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29th July 1878, No. 1321.

Provincial Services—Printing.

Read the following papers :—

No. 164. *From L. C. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 22nd May 1878, No. 1791.*

Revenue Department.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, No. 3412, dated 18th December last, I have the honor to submit, for the consideration of His Grace the Governor in Council, that, while printing charges of all public departments both in this Presidency and elsewhere in India constitute a debit against the allotment for Provincial Services, it has been hitherto the practice in Madras to treat the cost of printing Settlement registers differently by charging it against Imperial Funds under Grant 4, Land Revenue.

2. I addressed the Government of India on the subject, and forward, for the information of His Grace in Council, a copy of this office letter, No. 13,838, dated the 25th of March last, and of the Government of India reply, No. 191, dated the 30th ultimo, directing me to submit the proposal through the Local Government, naming at the same time what amount, in my opinion, may be annually assigned to meet such charge.

3. The rapidity with which this printing of the Settlement registers has been getting on has raised the expenditure of the last year or two considerably beyond the normal rate.

4. The actual and estimated expenditure from 1875-76 is given in the margin.

	RS.	
1875-76	32,874	Prior to 1875-76 the charge on this account was not shown in the accounts of this office separately from the other contingencies of the Settlement Department, and hence my inability to give earlier figures.
1876-77	33,260	
1877-78	36,689	
Estimate, 1878-79	32,000	

5. Had the charge been provincialized, as it ought to have been done, simultaneously with the introduction of the provincial scheme in 1871-72, it would probably have carried an annual assignment of Rupees 11,000, which sum was provided for the purpose in the budget estimate for 1870-71 under 4, Land Revenue.

6. It should be noticed, however, that for the year next ensuing the budget provision was fixed at Rupees 6,000, and for the four subsequent years up to 1875-76 at Rupees 7,000 per annum.

7. This department is not in a position to explain exactly the cause of the increase or to know whether the increased expenditure is likely to be permanent, and is not therefore competent to suggest what amount should be annually added to meet the charge.

From L. C. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, Madras, to the Financial Secretary to the Government of India, dated Fort St. George, 25th March 1878, No. 13,838.

With reference to paragraph 3 of this office letter, No. 8,565, dated 29th November 1876, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether the present system of debiting to "4. Land Revenue," the cost of printing in connection with the Settlement Department is to continue. These charges, it must be remarked, have risen very considerably of late, the actuals of last year having amounted to Rupees 38,260, and the estimated provision for the current and ensuing years being Rupees 35,000 and Rupees 32,000 respectively against Rupees 11,000 provided in the budget for 1870-71; and it appears to me that, independently of the question as to whether these excesses should fall on Provincial or Imperial resources, it may be desirable to adopt the same classification in force in other parts of India.

From E. J. SINKINSON, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Accountant-General, Madras, dated Simla, 30th April 1878, No. 191.

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter, No. 13,838, dated the 25th March 1878, I am directed to state that the proposal to provincialise the charges for printing Settlement registers should be submitted through the Government of Madras, and that, in submitting this proposal, you should state the amount which in your opinion should be annually assigned to meet the charges in question.

No. 869.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for their opinion.

OOTACAMUND,
27th May 1878.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary.

No. 165. *Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th July 1878, No. 1914.*

Read the following letter from W. WILSON, Esq., Acting Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 18th June 1878, No. 1529-39:—

In reply to Board's Proceedings, No. 1476, dated 3rd current, I have the honor to inform you that the charge for printing Settlement registers was debited to "Provincial" till the year 1872, when the Government of Madras (Proceedings, No. 1685, dated 17th December 1872), remarking that the work "had been always done by contract and was not included in the Provincial assignment," directed that the cost of it should be paid from the Settlement Budget. This order was, from oversight apparently, not carried out till 1875, since which year the cost has been debited to Imperial Land Revenue, against which it seems to be a legitimate charge.

2. There can be no objection, however, to the charge being debited to "Provincial" provided a sufficient allotment can be made from the grant for Provincial Services. The average annual cost under present arrangements of printing the registers is some Rupees 30,000.

Submitted to Government with reference to their docket on letter from the Accountant-General, dated 22nd May 1878, No. 1791.

2. The Board do not think that the transfer to Provincial is called for as the Revenue Settlement is not a permanent department. Should the charge, however, be considered absolutely necessary, the Board think the estimate for 1878-79 (Rupees 32,000) may be regarded as the allotment required annually.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Transferred to the Financial Department with reference to the endorsement in that department, dated 27th May 1878, No. 869.

OOTACAMUND,
25th July 1878.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government, R.D.

No. 166.

ORDER THEREON, 29th July 1878, No. 1321.

His Grace the Governor in Council concurs with the Board of Revenue.

2. The Government of India, to whom copy of these Proceedings will be forwarded, will be informed that, in the event of their desiring that the charge for printing Settlement registers should be debited to Provincial Services, the average annual charge for the years 1875-76 to 1877-78, viz., Rupees 35,940, should be assigned for the purpose from Imperial revenues.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Revenue Department.
" Accountant-General.

Mxd. J. W. Fischer.

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