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Local Funds—Budget.

No. 37. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th December 1875, No. 3322:—

Read the following letters:—

From the President of the Local Fund Boards, Tinnevelly District, dated 28th October 1875, No. —, forwarding Local Fund Budget of Tinnevelly Circle for 1876-77.

From the Sanitary Commissioner, dated 13th November 1875, No. 1,988, remarking on the foregoing Budget.

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

2. REGULAR ESTIMATE OF 1875-76.—The Regular Estimate for 1875-76 is prepared with great care and accuracy. The receipts, including the balances of 1874-75, are estimated at Rupees 2,25,000, and the expenditure, including the reserves, at Rupees 2,21,870, leaving a balance of Rupees 3,330.

3. In calculating the outlay on Public Works, the President expects savings, amounting to Rupees 1,000, under Road Repairs and Rupees 40 under New Works. The allotments sanctioned up to date aggregate Rupees 1,30,550, as particularized below:—

	Road Fund.	Endowment Fund.	General Fund.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Allotments { By P. W. Dept. ...	74,050	...	2,500
... .. { By Other Agency...	36,939	336	3,065
Balance of the Special Provincial Grant of Rupees 16,420, sanctioned in G. O., F. D., dated 19th May 1875, No. 1,992 { By P. W. Dept. ...	10,610	...	...
... .. { By Other Agency..	...	...	...
Allotments sanctioned from Rs. 8,000 assigned in G. O., dated 20th May 1875, No. 1,104 { By P. W. Dept. ...	2,000	...	...
... .. { By Other Agency..	1,000	...	...
Total ...	1,24,649	336	5,565

In 1873-74 and 1874-75, 94.10 and 99.85 per cent. of the grants for works were spent. The Board of Revenue estimate the probable expenditure in the current year at Rupees 1,29,510 with reference to the savings expected from the sanctioned allotments as already noticed.

4. The entries under other heads may be accepted and the annexed statement shows in one view the transactions for 1875-76.

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	Road Fund.	Endowment Fund.	General Fund.
<i>Receipts.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.
Balances of 1874-75	—2,113	198	5,803
Provincial Funds	48,580	...	...
Special Funds	10,250	...	1,390
Rates and Taxes	1,01,840	...	49,000
Endowments	...	3,560	...
Miscellaneous	5,746	...	750
Total...	1,64,303	3,758	56,943
<i>Expenditure.</i>			
Grant I.—Public Works	81,271	...	2,500
Supervision...	42,338	330	3,065
Tools and Plant	20,318	...	625
Reserve, &c.	1,360	...	70
Grant II.—Education	6,905	...	250
Grant III.—Sanitation	...	...	26,510
Grant IV.—Miscellaneous	...	3,234	21,536
Loans	1,390	...	570
	9,114	...	...
Total...	1,62,696	3,570	55,156
Balances...	1,607	188	1,787
	1,64,303	3,758	56,943

These balances will be taken to the budget of 1876-77.

Budget of 1876-77.

5. STATEMENT I. A., REVENUES AND RECEIPTS.—The Provincial grant is taken at Rupees 36,150 as fixed in Board's Proceedings, dated 16th September 1875, No. 2,590, but only Rupees 24,150 of this sum is appropriated to Roads. From paragraph 5 of the above Proceedings it is clear that Rupees 30,150 should be allotted for Roads. The grant should therefore be distributed thus:—

	RS.
For Roads	30,150
For Schools	6,000
Total	36,150

6. The revenues from land-cess and tolls are respectively estimated at Rupees 1,47,000 and Rupees 4,000 against Rupees 1,50,000 and Rupees 10,000 in the current year, and the reasons assigned for the reduction are satisfactory.

7. As directed in G. O., Financial Department, dated 26th October 1875, No. 2,090, the contributions on account of tolls from Tinnevely, Palamcottah, and Tuticorin Municipalities should be entered. In order to fix the sums to be contributed, the Board have ascertained the average toll collections in 1871-72, 1872-73, and 1873-74 to be as follows:—

	RS.
Tinnevely	8,542
Palamcottah	7,689
Tuticorin	7,226

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The share of the Local Funds in the proportion of one-third, one-fourth and half will amount to Rupees 2,850, 1,920, and Rupees 3,610 respectively, making a total of Rupees 8,380.

8. The receipts are:—

	RS.
Road Fund	1,55,840
Endowment Fund	3,740
General Fund	58,710
Total	2,18,320

9. STATEMENT I. B., EXPENDITURE.—GRANT I., PUBLIC WORKS.—STATEMENT II., ROAD FUND.—The Circle Board propose to appropriate Rupees 18,200 from the one-third land-cess to the Road Fund. This appropriation is unnecessary, as the 6,000 Rupees intended for general purposes and Rupees 8,380 from Municipal tolls have been added to the Road Fund.

10. The following alterations have been made in Statement II:—

	ALLOTMENT.	
	From.	To.
	RS.	RS.
New Works by Public Works Department	42,510	40,440
Public Works Supervision	18,150	17,630
Share of cost of general management	1,670	1,570
Tools and Plant	1,430	1,110
Reserve	15,800	15,420

11. The cost of Petty Establishment is given as Rupees 4,374 against Rupees 5,390 in the current year's budget. From the particulars of the establishment furnished in paragraph 10 of the President's letter, it is observed that provision is made only for two Overseers instead of three sanctioned for the Circle. The President will explain.

12. A sum of Rupees 4,000 is provided towards repaying the Sattur Bridge loan with reference to the Circle Board's proposals, submitted to Government with Board's Proceedings, dated 15th November 1875, Miscellaneous No. 10,298.

13. The Road Fund expenditure is Rupees 1,55,840, leaving no balance.

14. STATEMENT II. A.—PART I., NEW WORKS.—Part I. contains ten items with a total allotment of Rupees 47,150. Items Nos. 5 and 6 are unsanctioned. The President will expedite the submission of estimates for them. The allotment for the 6th item has been reduced from Rupees 5,000 to Rupees 2,930 to bring the Road Fund expenditure within the available assets.

15. PART II., REPAIRS.—Rupees 65,610 are provided for road repairs against Rupees 70,500 in the current year's budget. The decrease is chiefly due to the reduction made in the maintenance grant of the road from Palamcottah to Madura consequent on its transfer from the Public Works Department to the Revenue

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Department. Items Nos. 30 to 38 in Appendix to Part II. of the current year's budget have been omitted and provision is made for sixteen more miles of road, besides Rupees 450 for repairing culverts on Road No. IV. and Rupees 4,500 for repairing and improving the masonry works on road No. I, sanctioned in G. O., Financial Department, dated 30th October 1875, No. 2,121.

16. Grant I. is:—

	RS.
Road Fund	1,51,270
Endowment Fund	500
General Fund	5,290
Total...	1,60,060

17. GRANT II., EDUCATION.—The allotment for inspection should be Rupees 620 and is intended for the salary and allowances of only one inspecting Schoolmaster. The Circle Board consider that the second Inspecting Schoolmaster, for whom provision is made in the current year's budget is unnecessary. Rupees 17,000 are allotted for results grants against Rupees 27,000 in the current year. The latter sum includes a provision of about Rupees 11,000 due on account of the balance of grants of 1874-75, and no such balance is expected to remain unpaid at the close of the current year.

18. GRANT III., SANITATION.—There is only one dispensary in the Circle, viz., that at Strivilliputtur. Rupees 804, provided for Medical subordinates, are made up of Rupees 720, the salary of a first-class Hospital Assistant, and Rs. 84 for a midwife on Rupees 7 a month. The latter charge should be shown under "Servants."

20. Rupees 2,060 or Rupees 1,320 less than in this year are allotted for Vaccination. The reduction is mainly due to the services of the Superintendent of Vaccination and of five temporary Vaccinators having been dispensed with by the Circle Board. The details of the charge are given in paragraph 21 of the President's letter.

21. Rupees 11,400 are allotted for Sanitary Establishments and cleansing tanks and wells, and Rupees 3,176 for the establishment, &c., of Chuttrams. The contribution to the Nazareth Dispensary has been reduced from Rupees 700 to 200 for reasons stated. Fresh contributions of Rupees 100 each are proposed for the Nagalapuram and Gawayerupuram Mission Dispensaries newly started.

22. Grant III. is:—

	RS.
Endowment Fund	3,240
General Fund	17,850
Total	21,090

23. GRANT IV., MISCELLANEOUS.—The share of Collector's Office Establishment chargeable to this Circle will be Rupees 320.

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Grant IV. is:—

	RS.
Road Fund	1,570
General Fund	630
Total	2,200

24. The General Reserve should be Rupees 5,700.

25. The following is an abstract of the Budget as modified by the Board of Revenue:—

Receipts.		Expenditure.		
	RS.		RS.	RS.
Road Fund... ..	1,55,810	Grant I. ... { Road Fund	1,51,270	1,60,060
Endowment Fund	3,740	{ Endowment Fund	500	
General Fund	58,740	{ General Fund	5,290	
		Grant II... Do.	...	17,620
		Grant III. { Endowment Fund	3,240	21,090
		{ General Fund	17,850	
		Grant IV.. { Road Fund	1,570	2,200
		{ General Fund	630	
				2,00,970.
				5,700.
		<i>Balances.</i>		
		Road Fund	...	11,650
		Endowment Fund... ..	...	
		General Fund	11,650	
Total...	2,18,320	Total...	...	2,18,320

(A true Extract.)

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

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No. 38. ORDER THEREON, 6th January 1876, No. 25.

An abstract of the Local Fund Estimates of the Tinnevely Circle for 1876-77, as compared with those for the current year, is given below:—

RECEIPTS.		CHARGES.	
1875-76.	1876-77.	1875-76.	1876-77.
RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Balances—		GRANT I.	
Road Fund	1,600	New Works—	
Endowment Fund ...	100	Communications ...	28,750 45,020
General Fund	1,790	Sanitary and Miscellaneous ...	280 60
Allotments from General Revenue—		Repairs—	
Provincial Funds—		Communications ...	70,500 65,610
For Roads	24,150 30,150	Sanitary and Miscellaneous ...	5,530 5,100
For Schools	6,000	Cost of General Establishment, P. W. D...	16,000 18,210
For general purposes ...	6,000	Petty Establishment...	5,890 4,370
Special Funds... ..	14,250 11,500	Road Fund Reserve ...	15,350 15,420
Cess on Land	1,50,000 1,47,000	Other Items	10,970 6,270
Tolls	10,000 4,000	GRANT II.	
Contribution from other Circles	8,380	Inspection... ..	1,240 620
Endowments	3,550 2,550	Grants-in-aid	27,000 17,000
Miscellaneous	7,200 4,160	GRANT III.	
		Vaccination	3,380 2,000
		Sanitary Establishment ...	14,880 11,400
		Choultries... ..	2,780 3,176
		Other Items	3,160 2,864
		GRANT IV.	
		Supervision and Management ...	1,910 2,200
		General Reserve	370 5,700
		Balances—	
		Road Fund	5,770
		Endowment Fund ...	200
		General Fund	11,650
Total ...	2,15,160 2,18,320	Total ...	2,15,160 2,18,320

2. It is observed that the necessity for the additional appropriation of Rupees 18,200 from the one-third Land-cess to the Road Fund, proposed by the Circle Board, is obviated by the transfer to the Road Fund, as originally intended, of the Provincial Grant for general purposes, by the inclusion of the contribution due from the Municipalities on account of Tolls, as per G.O., dated 26th October 1875, No. 2000, and by a slight reduction in the allotment proposed for one of the unsanctioned works.

3. The Maintenance Grants for roads appear to have been made after due consideration of the requirements of each road; and it has been found feasible to

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make reductions in the maintenance rates heretofore allowed for some roads. About 22 per cent. of the allotment for works is proposed to be expended by "Other agency".

4. The Educational provision is considerably below the one-sixth Land-cess at present intended to be devoted for the purpose. There are no schools established and exclusively maintained by the Local Fund Board, their action being confined to the payment of Results Grants. The provision for Sanitation although less than that for the current year is considered by the Sanitary Commissioner to be satisfactory. With these remarks the Budget Estimates are passed as submitted by the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

- .. Public Works Department.
- .. Accountant-General.
- .. Sanitary Commissioner.
- .. Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
- .. Director of Public Instruction.

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