dated 2nd September 1873, Miscellaneous No. 5,567.

8. Rupees 1,030 entered under "7 Miscellaneous" is the third instalment, of the sum of Rupees 3,090, which the Planters have agreed to contribute towards the cost of the new Kottagheri Ghaut road.

Vide paragraph 2 of Board's Proceedings, recorded in G.O., Financial Department, dated 1st May 1872, No. 606.

9. The receipts are—

	Rs.
Road Fund	67,040
Endowment Fund...	610
General Fund	6,420
Total...	74,070

10. Grant I., Public Works, Statement II., Road Fund Receipts and Charges.—The following provisions have been altered :—

	From.	To.
	Rs.	Rs.
New Works	47,670	12,000
Petty Establishment	1,670	1,680
Cost of Public Works Supervision ...	20,690	10,910
Road Fund share of the cost of General Management	870	880
Tools and Plant	460	440
Reserve	5,000	3,530

11. Of Rupees 5,890 entered as a contribution to the Ootacamund and Coonoor Municipalities Rupees 250 is for the drainage of the Coonoor Station roads and Rupees 5,640 for the up-keep of certain portions of the roads lying within Municipal respective limits. The details of this contribution are given in a separate statement called "Supplement to Parts I. and II. of the budget." As no such Statement is provided for in the Local Fund Rules, the Board think that the details should be given in Statement II.

12. The Reserve should be Rupees 6,700, but only Rupees 3,530 are available.

13. The Road Fund expenditure is Rupees 67,040, and there is no balance.

14. Statement II.-A., Part I., New Works.—Part I. contains eight items, with an aggregate allotment of Rupees 47,670 which, for want of funds, must be reduced to Rupees 12,000.

15. The Provincial Budget which has just been received provides for Items 2, 6 and 7 so that these may be struck out. The Board observe *en passant* that this method of providing part of the cost of roads in the Circle by a Provincial Grant of the Circle, and part in a Provincial Budget not passed till near the end of the year is inconvenient. The allotment for Item 4 is reduced from Rupees 5,000 to Rupees 3,380, and that for Item 8 from Rupees 3,000 to Rupees 1,500.

16. Part II., Repairs.—The allotment for road repairs is Rupees 31,650 which added to Rupees 5,640 the contribution to the Municipalities for the maintenance of roads makes Rs. 37,290 against Rupees 35,010 in 1873-74. The increase is chiefly the result of three new roads being brought under maintenance, and of the mileage rates of some of the existing roads having been increased. Item No. 2 being below Rupees 1,000 in cost should be shown in the Appendix to Part II.

17. Under "Sanitary and Miscellaneous" a sum of Rupees 2,500 is provided for the following purposes :—

	Rs.
Repairs of Public Bungalows	600
Do. of Chuttrums...	1,200
Petty repairs	700
Total...	2,500

The Board agree with the President in thinking that the provision for the second item may stand over for another year and have accordingly disallowed it.

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

	Rs.
New Works—Communication	12,000
Repairs—Sanitary and Miscellaneous	1,300
Cost of Public Works Supervision	11,210
Petty Establishment	1,680
Tools and Plant	450
Road Fund Reserve	3,530

19. Grant I. is thus—

	Rs.
Road Fund	66,160
General Fund	1,640
Total ..	67,800

20. Grant II., Education.—The provision for the salary and allowances of the Inspecting Schoolmaster sanctioned in G. O., F. D., dated 19th February 1874, No. 277, should be Rs. 680, as is detailed below :—

	Rs.
Salary on Rupees 40 a month	480
Travelling allowance	180
Contingencies	18
Total...	678

21. Grant III., Sanitation, etc.—The allotment for Vaccine Establishment, Rupees 600, is the sum entered in the current year's budget. It provides for—

1 Vaccinator at Ootacamund	at Rs. 23 each per mensem.
1 Do. at Coonoor	Rs. 46 × 12 = 552
Contingencies...	48
Total...	600

22. Grant III. is debitable as follows :—

	Rs.
Endowment Fund	360
General Fund	900
Total...	1,260

23. Grant IV., Miscellaneous.—The contribution for the Controlling Establishments at the Presidency should be Rupees 290.

24. Grant IV. is—

	Rs.
Road Fund	880
General Fund	90
Total...	970

25. The General Reserve will be Rupees 190, and the balance is Rupees 2,500.

26. An abstract of the budget as modified above is subjoined :—

Receipts.			Charges.			
		Rs.			Rs.	Rs.
Road Fund...		67,040	Grant I. ...	Road Fund	66,160	
Endowment Fund ...		610		General Fund ...	1,640	
General Fund		6,420				67,800
			Grant II. ...	General Fund ...	...	1,100
			Grant III. ...	Endowment Fund..	360	
				General Fund ...	900	
						1,260
			Grant IV. ...	Road Fund	880	
				General Fund ...	90	
						970
						71,130
			General Reserve		...	190
			Balances.			
			Road Fund			
			Endowment Fund	250		
			General Fund	2,500		
					...	2,750
Total...		74,070	Total...		...	74,070

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE, *Secretary.*

No. 136. ORDER THEREON, 15th May 1874, No. 840.

The Budget Estimates of the Nilgiri Local Fund Board for 1874-75 are compared below with those for the year 1873-74 :—

RECEIPTS.	1873-74.	1874-75.
	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward ...	30	4,810
Allotments from General Revenue	56,740	53,030
Special Funds	...	...
Cess on Land	1,400	2,000
Tolls	12,000	12,000
Contributions from other Circles and Municipalities..	100	430
Receipts from Endowments and Contributions	360	360
Miscellaneous	410	1,440
Total ...	71,040	74,070

CHARGES.	1873-74.	1874-75.
	RS.	RS.
Grant I.		
New Works—		
Communications	12,260	12,000
Repairs—		
Communications	35,010	31,650
Miscellaneous	2,500	1,300
Cost of General Public Works Establishment ...	12,970	11,240
Road Fund Reserve	2,620	3,530
Other items	2,200	8,080
Grant II.—		
Inspection	300	680
Grants-in-aid	420	420
Miscellaneous	300	...
Grant III.—		
Hospitals	...	...
Vaccination	600	600
Other items	880	600
Grant IV.—		
Establishment	950	970
General Reserve	...	190
Balances—		
Road Fund	...	...
Endowment Fund	30	250
General Fund	...	2,500
Total ...	71,040	74,070

2. The Road Fund portion of the Budget as adjusted by the Board of Revenue calls for little remark, but as in G.O., dated 1st May 1874, No. 752, it has been directed that all road repairs in the Ootacamund Municipality for which grants are made (directly or indirectly) from Provincial Funds, shall be carried out as a Provincial work, and the roads excluded by notification from the operations of the Municipality, the contribution of Rupees 3,820 for roads within the Ootacamund Municipal limits will be struck out of the Local Fund Budget, and a corresponding decrease made in the amount of the Provincial grant. The Accountant-General will also arrange for the transfer to the Public Works Department of a sum of Rupees 3,820 from the allotment of Rupees 12,00,000 assigned in the Provincial Budget as a grant to Local Funds. The inconvenience noted by the Board of Revenue in paragraph 15 of their Proceedings will not recur as the works in question will be provided for in the Public Works Budget until completed. As the repair of these roads will lie with the Local Fund Board, it is impossible to exclude them by notification from the operation of Act IV. of 1871, but the Government presume that the Board will have no objection to improvements being effected to their property. It would be impossible with fair consideration of the wants of other parts of the Presidency to assign to the Nilgiri Circle any larger share of the amount

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provided in the Provincial Budget for grants to Local Funds, but as no provision can be made in this Budget for the Kotagiri Ghaut, it will be considered in the Public Works Department whether an additional sum of Rupees 3,600 can be provided so as to permit of the completion of the work within the current year—a matter to which the Government attach great importance.

3. With an unallotted General Fund balance of Rupees 2,500, and no educational scheme in working order, the Government do not see the necessity of disallowing the allotment of Rupees 1,200 for chuttrums as proposed by the Board of Revenue in consequence of the remarks contained in the last paragraph of the President's letter, and the amount should be reinserted in the budget. With reference to paragraph 27 of the President's letter, the Government do not understand why the discontinuance of the Union scheme should interfere with the payment of salary grants to existing schools, and arrangements should be made for the expenditure of the allotment during the current year.

4. The following is an abstract of the Budget as modified by Government:—

RECEIPTS.	RS.
Road Fund	63,220
Endowment Fund	610
General Fund	6,420
Total ...	70,250

EXPENDITURE.	RS.	RS.
Grant I.—		
Road Fund		62,340
General Fund		3,150
Grant II.—		
General Fund		1,100
Grant III.—		
Endowment Fund		360
General Fund		900
Grant IV.—		
Road Fund	880	
General Fund	90	970
		68,820
General Reserve		190
Balances—		
Endowment Fund		250
General Fund		990
Total ...		70,250

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Local Fund Board, Nilgiris.
,, Public Works Department.
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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
LOCAL FUND BOARDS,
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Dated May, 15th.

Read 3rd *June* Encl.

G.O., 15th *May* 1874, *No.* 940.

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Nos. 135-136.

Nilgiri Circle.—The Budget Estimates of this Circle for the year 1874-75, reviewed and passed.

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