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Local Funds—Budget.

No. 111. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th December 1875, No. 3,388:—

Read the following:—

Letter from the President, Local Fund Boards, Malabar District, dated 29th October 1875, No. 524-A.

Letter from the Sanitary Commissioner, dated 13th November 1875, No. 1,990.

THE Budget Estimates of the Tellicherry Local Fund for 1876-77, received with the first of the foregoing letters, will be submitted for the orders of Government with the following remarks.

2. REGULAR ESTIMATE FOR 1875-76, BALANCES.—The President's estimate of receipts amounts to Rupees 2,12,550; but this includes a sum of Rupees 38,000, on account of the Periah Ghaut loan, which amount was entered and allotted for the works in the budget of the current year. From paragraphs 21 and 34 of the President's letter, it appears that the sum which is likely to be drawn and spent during the year is only Rupees 8,600; and accordingly the regular estimate of receipts will be reduced to Rupees 1,83,150, which will be distributed thus:—

	RS.
Road Fund	1,42,870
General Fund... ..	40,280
Total ...	1,83,150

3. The allotments for expenditure made to date are given in the margin.

	Road Fund.	General Fund.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Public Works Department ...	1,32,585	1,685	1,34,270
Other Agency	1,600	1,725	3,325
Total ...	1,34,185	3,410	1,37,595

Rupees 8,000 is provided in the present budget for expenditure in 1876-77 for the Kudacadavoo Bridge, but has already been paid to the contractor under the

Board's orders* on the completion of the work; and the allotment is therefore to be struck out, and the amount added to the regular estimate. Past experience shows

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that the allotments are usually fully utilized, and the Board therefore resolve to enter in the regular estimate Rupees 1,11,190 under Communications, Public Works Department, arrived at as shown in the margin. The allotments in favor of Other Agency will be entered in full. Under Grant II., the President's regular estimate is Rupees 29,000 against a grant of Rupees 29,480. The Board think it in the highest degree unlikely that this sum will be spent. The following figures show the actuals of 1874-75, and the outlay which in the same proportions might be expected in 1875-76:—

	1st half.	2nd half.	Total.	Grant.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1874-75	7,036	13,235	20,271	30,240
1875-76	6,235	11,730	17,965	29,480

Considerable savings are therefore probable, and the Board are of opinion that it will be quite safe to take the regular estimate at Rupees 22,000.* Under Grant III., the President's estimate is accepted.

4. The regular estimate of expenditure is as follows:—

	Road Fund.	General Fund.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Grant I.—			
New Works and Repairs {Public Works Department ...	1,11,190	1,685	1,12,875
Establishment {Other Agency	1,600	1,725	3,325
Tools and Plant	27,800	421	28,221
Contributions	1,130	30	1,160
Refunds	4,840	...	4,840
Reserve	700	...	700
	4,230	...	4,230
Grant II.	1,51,490	3,861	1,55,351
Grant III.	...	22,000	22,000
Grant IV.	...	7,000	7,000
	1,380	320	1,700
Receipts	1,52,870	33,181	1,86,051
	1,42,870	40,280	1,83,150
	— 10,000	7,099	— 2,901

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

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5. BUDGET OF 1876-77.—The Local Board have found it impossible to frame the budget without a deficit in the General Fund, if the Provincial grants are reduced as proposed in Board's Proceedings, 16th September 1875, No. 2,590. They have, therefore, framed two budgets, in one of which the General Fund closed in equilibrium, and in the other with a deficit of Rupees 19,700. The Board will deal with the latter only.

6. They resolve, in anticipation of the approval of Government, to appropriate to this Circle, as an addition to the schools grants, the sum of Rupees 6,150, which remains out of the grant withdrawn from the Chingleput Circle, and Rupees 480 erroneously assigned to the Ellore Circle for schools in the distribution of the whole grant of Rupees 8,50,000. The Provincial grants will then be, for roads Rs. 59,080, and for schools Rupees 8,520.

7. None of the other items in the President's budget of receipts calls for remark, except the sum entered under "Loan from Government," Rupees 46,400. The President refers to this item in the paragraphs of his letter above quoted, but does not explain why a larger sum is to be drawn than is allotted for outlay on the loan works, viz., Rupees 37,000 (Items 9 and 10, Statement II-A, Part I). The Establishment and tools and plant charges are not included, or not correctly included; and the Board observe further, that the loan was for the works themselves, and have been so treated in past budgets. The sum will, therefore, be reduced to Rupees 37,000.

8. The receipts will then be as follows:—

	RS.
Road Fund	1,66,630
General Fund	29,540
Total	1,96,170

9. STATEMENT I.-B, EXPENDITURE, GRANT I. PUBLIC WORKS; STATEMENT II., ROAD FUND.—The share of cost of general management chargeable to the Road Fund will be Rupees 1,610. Contributions on account of tolls are estimated at Rupees 4,870, and repayment of loan, Rupees 1,290. The Road Fund Reserve, calculated at 10 per cent. of the income other than from loans, must be Rupees 13,960. Repairs cost Rupees 57,770, and toll establishment Rupees 290. The result is, that for want of funds the allotment for new works must be reduced to Rupees 57,160; and the Road Fund will then close with a balance of Rupees 110.

10. STATEMENT II.-A. PART I.—Item I., for the Kudacadavoo Bridge, will be struck out as above explained. To effect the further reduction requisite, Items 4, 6, and 7, which are unsanctioned, will be struck out, and the allotment for Item 8 has been reduced to Rupees 9,460. Under Petty New Works, a lump allotment of Rupees 1,000 is entered. The Board are of opinion that such works as this grant is evidently intended for, should be met from the Reserve, and the item will be struck out.

11. PART II.—The provision for Repairs, Communications, is less than that of the current year by Rupees 6,120. The details of the charges which have resulted in this saving are given in paragraph 25 of the President's letter, but the grounds of the alterations are not stated. The Board presume they are accepted by the Public Works

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Department, but some of the reductions are very heavy. The amount will not be disturbed pending explanation. Rupees 210 are allotted for repairs of school-houses, and Rupees 1,550 for other sundry repairs. The latter allotment must be reduced to Rupees 1,000 for want of funds.

12. The total sum distributed in Statement II.-B* does not correspond with the total grants proposed for Works and Repairs† in Statement II., and the Board are unable to explain the difference. The President is requested to submit a revised statement without delay, to correspond with the budget as revised by the Board.

13. Grant I. is as follows:—

	RS.
Road Fund	1,64,910
General Fund... ..	1,220
Total	1,66,130

14. GRANT II., EDUCATION.—The increase in the inspecting staff, for which provision is made, was recommended by the Board in their Proceedings, 25th August 1875, No. 2,412, still before Government, on the understanding that the fund could permanently afford the charge, which seems not to be the case; and the grant will, therefore, be reduced to Rupees 2,470, the sum originally provided in the current year.

15. Under Local Fund Schools, middle class, no reduction of charge seems possible. The schools are not over-officered. Under Hindu Elementary Schools, there is an increase of Rupees 990. The greater part of the increase is in results grants, which are in excess by two-thirds of the estimate for the same schools in 1875-76. The Board think that the grant for the schools should be reduced to Rupees 650 under Stipends, and Rupees 1,200 under Results Grants. The provision for Moplah Schools does not seem capable of reduction, though it is probable that there will be savings in the allotment for results grants in these schools. Rupees 7,480 are provided for results grants to 143 schools, of which 34 are new schools to be brought under inspection. As the Board have been obliged to disallow the proposed increase in the inspecting agency, this extension of operations is not likely to be possible, and it seems to be even imperatively necessary to reduce the number of schools under inspection already. The Board are unable to provide more than Rupees 4,930 for results grants proper. The grant for Miscellaneous should be Rupees 570, not Rupees 524. Grant II. will then be Rupees 22,240, chargeable to the General Fund.

16. GRANT III., SANITATION.—The proposed increase to the salaries of the servants of the Manantoddy Hospital must be disallowed; the grant for sanitary outlay must be reduced to Rupees 400, and the contribution for the Tellicherry Dispensary, which it is proposed to raise from Rupees 600 to Rupees 1,000, must remain as in the current year's budget. Grant III. will then be Rupees 5,800, chargeable to the General Fund.

17. GRANT IV.—The sums required for establishments at the Presidency and in the Collector's office will be Rupees 620 and Rupees 370, respectively. The grants

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for travelling charges and contingencies may be reduced from Rupees 660 to Rs. 450. The grant is—

	RS.
Road Fund	1,610
General Fund	280
Total	1,890

It is not possible to provide any General Reserve.

18. The abstract of the budget is as follows:—

Receipts.		Expenditure.			
	RS.			RS.	RS.
Road Fund	1,66,630	Grant I... {	Road Fund	1,64,910	
General Fund	29,540		General Fund	1,220	1,66,130
		Grant II... {	General Fund	...	22,240
		Grant III... {	General Fund	...	5,800
		Grant IV... {	Road Fund	1,610	
			General Fund	280	
		Balance.			1,890
		Road Fund			110
Total	1,96,170		Total		1,96,170

(True Extract.)

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

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No. 112.

ORDER THEREON, 11th February 1876, No. 296.

The following abstract statement shows the estimate now submitted for the Tellicherry Circle as compared with the Budget figures for the current year:—

RECEIPTS.		CHARGES.	
	1875-76. RS.	1876-77. RS.	
Balances—			GRANT I.
Road Fund	...	10,000	New Works—
General Fund	...	7,100	Communications ...
Allotments from General Revenue—			Sanitary and Miscellaneous
Provincial Funds—			Repairs—
For Roads, &c. ...	58,340	59,080	Communications ...
„ Schools and			Educational
General purposes.	23,380	8,520	Sanitary and Miscellaneous
Special Funds	18,920	18,250	Cost of Establishment
Cess on land	34,500	34,500	Public Works Dept.
Tolls	40,000	40,000	Petty Establishment ...
Fees in Schools	400	400	Tolls and Ferries ...
Contributions from other			Road Fund Reserve ...
Circles	470	470	Contribution to other
Receipts from Endow-			Circles
ments			Miscellaneous
Miscellaneous	38,700	37,850	GRANT II.
			Payment for Inspection.
			Local Fund Schools ...
			Grants-in-aid
			Miscellaneous
			GRANT III.
			Hospitals
			Vaccination
			Sanitary Establishment.
			Choultries
			Miscellaneous
			GRANT IV.
			Supervision and Man-
			agement
			General Reserve
			BALANCES.
			Road Fund
			General Fund
			Total ...

2. In paragraph 5 of their Proceedings the Board of Revenue refer to the fact that under G.O., dated 18th October 1875, No. 2067, the Provincial grant to this Circle was reduced by a sum of Rupees 20,750, and after mentioning the difficulties which have been felt in adjusting the present budget they propose to make a concession to the extent of an additional appropriation* of Rupees 6,630 for Schools, bringing up the total allotment from Provincial Funds for Schools to Rupees 8,520.

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The money is doubtless needed in the direction indicated, but the Governor in Council is not prepared to make further concessions to this Circle. An additional allotment from Provincial Funds will not be sanctioned, but the sum of Rs. 6,630 can be transferred from the grant for Roads to that for Education, the reduction under Roads being met by a corresponding saving in the item for an iron Warren girder bridge across the Manantoddy river, for which it appears from Statement II.-A that no estimate has yet been submitted.

3. The other reductions made by the Revenue Board are approved, and the Budget subject to the remarks contained in the last paragraph is passed.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
 „ Revenue Department.
 „ Public Works Department.
 „ Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
 „ Sanitary Commissioner.
 „ Director of Public Instruction.
 „ Accountant-General.
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