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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

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Local Funds—Budgets.

Read the following paper:—

No. 230. *Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd August 1877, No. 3601.*

Read letter from the President of the Local Fund Boards, Cuddapah District, dated 4th July 1877, No. 357.

Read also the following letter from the Secretary to the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort St. George, 21st July 1877, No. 4578:—

The President of the Local Fund Board, Cuddapah Circle, having resubmitted estimates of the Medical Institutions in his Range for 1877-78, modified and reduced in consequence of the prevailing distress, I have the honor, by order, to submit the following remarks on Grant III:—

Prodatoor and Pulivendla.—Provision for in-patients having been struck out the amount provided for out-door relief will be sufficient.

Budwail.—No remarks are called for. It is noted that the sum allotted for the diet of in-patients is double that provided in last year's estimate.

Chitwail.—The Local Fund Board have abandoned the establishment of this Dispensary, on the ground that no Medical Officer has been found available, nor has a building been erected.

2. Although the Medical Store supplies have been generally reduced, it is noted that a "sum of Rupees 2,085 has been asked for, to provide funds for medicines, &c., which may be required in excess of the grant which has been restricted to absolutely unavoidable charges."

The revised Local Fund Budget Estimate of the Cuddapah Circle for 1877-78, framed with reference to Board's* Proceedings, dated 4th May 1877, No. 2064, will be submitted for the orders of Government.

* Recorded in G.O., F. D., 11th May 1877, No. 1460.

2. STATEMENT I-A, REVENUE AND RECEIPTS.—The Road and General Fund Balances on the 31st March 1877 are given as *minus* Rupees 41,658 and *plus* Rupees 10,605, but though the total is correct, the distribution between the Road and General Funds is wrong, and the figures should be *minus* Rupees 20,573 and *plus* Rupees 10,480, respectively, as shown below:—

	Road Fund.	General Fund.
	Rs.	Rs.
Balance on the 31st March 1876, as per Local Fund Report for 1875-76	9,746	6,656
Receipts of 1876-77, as per Local Fund Returns for March 1877	46,206	24,436
	55,952	31,092
Expenditure in 1876-77, as per Local Fund Returns for March 1877	76,525	41,572
Balance on the 31st March 1877	—20,573	—10,480

3. The receipts from Land-cess are estimated at Rupees 1,20,000, against Rupees 1,25,000 in the sanctioned Budget. It is stated that the current year's demand will be about Rupees 1,25,000, and that there will be an arrear of nearly Rupees 60,000 of 1876-77 to be collected during the current year, making a total of Rupees 1,85,000, and therefore the Board think that the Vice-President's estimate may be realized.

4. The receipts are—

	RS.
Road Fund	61,050
General Fund	31,960
Total ..	93,010

5. STATEMENT I-B, EXPENDITURE—GRANT I, *Public Works*—STATEMENT II, *Road Fund*.—The Vice-President having assumed *minus* Rupees 41,658 as the opening balance under the Road Fund, has closed the statement with a deficit of Rupees 12,078, which it is proposed to meet in part by an appropriation of Rupees 6,000 from the General Fund, but the alteration made by the Board, in the opening balance in paragraph 2 *supra*, closes the Road Fund Statement with a *plus* balance of Rupees 8,770, while the General Fund closes with a heavy deficit, even after all the reductions mentioned below, which the financial pressure of the Fund alone has compelled the Local Fund Board and the Board of Revenue to effect. Under these circumstances, the Board see no alternative but to propose a reappropriation from the Road Fund of Rupees 6,840, which is less then 20 per cent. of the amount transferred from the General Fund to the Road Fund in former years, as marginally noted. A refund seems fair now that the General Fund is in difficulties, and the only alternative is to reduce the allotment for sanitary purposes, which would seriously interfere with the sanitary condition of important towns of the circle, especially in an exceptional year like the present.

	RS.
As per Local Fund Report for 1872-73	21,127
Do. do. for 1873-74	15,000
Total ..	36,127

6. For want of funds no allotment is now proposed for new and incomplete works, but the maintenance grants for roads in the sanctioned Budget are repeated without any modifications. The share of the cost of General Management should be Rupees 910. A sum of Rupees 1,930 is left unappropriated under the Road Fund.

7. GRANT I is—

	RS.
Road Fund	53,300
General Fund	2,020
Total ..	55,320

8. GRANT II, *Education*.—None of the items under Grant II have been altered except the provision of Rupees 200 for Salary Grants in the original Budget, which was intended for the school at Gundlur. The allotment has been disallowed by the Board, the school having been reported to be a middle-class one.

9. GRANT III, *Sanitation*.—For Hospitals and Dispensaries, Rupees 7,180 are provided against Rupees 13,360 in the sanctioned Budget. This decrease is due chiefly to the non-establishment of the Chitwail Dispensary for want of a medical subordinate, and to the reductions proposed in the charges of three other dispensaries in the circle, as explained in the Vice-President's letter.

10. The grant for Sanitary Establishments and cleansing Tanks and Wells, &c., has been raised from Rupees 9,700 to Rupees 14,280 on the supposition that ample funds were available under the General Fund, but it has been shown that the fund is in a straitened condition, and the grant will accordingly be reduced to Rupees 9,700, as in the sanctioned Budget. As Rupees 6,780 of this amount is required to maintain the establishment alone, no further reduction is feasible or advisable.

11. GRANT III is Rupees 24,150 chargeable to the General Fund.

12. For want of funds no provision is made for the General Reserve.

13. An abstract of the Budget, as revised by the Board, is subjoined:—

Receipts.		RS.	Expenditure.		RS.	RS.
Road Fund		54,210	Grant I ..	Road Fund ..	53,300	..
General Fund		38,800		General, ..	2,020	55,320
	RS.		Grant II..	General Fund..	..	11,680
			Grant III..	General ,, ..	..	24,150
General Fund ..	31,960		Grant IV..	Road Fund ..	910	..
Appropriations ..	6,840			General ,, ..	950	1,860
Total ..	38,800		General Reserve		..	..
			Balances.			
			Road Fund		..	..
			General ,, ...		..	..
			Total ..		..	93,010
Total ..		93,010				

(A true copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
Ag. Sub-Secretary.

No. 231. ORDER THEREON, 27th August 1877, No. 2203.

The Board of Revenue submit with their amendments the revised Budget Estimate for 1877-78 of the Cuddapah Circle.

2. The Budget, as revised by the Board, is in the following statement contrasted with the original Budget:—

RECEIPTS.

	1877-78. Original Estimate.	1877-78. Revised Estimate.
	RS.	RS.
Balances—		
Road Fund	10,000	— 20,570
General Fund	2,070	— 10,480
Allotments from General Revenue.		
Provincial Funds—		
For Schools	1,350	1,350
Special Funds	1,570	1,570
Cess on Land	1,25,200	1,20,200
Fees in Schools	700	700
Contributions from other Circles, &c.	90	90
Miscellaneous	150	150
Total ..	1,41,130	93,010

CHARGES.

	1877-78. Original Estimate.	Revised Estimate.
	RS.	RS.
GRANT I.		
New Works—		
Communications	19,000	..
Repairs—		
Communications	40,730	40,730
Miscellaneous Public Improvements ..	2,000	2,000
Establishment, P. W. D.	5,800	1,800
Petty Establishment	8,380	8,380
Tools and Plant	610	430
Road Fund Reserve	8,490	1,930
Miscellaneous	50	50
GRANT II.		
Inspection	2,050	2,050
Local Fund Schools	3,110	3,110
Salary Grants	200	..
Results Grants	6,000	6,000
Miscellaneous	520	520
GRANT III.		
Hospitals and Dispensaries	13,360	7,180
Vaccination	3,270	3,270
Sanitation	9,700	9,700
Miscellaneous	4,000	4,000
GRANT IV.		
Establishment	1,860	1,860
General Reserve	1,340	..
Balances—		
Road Fund	10,660	..
Total ..	1,41,130	93,010

3. The Vice-President has shown incorrect balances* under the Road and General Fund, viz., *minus* Rupees 41,658 and *plus* Rupees 10,605, respectively. The Board's figures appear to be correctly calculated and are, Road Fund *minus* Rupees 20,573, General Fund *minus* Rupees 10,480.

* On 31st March 1877.

4. The receipts, according to the revised estimate, will be Rupees 93,010 against Rupees 1,41,130. The difference is due to the deficit above noted, and to a reduction of Rupees 5,000 in the estimated receipts from the Land-cess. It seems probable, however, that the receipts may exceed the above estimate, as there is an arrear of Rupees 60,000 under Land-cess for 1876-77 still to be collected.

5. In order to bring the expenditure within the income of the Fund, the Board propose to make no allotment for new and incomplete works, which, besides a direct saving of Rupees 19,000 on this head, will produce a proportionate saving under Establishment, Department of Public Works, and Tools and Plant, and to reduce the charge for Hospitals and Dispensaries by Rupees 6,180; Grants II and IV remaining unaltered except in the matter of the salary grant of Rupees 200 under the former.

6. As, however, the General Fund† must close with a *minus* balance unless supplemented from other sources, even after making this large reduction, the Board propose to make this deficit good by a transfer from the Road Fund of the amount, urging that the Road Fund has already benefited by transfers for the General Fund to the sum of Rupees 36,127 in the years 1872-73 and 1873-74.

	RS.
† Income, net	31,960
Expenditure	38,690
Balance ..	6,730

7. In the opinion of Government, however, such an appropriation is contrary to the express provision of Section 36 of Act IV of 1871, whereby two-thirds of the Land-

cess must be devoted to communications, and although prior to the abolition of the Union Fund in 1874 the Road Fund was largely supplemented from the one-third balance of cess, no such appropriation can render that now proposed legal by way of set-off.

8. As, however, for reasons stated by the Board, it would be impossible, without endangering the sanitary condition of the towns, to make any further reduction in the allotment for Sanitation, Rupees 9,700, and as the provisions for Dispensaries and Vaccination appear fixed at the lowest figures admissible, the Government consider the preferable course to be to allow the General Fund to continue with a *minus* balance in the hope that the arrears of cess* may be realized to an extent sufficient to cover the estimated deficit. If one-third† only of the arrears were collected it would about suffice.

* Rupees 60,000.

† Rupees 20,000 × ⅓ = 6,666.

9. The abstract of the Budget will accordingly stand as follows:—

RECEIPTS.	Amount. RS.
Road Fund	61,050
General Fund	31,960
Total ..	93,010

EXPENDITURE.	RS.	Amount. RS.
GRANT I.	59,530	
Road Fund	2,020	
General Fund		61,550
GRANT II.		
General Fund		11,680
GRANT III.		
General Fund	1,020	
GRANT IV.	840	
Road Fund		1,860
General Fund		
General Reserve	500	
Balances—		
Road Fund	—6,730	
General Fund		—6,230
Total ..		93,010

10. The effect will be to raise the Road Fund Reserve to its proper figure—Rupees 8,160. one-tenth of the Receipts. The other necessary alterations in the Road Fund Statement will be made by the Board.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

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

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