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Local Funds—Budget.

Read the following papers :—

No. 42. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th October 1875, No. 3,007.

Read letter from the President of the Local Fund Boards, Salem District, dated 7th October 1875, No. 1,223, forwarding Local Fund Budget of Oosoor Circle for 1876-77.

Read also letter from the Acting Sanitary Commissioner, dated 14th October 1875, No. 1,827, passing remarks on the provision made for sanitary purposes in the Budget.

The Local Fund Budget Estimates of the Oosoor Circle for 1876-77 are herewith submitted for the approval of Government.

2. REGULAR ESTIMATE FOR 1875-76.—The Regular Estimate appears from the Vice-President's letter to have been prepared in the manner required in paragraph 3 of the Board's Circular Memorandum, dated 9th August 1875, No. 1,269, though it does not show the necessary details as fully as might be desired.

3. STATEMENT A.—The Local Fund closing balance of 1874-75 is given at Rupees 11,814 as hereunder particularized against Rupees 7,730 in the current year's budget:—

Local Fund...	rs.
General Fund	— 5,152
	+ 16,996
Total ...	<u>11,814</u>

4. The Land Cess is put down at Rupees 53,000 against Rupees 50,000 in the current year's budget.

5. The entry of Rupees 2,000, being the contribution by the Salem Circle Board for the past and present upkeep of four miles of road in that Circle, should be struck out, as it appears from paragraph 2 of the President's letter that the money is to be paid next year.

6. The total receipts will thus be Rupees 91,469.

7. STATEMENT B.—Under the head "New Works" Rupees 12,004 is put down, which seems to include Rupees 3,000 sanctioned as contribution for the erection of the Charitable Dispensary at Oosoor, and Rupees 2,610 asked for in excess of the original estimate for the construction of a bridge across the Chinnar river. The sum of Rupees 3,000 should be entered against the head "Contribution to other Circles, &c." The Board have not, for want of funds, sanctioned the allotment of Rupees 2,610 applied for for the bridge work. The amount has accordingly been deducted from the Vice-President's estimate.

8. Rupees 38,410 is given as the probable expenditure on repairs, which is Rupees 1,000 more than the allotment sanctioned up to date. In 1873-74 and 1874-75 the expenditure on repairs was 99 and 100 per cent. of the allotments sanctioned and therefore no savings can be expected from this head.

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9. Under Establishment the budget provision is entered. The item will be raised to Rupees 4,340 so as to provide for the cost of the Public Works Department Supervision on works sanctioned subsequent to the issue of the budget.

10. Grant I. will be Rupees 53,234.

					RS.
Road Fund...	...	...	...	—	773
General Fund	...	...	...	+	<u>15,217</u>

Total ...	14,441
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11. The expenditure under Grants II., III., and IV. may be accepted.

12. The total expenditure amounts to Rupees 77,025, leaving a balance of Rupees 14,444 as per margin.

BUDGET OF 1876-77.

13. STATEMENT I.-A., REVENUES AND RECEIPTS.—The Provincial grant for roads is taken at the reduced amount of Rupees 8,150 with reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 16th September 1875, No. 2,590. The Land Cess is Rs. 53,000. The District Board of the Circle have hitherto closed

14. As the transactions of the Road Fund of the Circle have hitherto closed with a deficit, and as the Provincial grant for roads has been reduced, the Circle Board, in order to preserve equilibrium between the receipts and expenditure, propose to levy tolls at the places noted

- Board, in order to preserve equilibrium between the receipts and expenditure, propose to levy tolls at the places noted in the margin, which are expected to yield Rupees 4,000. No information is given as to how far the proposed sites for the tolls fulfil the conditions prescribed in paragraph 22 of the G.O.,

Public Department, dated 9th May 1871, No. 619, nor as to the data on which the receipts have been calculated. The President is requested to supply the omission, and also submit the usual draft notifications. Pending the receipt of a reply the entry will be allowed to stand.

15. The school fees are Rupees 840, and the contribution from the Salem Circle for the upkeep of four miles of a road is Rupees 400. The latter amount has been raised to Rupees 2,400 to include the charge for the past five years also. The list of books should be shown under "7, Miscellaneous."

16. The sale proceeds of books should be shown under "7, Miscellaneous."

17. Rupees 480, being the interest on Price's Vaccination Fund, is for the first time entered in the budget. In G.O., Financial Department, dated 13th November 1874, No. 1,934, the Price Vaccination Fund having been made over to the Oosoor Local Fund Board, the four Vaccinators paid from that source are amalgamated with the Local Fund Vaccinators.

18. The receipts are—

Receipts are—	Rs.
Read Fund	53,140
Endowment Fund ..	1,120
General Fund... ..	43,870
Total	98,130

19. GRANT I., PUBLIC WORKS, STATEMENT II., ROAD FUND RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.—The Road Fund receipts include an additional appropriation of Rupees 4,000 from the one-third Land Cess. This appropriation is unnecessary and is accordingly disallowed.

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20. Rupees 3,650, or Rupees 1,500 more than in the current year, are provided for Petty Establishment. It is proposed to entertain an additional Overseer on 60 Rupees per mensem with his establishment. The addition is necessary, and is recommended for the sanction of Government.

21. The cost of Public Works Supervision, *minus* the cost of Petty Establishment, is Rupees 50. The charges on account of tolls amount to Rupees 1,000, which is 25 per cent. of the receipts. From paragraph 25 of the Vice-President's letter it would seem that a portion (probably Rupees 328) is for providing toll-houses and ought therefore to appear under Works. The President will report on the point in order that the necessary correction may be made hereafter in the printed budget. The cost of General Management chargeable to the Road Fund, and the Road Fund Reserve, should be Rupees 650 and Rupees 5,390, respectively. The Road Fund expenditure amounts to Rupees 51,300, leaving a balance

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23. STATEMENT II.-A, PART I, NEW WORKS.—Part I. contains fourteen items, with an aggregate allotment of Rupees 11,840. With the exception of the 10th, 12th, 13th, and 14th items all the rest are minor new works, estimated to cost below Rupees 1,000 each. They have accordingly been shown in the Appendix. Item 11, with an allotment of Rupees 800, is for the completion of

24. The 10th item, with an allotment of Rupees 800, is for the completion of the Oossoor Dispensary, which is not a Local Fund institution. The amount should be shown against "g. Contributions" under Grant I. This sum appears to be a contribution in addition to that of Rupees 3,000 sanctioned in G.O., 19th February 1875, No. 374.

25. The 12th item, with an allotment of Rupees 3,500, is for constructing a Dispensary at Kistnagherry. This will be retained in Part I., with the proviso that no portion of the allotment is to be spent until a standard plan for a Dispensary is settled by Government.

13th.—Constructing drains in the Oosoor town...	RS. 1,000	26. The 13th and 14th items are sanitary improvements and have accordingly been shown against "Other sanitary outlay" under Grant III. and in Statement IV.-B.
14th.—Posts with lanterns for three towns	470	
Total ...	1,470	

Communications Rupees 34,840 is provided against Rupees 33,790 in the current year's budget. The increase is chiefly owing to the inclusion of four new roads. "General and Miscellaneous" Rupees 1,500 is provided for the

28. Under "Sanitary and Miscellaneous" Rupees 1,500 is provided for the maintenance of avenues, and Rupees 500 for the repair of Orr's choultries, bungalows and native choultries.

29. Grant I. is chargeable to—

	P.S.
Road Fund	50,650
General Fund... ..	7,290
Total...	<u>57,940</u>

30. GRANT II., EDUCATION.—There are at present two Inspecting Schoolmasters on Rupees 20 each. It is proposed to give them an increase of Rupees 5

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each per mensem, and the Board think that this may be allowed. The provision should be Rupees 1,000.

31. Rupees 4,190, as per margin, are entered for the Local Fund schools against Rupees 5,730 in the current year's budget. There is an increase in

1. Salaries of {Fixed 1,940}	RS. 3,850	fixed salaries owing to the increase in the number of Teachers and a decrease in the amount provided for payment by results with reference to past experience.
Masters. {Results 1,910}		
2. Miscellaneous 340		
Total 4,190		No provision is made for Peons in the

Local Fund schools, this being considered to be an unnecessary charge.

32. The Circle Board propose, from the unhealthiness of the locality or other cause, to transfer the school at Mathagondahully to Thully, and that at Mathoor to Jagadevi. The sanction of Government is requested for these transfers.

33. Rupees 1,500 is allotted for Results grants, and Rupees 300 for the purchase of books.

34. Grant II. is Rupees 7,040.

35. GRANT III., SANITATION, &c.—Rupees 720 is provided for the salary of a 1st-Class Hospital Assistant, in lieu of the present Hospital Apprentice, for the Durampuri Dispensary, because the latter officer is stated to be unpopular with the people of the place. The President should address the Surgeon-General on this point, and ascertain if it will be feasible to effect a transfer of a Hospital Assistant. In the meanwhile the provision for the Medical Subordinate should be restored to Rupees 900.

36. In the current year's budget provision is made for two menial servants for each of the two Dispensaries, but in the present budget the number is raised to five. The Board request Government to sanction the revised scale as follows:—

1. Compounder 10	RS. 30
2. Scavenger and Sweeper 6	
3. Cook 5	
4. Female Attendant 5	
5. Waterman 4	
Total 30	

37. A sum of Rupees 1,860 is entered for Vaccination against Rupees 1,330 in the current year's budget. The increase is owing to the amalgamation of Price Vaccinators with the Local Fund Vaccinators.

38. The provision for sanitation is raised to Rupees 10,800 for reasons given in paragraph 26 *supra*.

39. Rupees 710 are entered for Bungalows against Rupees 610 in the current year's budget. The increase is caused by the pay of the Sweepers having been raised to Rupees 3 each per mensem.

40. A sum of Rupees 300 is entered for Choultries against Rupees 100 in the current year's budget. The excess provision is due to an increased rate of Rupees 4 per mensem allowed to the Sweepers attached to them.

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Endowment Fund 1,120	RS.
General Fund 18,630	
Total 19,750	

43. GRANT IV., MISCELLANEOUS.—There are at present one Clerk on Rupees 25 and two Peons on Rupees 7 each attached to the Circle Board's office. It is proposed to raise the pay of the Clerk to Rupees 30, and that of one of the Peons (to be henceforth called Attender) to Rupees 10. These proposals are recommended for the sanction of Government.

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Road Fund 650	RS.
General Fund 550	
Total 1,200	

46. The General Reserve should be Rupees 2,870.

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

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General Fund 43,870		Grant II... General Fund		7,040
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		General Fund 18,630		19,750
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		General Fund 550		1,200
		General Reserve		85,930
		Balances.		2,870
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No. 43. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th November 1875, No. 10,317 (Miscellaneous).

Read the following letter from C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Salem, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd November 1875, No. 1313 :—

In continuation of my letter, No. 1236, dated 7th ultimo, and in reference to paragraph 3 thereof, I have the honor to submit copies of communications, as well as the notifications, received from the Vice-President, Local Fund Board of Oosoor, on the subject of the establishment of toll-gates at Toppur, Bargar, and Attipalli. The sites have been well considered ; but I would observe that, if the Oosoor Board should be allowed to open toll-gates at these places, the Salem Board also should share, considering that this Board were the first in making a proposal which was, however, negatived by G.O., No. 358, dated 23rd March 1872.

Submitted to Government for orders with reference to Board's Proceedings, 29th October 1875, No. 3007, paragraph 14.

2. The sites selected for the toll-gates proposed for the Oosoor Circle are described by the Vice-President and seem well selected. If Government approve the proposal, it is requested that the required notification may be issued.

3. The President states that the Salem Local Board should share in the proceeds. The claim might perhaps be allowed as regards the proceeds of the Toppur toll, which is situated on the boundary line ; but, as regards the others, the Board think there is no foundation for it. This question, however, can be settled hereafter. The Board do not wish to delay these papers as the Oosoor Budget is now before Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

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No. 44. ORDER THEREON, 6th January 1876, No. 27.

The Budget Estimates of the Oosoor Circle for 1876-77 submitted with the foregoing Proceedings are compared below with those for the current year :—

RECEIPTS.			CHARGES.		
	1875-76. RS.	1876-77. RS.		1875-76. RS.	1876-77. RS.
Balance brought forward—			Grant I.—		
Road Fund		770	New Works—		
General Fund	7,730	15,220	Communications ...	2,400	5,270
Allotments from General			Educational	1,000	...
Revenues—			Sanitary and Miscel-		
Provincial Funds	11,010	8,159	laneous	...	4,300
Special Funds	9,090	9,900	Repairs—		
Cess on Land	50,000	53,000	Communications ...	33,790	34,840
Tolls	...	4,000	Educational	120	120
Fees in Schools	600	840	Sanitary and Miscel-		
Contributions from other			laneous	3,500	2,000
Circles, &c.	...	2,400	Cost of General Estab-		
Receipts from Endowments,			lishment, P. W. D. ...	1,600	50
&c	640	1,120	Petty Establishment ...	2,109	3,650
Miscellaneous	2,430	4,190	Charges in connexion with		
			Tolls	...	1,000
			Tools and Plant	820	470
			Contingencies, &c. ...	50	850
			Road Fund Reserve ...	4,820	5,350
			Grant II.—		
			Inspection	880	1,000
			Local Fund Schools ...	5,730	4,190
			Grants-in-aid	1,940	1,500
			Miscellaneous	470	350
			Grant III.—		
			Hospitals and Dispen-		
			saries	4,270	4,500
			Vaccination	1,330	1,860
			Sanitary Establishment.	7,420	10,600
			Public Bungalows ...	610	710
			Choultries	100	300
			Miscellaneous	900	1,580
			Grant IV.—		
			Establishment and Super-		
			vision	900	1,200
			General Reserve	2,500	2,870
			Balance—		
			Road Fund	2,150	1,840
			General Fund	2,050	7,400
			Total ...	81,500	98,130
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2. Under Receipts a sum of Rupees 4,000 is newly estimated from Tolls, it

1. At Chinnar Bridge near Oosoor, on the road to Mallore Railway Station. being proposed to establish them at the four places marginally noted. The sites appear to be well selected, and, as the tolls are necessary to prevent the Road Fund from becoming insolvent, their establishment is sanctioned. The question raised by the President regarding the claim of the Salem Local Fund Board for a share of the tolls should again be separately brought forward after due consideration by the Local Boards. The data on which the receipts from the tolls have been estimated are not stated. They are probably much under-rated. The necessary notification will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.
2. At Attipalli, on Trunk Road No. 1, on the Mysore frontier
3. At Burgur, on Trunk Road No. 1.
4. At Toppur, do. No. 5.

The estimate of Rupees 2,400 under "Contributions from other Circles" is due to the Salem Board having agreed to pay for the upkeep of four miles of road in that circle, which are maintained by the Oosoor Board, at the rate of 400 Rs. a year for the last five years. The increased estimate under "Miscellaneous" appears to be owing to increased contributions from the people for the various sanitary purposes detailed in paragraph 44 of the Vice-President's letter. It is understood that these contributions from villagers are purely voluntary. As decided by the Board of Revenue, no additional appropriation to the Road Fund from the one-third land-cess can be made.

entire allotment for new works and about 50 per cent. of that for repairs is proposed to be expended by agency other than the Public Works Department, and as under present arrangements the cost of Petty Establishment is to be deducted from the cost of Public Works Supervision, which is charged at 25 per cent. on the expenditure by that department, the amount to be contributed towards the Department of Public Works establishment by this circle is very small. The Government, however, doubt whether this adjustment and item have been correctly estimated. It is only in respect of works supervised by the Department of Public Works that no charge for Petty Establishment in excess of the 25 per cent. on outlay for Public Works agency is admitted. Where "Other agency" is employed and no percentage credited to Government for the services of the Public Works Department, the Petty Establishment charge is to be separately debited to the Fund. The increase to the Petty Establishment has been separately sanctioned. The increases to the pay of the Inspecting Schoolmasters and that of the Clerk and Attender in the Circle Board Office are sanctioned as proposed, as also is the additional establishment proposed for the dispensaries. The unsatisfactory relations of the Darampuri Hospital Assistant with the people should be brought to the notice of the Surgeon-General.

The increased provision for sanitation is approved. The transfer of the schools at Mathagondahully and Mathoor to Thully and Jagadevi, respectively, is sanctioned for the reason stated in paragraph 32 of the Board's Proceedings. The receipts from Travellers' Bungalows are estimated at Rupees 350. The charges

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on account of Establishment are set down at 710 Rupees, which is 100 Rupees in advance of those sanctioned for the current year consequent on the sanctioned employment of sweepers.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue, with enclosures.

- .. Revenue Department. ✓
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- .. Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
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