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Local Funds—Budget.

Read the following papers:—

No. 64. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th November 1875,
No. 3103.

Read the following letters:—

From the President of the Local Fund Boards, Chingleput District, dated 7th,
8th, and 22nd October 1875, Nos. 141, 142, and 147.

From the Sanitary Commissioner, dated 16th October 1875, No. 1,839.

With the foregoing letters the President of the Local Fund Boards, Chingleput, submits the Budgets of the Sydapet and Chingleput Circles for 1876-77. They will be submitted for the orders of Government with the following remarks:—

SYDAPET.

2. BALANCES, REGULAR ESTIMATE, 1875-76.—A carefully framed regular estimate has been submitted. The actual balances on the 1st April last are entered, but the Board observe that under Endowment Fund, the whole invested capital of the Petrus Usan's Endowment is included. This is incorrect, as only the uninvested cash balance should be shown in the Budget. From paragraph 31 of the Local Fund Report for 1874-75, it appears that the balance to be entered is Rupees 507. The estimate of land-cess in the current year is Rs. 43,020, which sum is said to be taken with reference to the actual of the last twelve months. Those of 1874-75 were Rupees 55,770, and for the twelve months ending July 1875, they were Rupees 55,870. The Board, therefore, do not understand the remark made, and think that the estimate may be fixed at Rupees 49,000 for 1875-76 as well as for 1876-77. The receipts will be Rupees 2,08,599.

3. Under Grant I, the President has entered, as likely to be expended, the full amount of the allotments made up to date. In 1873-74, the grant was exceeded, but in 1874-75 only 74 per cent. was expended. The Board think the President's estimate sanguine, but accept it with reference to the results of 1873-74. The other grants do not call for remark. The expenditure, including a reserve of Rs. 2,320 under General Fund, will be Rupees 1,79,240, and the balances to be taken to the Budget of 1876-77 are as follows:—

	RS.
Road Fund	19,750
Endowment Fund	847
General Fund	8,762
Total	29,359

4. The revised Provincial grant as settled in Board's Proceedings, dated 26th September 1875, No. 2,590, viz., Rupees 64,280, is entered. The yield of Special Funds is estimated at Rupees 1,920. Land-cess will be Rupees 49,000, and road-cess arrears Rupees 1,000. The tolls on the northern road are expected to yield Rupees 1,600 against Rupees 1,530 in the regular estimate and Rupees 1,620 actuals in 1874-75.

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5. Rupees 1,850 are entered on account of contribution from the Chingleput Local Fund for tolls; but no account has been taken of the arrangements with reference to the Damal toll and the Municipality of Conjeveram, ordered in G.O., dated 30th July 1875, No. 1,572; as no data exist whercon to estimate the effect of these arrangements. It is true that no exact estimate can be made, but it appears to the Board that a rough one is possible. In the letter from the Vice-President forwarding the Chingleput Budget, the effect is estimated at Rs. 3,000 in favor of Local Funds; but this is corrected by the President, on what data does not appear, to Rupees 2,150. The Board think an estimate should be framed with

reference to the facts given in paragraph 9 of the President's letter of 4th June 1875, No. 76. The Damal tolls on carts going eastwards are Rupees 1,800, whence at 2 Annas per cart the number is 14,400. Of these, however, probably one-fourth or 3,800 may be assumed to be for Conjeveram. The tolls collected there on the Damal road are Rupees 1,310, on 10,480 carts; but many of them are doubtless from villages in the tract between Conjeveram and Damal. Probably 3,800 Damal tickets will be given up, at Conjeveram; and therefore the Local Board must pay the Municipality Rupees 475, and the Municipal tolls will be reduced by that amount. The traffic westwards at Damal will be 28,800 carts, or two-thirds of the whole; and assuming that one-fourth as before come from the Conjeveram side, the number will be Rupees 7,200. But of these probably not more than one-fourth will have come from the tract beyond Conjeveram, and will have paid Municipal tolls, i.e., 1,800 carts. The Municipality will then have to pay the Local Fund Rupees 125, and the local tolls at Damal will be diminished by that amount. The final result will then be as follows:—

	Municipal Tolls, Actual 1873-74. RS.	Local Tolls (Estimated) 1870-77. RS.
	5,029	8,780
Deduct exemptions	475	125
	4,554	8,655
Net effect of adjustment in transfers of tolls paid	+350	—350
	4,904	8,305
Transfer one-third to Local Fund	...	1,635
Total Local Fund Tolls	...	9,940
Sydapet share at 24½ per cent.	...	2,440

The contribution from the Chingleput Board will accordingly be raised to this amount.

6. The other items of receipts do not call for remark. The total will be Rupees 1,53,870 distributed thus:—

	RS.
Road Fund	1,20,240
Endowment Fund	1,200
General Fund	32,430
Total	1,53,870

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7. GRANT I., STATEMENT II., ROAD FUND.—The alterations which the Board have made render it possible to allot Rupees 3,500 more for new works than proposed by the Local Fund Board. Repairs cost Rupees 68,630. The charge for Petty Establishment is Rupees 3,050, and the balance of 25 per cent. for Public Works Department supervision Rupees 16,300. The Road Fund share of Controlling establishment is Rupees 1,460, being the rateable share of Grant IV. less the provision for refunds of land-cess which are separately distributed. Tools and plant cost Rupees 870, and the Road Fund reserve is Rupees 10,050. The total outlay is Rupees 1,19,820, and the closing balance will be Rupees 420.

8. Statement II.-A., Part I., contains four works, all of which are sanctioned. The total allotment for new works being increased by Rupees 3,500, the Board resolve to apportion the amount, subject to transfer if suggested by the Local Fund Board, Rupees 2,000 to Item No. 2, and Rupees 1,500 to Item No. 3.

9. PART II.—The allotment for repair of roads is Rupees 68,630, or in excess of that for 1875-76 by Rupees 1,350. This is owing to the inclusion of new items on account of roads completed in the current year, and to certain unimportant changes in maintenance allowances. The grants under Educational and Sanitary and Miscellaneous are the same as in the current year, except that Rupees 50 are added for the repair of the Travellers' Bungalow at Gummadipundi.

10. GRANT I. is—

Road Fund	1,18,030
General Fund	1,140
Total	1,19,170

11. GRANT II.—The allotment proposed for inspection is the same as that for the current year, Rupees 1,910. The provision will be reduced by Rupees 108 included on account of official postage, which is not chargeable to Local Funds. The allotment will be Rupees 1,800.

12. There is no change in the number of Local Fund Schools, but the grant is increased from Rupees 9,840 to Rupees 9,900, chiefly on account of a proposed increase which the Board think may be sanctioned in the salary of the clerk at the Sydapet High School from 17½ to 20 Rupees. If Government allow the transfer of the school at Tripasore to Nagalapuram, as recommended in Board's Proceedings dated 27th September 1875, No. 2,695, the name of the latter place should be substituted in Statement III. in lieu of Tripasore.

13. The allotment for results grants for the current year, Rupees 6,000, has been entered, but as the Inspector has suggested an increase and funds are available, it will be raised to Rupees 6,500. Grant II. is Rupees 18,850 chargeable to the General Fund.

14. GRANT III.—The allotment for the Sydapet Dispensary is Rupees 1,460 against Rupees 1,440 in the current year. The provision for the Passed Hospital Apprentice should be Rupees 900, and that for inspecting allowance to the Zillah Surgeon should be shown under "Miscellaneous" in Grant III. and not under "Dispensaries." The dispensary grant Board's Circular Memorandum, dated 9th August 1875, No. 1,269, paragraph 14.

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will, therefore, be Rupees 1,400, which includes a proposed increase found necessary in the sweeper's pay from Rupees 3 to Rupees 5.

15. For vaccination, half the charges for the district, or Rupees 1,640, are entered. The grants were not equally divided in 1875-76; but in his letter forwarding the Chingleput Budget, the President explains that the Superintendent being the same, and the Vaccinators being employed indiscriminately in either Circle, an equal division is fair. The proposed grant will, therefore, be retained. Rupees 250 are provided for employment of medical practitioners and will be retained, but the details of the scheme should be reported for sanction. Rupees

Improvement of water-supply	Rs. 1,350	4,200 are allotted for sanitation, but this
Do. of village-site	1,350	includes Rupees 600 for maintenance of
Scavenging	900	lunatics, which ought to be placed under
Total	3,600	"Miscellaneous." It will be transferred
		to that head, and the sanitary grant will
		be Rupees 3,600.

16. Grant III. will be Rupees 7,750, chargeable to the General Fund.

17. Under Grant IV., the charge for Controlling establishment at the Presidency will be Rupees 470, and the Circle share of that in the Collector's office, Rupees 320. Sanction is requested for raising the pay of the attender in the Local Fund Board's office from Rupees 7 to Rupees 8, which has been provided for in the Budget. Rupees 500 are entered for refunds of land-cess. The grant is chargeable as follows:—

Road Fund	Rs. 1,790
General Fund	560
Total	2,350

18. The general reserve is Rupees 2,370.

19. The following is an abstract of the Budget as revised by the Board:—

Receipts.		Expenditure.		
	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Road Fund	1,20,240	Grant I. { Road Fund	1,18,030	
Endowment Fund	1,200	General Fund	1,140	1,19,170
General Fund	32,430	Grant II. General Fund		18,850
		Grant III. General Fund		7,750
		Grant IV. { Road Fund	1,700	
		General Fund	560	2,350
		General Fund Reserve		2,370
		Balances.		
		Road Fund	420	
		Endowment Fund	1,200	
		General Fund	1,760	3,380
Total	1,53,870	Total		1,53,870

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20. BALANCES, REGULAR ESTIMATE, 1875-76.—The year 1875-76 opened			
		Rs.	
Road Fund	1,35,540		
Endowment Fund	190		
General Fund	22,200		
Total	1,57,930		

with a balance of Rupees 1,57,930; and the estimated receipts, as corrected by the President, will be Rupees 1,51,120, making a total of Rupees 3,09,050. The estimate is accepted, but explanation should have been given of the large sum, Rupees 80,000, estimated under Land-cess, against Rupees 52,000 in the Budget of 1875-76 and Rupees 60,000 in that of 1876-77. It is probably due to large collections of arrears.

21. The allotments made up to date for public works amount to Rs. 1,45,574, and large sums are still available for appropriation. The Local Fund Board, however, estimate the outlay at Rupees 50,040 only. In 1873-74, Rupees 80,751, and in 1874-75, Rupees 68,001, were spent, being respectively 78 and 53 per cent. of the grants. The outlay in the first five months of the current year is only Rupees 17,234, and on a favorable estimate the outlay will not exceed that of 1873-74, which would be 55.5 per cent. of the grant. The Board will fix the regular estimate as follows:—

	Road Fund.	Endowment Fund.	General Fund.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Grant I.—				
Works and Repairs. { P. W. Department.	80,000	...	...	80,000
Other Agency	4,000	...	1,900	5,900
Establishment	20,000	...	...	20,000
Tools and Plant	840	...	20	860
Tolls and Ferries, Contributions, &c.	2,790	...	...	2,790
	1,07,630	...	1,920	1,09,550
Grant II.	...	...	18,030	18,030
Grant III.	...	790	10,710	11,500
Grant IV.	1,480	...	370	1,850
Reserve	10,000	...	5,000	15,000
	1,19,110	790	36,030	1,55,930
	2,51,490	1,140	56,420	3,09,050
Balance	1,32,380	350	20,390	1,53,120

These balances are very large, but the expenditure has been liberally estimated, and they will be taken to the Budget of 1876-77.

22. ALLOTMENTS, &c.—The reduced Provincial grant proposed in Board's Proceedings, dated 16th September 1875, No. 2,590, was Rupees 21,150, in lieu of Rupees 48,580 in 1874-75, but the Board are now of opinion that it should be withdrawn altogether. The money can be far more advantageously utilized in other Circles. According to the Budget submitted by the Local Fund Board, the Road Fund assets are Rupees 2,50,380, and notwithstanding the allotment of Rupees 1,50,330 for new works and repairs, or three times the estimated

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outlay shown in the regular estimate for the current year, the closing balance unallotted is Rupees 47,050. There is no doubt whatever that funds will be available during 1876-77 far in excess of the amount that can be expended to advantage with the agency available; and though it seems hard to withdraw Government aid when the accumulation of funds is due to the inefficiency of the agency provided by Government, still the Government money ought, in the Board's opinion, to be granted where it can be usefully spent. They resolve, therefore, to strike out altogether the Provincial grant for roads. Special Funds will yield Rupees 2,280.

23. The land-cess is expected to produce Rupees 60,000. The receipts from tolls will be entered as Rupees 8,300, and the contribution on account of them from the Conjeveram Municipality will be reduced to Rupees 1,640, with reference to paragraph 5 *supra*.

24. The total receipts are —

	RS.
Road Fund	1,84,140
Endowment Fund	890
General Fund	44,430
Total ...	2,29,460

25. GRANT I., STATEMENT II., ROAD FUND.—The grant for new works will be Rupees 89,200, and repairs Rupees 48,620. Petty establishment will cost Rupees 3,050; Public Works Department supervision Rupees 31,110; tolls and ferry establishment Rupees 940; share of cost of general management Rupees 1,340; and contingencies Rupees 150. Tools and plant at 1 per cent. will be Rupees 1,380; Road Fund reserve Rupees 5,180; and provision for refunds Rupees 670. The contribution to the Sydapet Circle for tolls will be Rupees 2,440. The total charges of the Road Fund will amount to Rupees 1,84,080, and the closing balance will be Rupees 60.

26. STATEMENT II.-A., PART I.—The Circle Board have evidently had considerable difficulty in finding works to fill up this statement. Besides making liberal allotments for sanctioned works in progress, Rupees 33,000 are allotted for nine works which are unsanctioned, and which have not before been proposed; and Rupees 17,400 for three works which have been entered in previous Budgets, but for which estimates are not yet ready. Considering the very great delay, which, as Government are aware, have occurred in the completion of estimates by the Public Works Department in this Circle, it is very certain that estimates for all these works will not be obtained in 1875-76. Items 14, 15, 17 and 18 will be struck out, and Item 19, for a petty new work unsanctioned, reduced to Rupees 990. Rupees 1,000 are provided under Sanitary and Miscellaneous for the construction of two latrines at Chingleput.

27. PART II., REPAIRS.—Rupees 6,500 are provided for special repairs to bridges and culverts on the trunk roads for which estimates are promised; and a

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lump grant of Rupees 1,000 for the same purpose, on other roads. As observed by the President, such repairs ought ordinarily to be met from the maintenance grants; and when estimates for outlay from these allotments are submitted, it should be fully explained why this rule has not been observed in the particular case. The other items of repairs do not call for remark. Rupees 2,000 are allotted for the maintenance of avenues.

28. Grant I. is Rupees 1,85,350 distributed thus:—

	RS.
Road Fund... ..	1,82,070
General Fund	3,280
Total ...	1,85,350

29. GRANT II.—The allotment for educational inspection, Rupees 1,910, should be reduced by Rupees 110, included on account of postage which is not chargeable to Local Funds. The other details are the same as for the current year except the allotment for results grants, for which Rupees 7,140 are allotted against Rupees 5,900 in the current year, and that for [purchase of books. The grant is Rupees 18,500.

30. GRANT III.—The allotment for the medical subordinate attached to the Chingleput Dispensary, Rupees 720, is the same as in the current year; and Rupees 800 are provided for the new dispensary at Madurantakam, sanctioned in G.O., Financial Department, 7th October 1875, No. 1,966. Rupees 180 are provided for the Local Fund Chuttrum at Chingleput, which is expected to be completed before the close of the current year. The President should submit an application for the usual endowment of waste lands for the chuttrum. Rupees 6,800 are allotted for sanitation. Grant III. is Rupees 14,670, chargeable thus:—

	RS.
Endowment Fund	410
General Fund	14,260
Total ...	14,670

31. GRANT IV.—The charge for Controlling establishment at the Presidency will be Rupees 400, and the amount of the grant, Rupees 2,670, distributed as follows:—

	RS.
Road Fund... ..	2,010
General Fund	660
Total ...	2,670

32. The general reserve will be Rupees 2,400.

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33. The following is an abstract of the Budget as revised by the Board of Revenue:—

Receipts.		Expenditure.			
	RS.		RS.		
Road Fund...	1,84,140	Grant I ... { Road Fund ...	1,82,070		1,85,350
Endowment Fund ...	890	{ General Fund ...	3,280		18,500
General Fund ...	44,430				
		Grant II ... General Fund ...	410		
		Grant III ... { Endowment Fund.	14,260		14,670
		{ General Fund ...			
		Grant IV ... { Road Fund ...	2,010		
		{ General Fund ...	660		2,670
					2,400
		General Fund Reserve ...			
		Balances.			
		Road Fund ...	60		
		Endowment Fund ...	480		
		General Fund ...	5,330		5,870
Total...	2,29,460	Total...			2,29,460

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 65. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th November 1875, No. 10542 (Miscellaneous).

Read the following letter from Colonel R. M. MACDONALD, Director of Public Instruction, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 17th November 1875, No. 2644:—

Adverting to the Budget Estimate, for the year 1876-77, for the Sydapet Circle, I have the honor to state that the provision made therein for Education seems to be sufficient.

Submitted to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 12th November 1875, No. 3103.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 66. ORDER THEREON, 11th January 1876, No. 48.

The estimates of the Sydapet Local Fund Circle for the ensuing year are passed as submitted by the Board of Revenue.

2. With regard to the arrears under the Road-Cess Act, repealed now five years since, the President of the Circle should be instructed to take steps for

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their speedy realization, or in cases where they may seem to be irrecoverable for writing the amounts off the books. The Revenue Board's estimate of the sum to be paid by the Chingleput Circle on account of Tolls to the Conjeveram Municipality is accepted as a rough estimate, and for the purposes of the present Budget; but the Local Boards concerned will doubtless make such arrangements during the year as will give correct data for making a more accurate adjustment at the end of it. The Government sanction the proposed increase to the salary of the clerk at the Sydapet High School, and to that of the attender in the Local Fund office. The following table compares the figures now passed with those already sanctioned for the current year:—

RECEIPTS.		CHARGES.	
	1875-76. RS.		1875-76. RS.
Balance brought forward—		GRANT I.	1876-77. RS.
Road Fund ...	19,750	New Works—	
Endowment Fund ...	850	Communications ...	18,000
General Fund ...	8,760	Repairs—	
Allotments from General Revenue—		Communications ...	67,280
Provincial Funds—		Educational ...	70
For Roads ...	92,400	Sanitary and Miscellaneous ...	1,000
For Schools ...	3,300	Cost of General Establishment, P. W. D.	15,900
For general purposes	1,150	Petty Establishment.	2,990
Special Funds ...	1,410	Tolls and Ferry Establishment ...	530
Road Cess ...	44,000	Road Fund Reserve...	12,720
Cess on Land ...	1,700	Other Items ...	1,010
Tolls ...	3,370	GRANT II.	
Fees in Schools, &c. ...		Inspection ...	1,910
Contributions from other Circles and Municipalities ...	2,450	Local Fund Schools...	9,840
Receipts from Endowments, &c. ...	440	Grants-in-aid ...	6,000
Miscellaneous ...	460	Miscellaneous ...	570
		GRANT III.	
		Hospitals ...	1,440
		Vaccination ...	1,730
		Medical Practitioners.	170
		Sanitary Establishment, &c. ...	3,850
		Choultries and Travellers' Bungalows.	210
		Miscellaneous ...	700
		GRANT IV.	
		General Management, Supervision, and Contingencies ...	1,800
		General Reserve ...	2,320
		BALANCES.	
		Road Fund ...	7,270
		Endowment Fund ...	4,930
		General Fund ...	350
Total ...	1,61,980	Total ...	1,61,980

2. The estimates of the Chingleput Local Fund Circle are also passed as submitted. The Government agree with the Board of Revenue that it is no longer necessary for the public interests to continue to the Circle the Provincial grant originally made to it, and this will be withdrawn accordingly. Increased

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provision, it is noticed, has been made for Public Works, and it is hoped that efforts will be made to work up to the allotment. A comparative table, as above, is appended for the Chingleput Circle:—

RECEIPTS.			CHARGES.		
	1875-76.	1876-77.		1875-76.	1876-77.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Balances—			GRANT I.		
Road Fund	12,500	1,32,380	New Works—		
Endowment Fund ...	...	350	Communications ...	32,350	89,200
General Fund	2,340	20,390	Sanitary and Miscel- laneous	...	1,000
Allotments from General Revenue—			Repairs—		
Provincial Funds—			Communications ...	39,520	48,620
For Roads	48,580	...	Sanitary and Miscel- laneous	1,200	2,000
For Schools	5,000	...	Cost of D. P. W. Esta- blishment	14,980	31,360
For general purposes	1,000	...	Petty Establishment ...	2,990	3,050
Special Funds	1,980	2,280	Toll Establishment ...	940	940
Rates and Taxes—			Tools and Plant	730	1,410
Cess on Land	52,000	60,000	Road Fund Reserve ...	9,480	5,180
Tolls	10,000	8,300	Contributions from other Circles, &c. ...	2,450	2,440
Fees in Schools	2,000	2,000	Contingencies	...	150
Contribution from Muni- cipalities	100	1,740	GRANT II.		
Endowment, Receipts, &c.	430	540	Inspection	1,010	1,800
Miscellaneous	1,470	1,480	Local Fund Schools ...	8,040	8,040
			Grants-in-aid	6,350	7,590
			Miscellaneous	670	1,070
			GRANT III.		
			Hospitals	2,200	3,400
			Vaccination	1,590	1,640
			Medical Practitioners..	240	240
			Sanitary Establishment	5,000	6,800
			Choultries	70	180
			Miscellaneous	2,270	2,410
			GRANT IV.		
			Establishment and Su- pervision	1,710	2,670
			General Reserve	150	2,400
			BALANCES.		
			Road Fund	2,560	60
			Endowment Fund ...	...	480
			General Fund	...	5,330
Total	1,37,400	2,29,460	Total	1,37,400	2,29,460

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue. *withd*
 " Public Works Department.
 " Revenue Department.
 " Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
 " Sanitary Commissioner.
 " Director of Public Instruction.
 " Accountant-General.
 " President of the Municipal Commissions, Chingleput District.

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