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Local Funds—Budget.

No. 54. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th December 1875, No. 3378:—

Read letters—

From the President of the Local Fund Boards, Tinnevely District, dated 31st October 1875, forwarding Local Fund Budget of Shermadevi Circle for 1876-77.

From the Sanitary Commissioner, dated 19th November 1875, No. 2,126, remarking on the foregoing Budget.

THE Local Fund Budget Estimate of the Shermadevi Circle for 1876-77 will be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. REGULAR ESTIMATE OF 1875-76.—The receipts for the current year, including the balances on the 1st April 1875, are estimated at Rupees 1,22,377. The Vice-President takes the allotment for Public Works at Rupees 63,658, and assumes that the whole of it will be expended. This appears to include a portion of the special Provincial grant of Rupees 12,000 assigned in G.O., Financial Department, dated 20th May 1875, No. 1,104, not yet specifically allotted to particular works, and a sum of Rupees 2,400 entered in the current year's budget for Road No. XI. from Tenkasi to Madura, an unsanctioned work. The grants authorized for Public Works, according to the registers of this office, aggregate Rupees 57,646. From this Rupees 2,400, the allotment for the Tenkasi and Madura Road, must be deducted as no estimate for the work has been sanctioned and as the work is brought forward in the budget of 1876-77 with an allotment equal to the full amount of the estimate. This reduces the allotment to Rupees 55,246, and from past year's results the full amount may be taken as the probable expenditure during the year. With regard to the special grant of Rupees 12,000, the President proposed to distribute it amongst five works; but, as none of them had been sanctioned, the Board in their Proceedings, dated 27th September 1875, Miscellaneous No. 8,763, requested that the requisite estimates might be submitted, or proposals made for utilizing the grant on sanctioned works. No reply has been received to this reference, and, considering the advanced period of the year, it is improbable that the full amount will be expended on sanctions to be hereafter accorded. A sum of Rupees 9,000 will, however, be reserved for the purpose.

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3. The following is the Regular Estimate as revised by the Board:—

	Road Fund.	Endow-ment Fund.	General Fund.
<i>Receipts.</i>			
Balances...	RS. 4,150	RS. 4,026	RS. 3,882
Provincial Grant	30,300	...	...
Special Funds	5,486	...	673
Land Cess	37,205	...	18,602
Endowments	...	17,810	...
Miscellaneous	...	...	232
Total ...	77,141	21,836	23,389
<i>Expenditure.</i>			
Grant I.—			
Public Works. { By Public Works Department	30,103	6,000	130
{ By Other Agency	17,184	...	1,829
Public Works Supervision	7,526	1,500	32
Tools and Plant	619	79	26
Contributions and Reserve	14,100	...	...
Grant II.	...	320	9,000
Grant III.	...	12,197	8,805
Grant IV.	994	...	537
Balances ...	70,526	20,096	20,359
	6,615	1,740	3,030

4. BUDGET OF 1876-77—STATEMENT I.-A, REVENUES AND RECEIPTS.—The opening balances of 1876-77 will be—

	RS.
Road Fund	6,610
Endowment Fund	1,740
General Fund	3,030
Total ...	11,380

5. The Provincial grant for roads allotted to this Circle in Board's Proceedings, dated 16th September 1875, No. 2,590, is Rupees 23,300, of which Rs. 20,300 are credited to the Road Fund, and Rupees 3,000 to the General Fund. In order, however, to meet the necessities of the budget, the Board resolve to change this distribution and to transfer to the General Fund a further sum, Rupees 300, to meet the reduction in the opening balance of the fund caused by the alteration of the Regular Estimate.

6. The Land-cess is estimated at Rupees 57,000 against Rupees 59,000 in the current year's budget, and Rupees 55,407 as per Regular Estimate.

7. The receipts are—

	RS.
Road Fund	69,650
Endowment Fund	20,440
General Fund	26,280
Total ...	1,16,370

8. STATEMENT I.-B., EXPENDITURE, GRANT I., PUBLIC WORKS, STATEMENT II., ROAD FUND.—The allotment for Petty Establishment is Rupees 1,800, or Rupees 540 less than in the current year's budget, only two Sub-Overseers of the third grade being provided for against four sanctioned for the Circle, as will be seen from the

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particulars furnished in the Vice-President's letter. No reason is assigned for the omission of the salaries, &c., of the two Sub-Overseers, but the establishment provided for seems to be that now actually employed. The cost of General Management should be Rupees 820, and the Reserve Rupees 6,300. The allotment for Tools and Plant is calculated at 1.3 per cent. The Road Fund expenditure is Rupees 66,680, leaving a balance of Rupees 2,970.

9. STATEMENT II.-A, PART I., NEW WORKS.—Part I. contains six items with a total assignment of Rupees 25,820. The second, third, and fourth are unsanctioned works. The estimates for items 2 and 4 were returned to the President with Board's Proceedings, dated 26th October 1875, Miscellaneous No. 9,677, to be checked by the District Engineer. The President is requested to hasten the submission of the estimates for the three works. The fifth item provides for the construction of minor village roads, and the sixth for the completion of the new chuttrum at Tirukurangudi.

10. PART II., REPAIRS.—The allotment for Repairs is Rupees 29,270 against Rupees 27,570 in the current year, showing an increase of Rupees 1,700, which is due to the provision for Petty Repairs being raised by that amount. The allotment for Petty Repairs is shown in two items—one for which particulars are given in the Appendix, and the other for which it is said no details can be furnished. The items should have been amalgamated, and the lump allotment for the second item should be exhibited in the Appendix. The provision for the maintenance of avenues is Rupees 1,500.

11. APPENDIX TO PART II.—Under Repairs three of the roads shown in the list for the current year are transferred from Public Works Department to Other Agency, and five items are newly inserted, while items Nos. 19 to 25 in the current year's list are omitted. The lump grant of Rupees 1,800, for which it is said particulars cannot be given, has been added to this list. The President will report regarding these changes.

12. Grant I. is—

	RS.
Road Fund	65,860
Endowment Fund	7,590
General Fund	1,520
Total ...	74,970

13. GRANT II., EDUCATION.—No provision is made for Local Fund Schools, as the school at Tirukurangudi, appearing in the current year's budget, is to be closed under G.O., Financial Department, dated 29th September 1875, No. 1,923. It is observed from the Regular Estimate that the school was to be shut up from the 1st December 1875. The allotment for results grants is raised to Rupees 10,000.

14. Grant II. is Rupees 10,620 chargeable to the General Fund.

15. GRANT III., SANITATION.—The provision for the salary of the Medical Subordinate attached to the Nanguneri Dispensary is reduced from Rupees 900 in the current year's budget to Rupees 480 as the Hospital Assistant at present in charge draws only Rupees 40 per month; but under G.O., Financial Department, dated 27th November 1875, No. 2,312, three-fourths of the latter amount, Rupees 360, should be entered, the remaining Rupees 120 being met from Provincial Funds. A third servant on Rupees 3-8-0 a-month is also provided for.