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Local Funds—Budget.

Read the following paper:—

No. 130. *Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th November 1877, No. 5083.*

Read the following letters:—

From the President of the Local Fund Boards, Godavery District, dated 20th October 1877, No. 93, forwarding Local Fund Budget of Cocanada Circle for 1878-79.

From Surgeon-Major W. R. CORNISH, F.R.C.S., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 5th November 1877, No. 1784.

I have the honor to state that the Cocanada Local Fund Board has made a provision of only Rupees 10,000 or 17.1 per cent. of income in the Budget Estimate for Sanitary purposes during 1878-79. This, though an improvement over the estimate for 1877-78, still falls short of the minimum amount (viz., 20 per cent. of income) that should be allotted for sanitation.

2. Rupees 5,600 are allotted for Vaccination. This though ample in the lump, the proposed distribution of the money does not appear to be in accordance with the new rules. According to the new rules each taluk in the Circle should have a 1st-Class Vaccinator, but the Board propose having only four (three on 18 and one on 15 Rupees), while there are eight taluqs in the Circle.

The Local Fund Budget of the Cocanada Circle for 1878-79 will be submitted for the orders of Government.

REGULAR ESTIMATE FOR 1877-78.

2. STATEMENT A.—*Receipts.*—The opening balances as shown in the Local Fund Report of the Circle for 1876-77 have been taken in the Regular Estimate. These are the balances in the President's Accounts, the revision of which is still under discussion. The Local Fund balances up to the close of 1875-76 have been determined as accurately as possible in paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings reviewing the current year's Budget. Adding to these balances the receipts during 1876-77 and deducting from the total the expenditure of the year, the opening balance for 1877-78 should be Rupees 1,38,884 as shown below:—

	Road Fund.	Endow- ment Fund.	General Fund.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Balance of 1875-76	34,723	— 91	75,418	1,10,050
Receipts of 1876-77	1,45,875	6,151	74,013	2,26,039
Total	1,80,598	6,060	1,49,431	3,36,089
Expenditure of 1876-77	1,25,410	6,584	65,211	1,97,205
Closing Balance of 1876-77	55,188	— 524	84,220	1,38,884

There is an increase of Rupees 11,354 under the Choultry receipts owing chiefly to the transfer to Local Funds of a surplus balance of Rupees 10,966 from the Special Local Fund Accounts. The total receipts amount to Rupees 3,40,236 as follows:—

	RS.
Road Fund	1,80,165
Endowment Fund	15,730
General Fund	1,44,341
Total	3,40,236

3. STATEMENT B—*Expenditure*.—GRANT I.—The probable expenditure on New Works, Communications, is estimated at Rupees 96,926 including a sum of Rupees 10,000 for the Junction Canal to unite the Cocanada and Coringa Canals. The provision is here out of place and should properly be shown under "Contributions," but there is no likelihood of the work being commenced this year, there being no provision for it in the Public Works Budget for 1877-78 (Imperial) as already noticed in Board's Proceedings, dated 7th November 1877, No. 4938.

4. The allotments sanctioned up to date for New Works and Repairs under Communications are Rupees 81,666 and Rupees 40,292, respectively. They will be entered in the Regular Estimate in full. The cost of Public Works Supervision and of Tools and Plant should be Rupees 32,552 and Rupees 1,437, respectively. As in the Budget, Rupees 12,300 are entered under Road Fund Reserve. The Board consider that for the remaining five months of the year a reserve of Rupees 6,000 will suffice.

5. GRANT II.—Rupees 1,059 are allotted for Salary grants, at Rupees 82, to three schools, at Dowlaishweram, Kollapeta, and Volla. These it appears are in lieu of grants from Provincial Funds which have been withheld under orders of the Director of Public Instruction for reasons not stated in December 1876. No sanction or allotment of funds, as required by the rules, for the payment of the grants from Local Funds has been obtained; and the President is requested to submit at once, through the Director of Public Instruction, the necessary application with explanation as to the class to which the schools belong. Rupees 1,000 are entered as having been spent on constructing a School-house at Ramachundrapur. The Board have no information regarding this item, which ought not to appear under Miscellaneous. There is no Local Fund School at Ramachundrapur and the item is, the Board suppose, a building grant-in-aid. The President will report fully regarding it, and will state the class of the school.

6. GRANT III.—The probable expenditure on Sanitation is estimated at Rs. 13,572. The amount sanctioned up to date is only Rupees 9,000, and this amount will be entered. The excess will be transferred to General Fund Reserve. There is a sum of Rupees 1,400 entered as contribution to the Prince of Wales' Choultry at Suria Row's Pett near Cocanada. The Board have in separate Proceedings expressed an opinion that Local Funds cannot be spent for this purpose, and the amount will be struck out.

7. The Regular Estimate of expenditure as revised by the Board is as follows:—

	Road Fund.	Endowment Fund.	General Fund.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
New Works—			
Communications	81,666		
Civil Buildings			16,150
Repairs—			
Communications	40,292		
Miscellaneous Public Improvements			6,750
Cost of Public Works Supervision	27,077		5,475
Tools and Plant	1,218		219
Contingencies	80		
Road Fund Reserve	6,000		

	Road Fund.	Endowment Fund.	General Fund.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Grant I	1,56,333		27,594
Grant II			38,422
Grant III		8,683	17,549
Grant IV	1,636		1,276
Total	1,57,969	8,683	84,841
General Reserve			10,792
Miscellaneous Debt Account			7
Receipts	1,57,969	8,683	95,640
Balance	22,196	7,047	48,701

These balances will be taken to the Budget for 1878-79.

BUDGET FOR 1878-79,

8. STATEMENT I-A—*Revenue and Receipts*.—The Local Fund share ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the tolls levied by the Cocanada and Rajahmundry Municipalities is estimated at Rupees 4,280 against Rupees 2,780 in the current year's Budget. The total receipts amount to Rupees 2,70,370 as follows:—

	RS.
Road Fund	1,46,650
Endowment Fund	13,050
General Fund	1,10,670
Total	2,70,370

9. STATEMENT B, *Expenditure*.—GRANT I, *Public Works*.—STATEMENT II, *Road Fund*.—The share of the cost of General Management chargeable to the Road Fund and the allotment for Tools and Plant should be Rupees 1,480 and Rupees 840, respectively. Rupees 10,000 are entered as contribution for the Junction Canal. As stated in Board's Proceedings, dated 17th October 1877, No. 4756, the total amount which the Local Fund Board will contribute is Rupees 39,900.* For reasons stated in paragraph 3 *supra*, no provision is made for the work in the Board's Regular Estimate, and they resolve therefore, subject to the orders of Government on the Proceedings above quoted, to raise the contribution in the Budget for 1878-79 to Rupees 26,600, leaving Rupees 13,300 to be provided for in 1879-80. The total Road Fund expenditure amounts to Rupees 1,44,810 leaving a balance of Rupees 1,840.

10. STATEMENT II-A—PART I, *New Works*.—Rupees 43,000 are allotted for new roads works including a provision of Rupees 5,000 for village roads. The President is requested to expedite the submission of the revised estimate premised for the sixth work in the list. The provision of Rupees 500 for the construction of a Choultry at Bhimavaram should be shown under II "Civil Buildings" and not under III "Miscellaneous Public Improvements."

11. In Parts I and II, the Public Works Ranges alone are entered. The taluqs also should be shown in future, to enable the Board to check Statement II-B.

12. PART II—*Repairs*.—Rupees 40,500 are allotted for Road Repairs against Rupees 36,740 in the current year's Budget. The allotment for Item No. 6 is doubled and that for Item No. 10 is increased. Item No. 11 is a new entry.

13. Grant I is—

Road Fund	RS.
Endowment Fund	1,43,090
General Fund	380
	19,410
Total	1,62,880

14. GRANT II—*Education*.—There are at present four Inspecting Schoolmasters, two on Rupees 25 and two on Rupees 20 each. The Local Fund Board propose to raise the salaries of the four Inspecting Schoolmasters by Rupees 5 each, and to employ two more men on Rupees 20 each from the beginning of next year. The sanction of Government is solicited to these proposals.

15. Rupees 39,940 are allotted for Local Fund Schools against Rupees 26,410 in the current year's Budget. This large increase is owing to the Circle Board's proposal—(1), to open some new schools on the combined system of which twenty-six are detailed in Statement III; (2), to raise the salaries of certain Schoolmasters; (3), to appoint assistant teachers in some schools; (4), to open certain schools, the locality of which is not yet settled, and for which Rupees 7,000 are provided in a lump in Statement I-B; (5), to allot Rupees 1,000 for Girls' schools which sum is also entered in Statement I-B. Further report is promised regarding the proposals, and in the meanwhile the provision will be allowed to stand.

16. Rupees 1,000 are entered for Salary grants to the schools referred to in connection with the Regular Estimate, and Rupees 5,000 for Results grants. The commission for selling books should be Rupees 120.

17. Grant II is Rupees 49,910 chargeable to the General Fund.

18. GRANT III—*Sanitation*.—Rupees 4,790 are allotted for Dispensaries, the details of which are given in paragraph 20 of the President's letter. The provision includes Rupees 108 for famine batta and Rupees 200 for repairing the Hospital at Ramachendrapur. The former item is disallowed, as now unnecessary. The latter item should be shown in Part II under "Civil Buildings." Provision is included in the above sum for two new Dispensaries to be opened at Pittapur and Tuni. In their Order, Financial Department, dated 10th September 1877, No. 2281, Government approved generally the proposal to open the Dispensary at Tuni, but before according sanction desire to have a complete report on all matters connected with the institution. The President is requested to expedite the submission of the report. Particulars similar to those called for had better be furnished as regards the Pittapore Dispensary also. The Board fear that Medical Officers for the institution will not be obtainable.

19. The cost of Vaccination is Rupees 5,600 and the details are given in paragraph 21 of the President's letter. There are four 1st-Class Vaccinators provided for, though the Board in paragraph 15 of their Proceedings, dated 14th December 1876, reviewing the current year's Budget, thought that there should be at least five 1st-Class Vaccinators. The Sanitary Commissioner points out that each taluq should have a 1st-Class Vaccinator and that there are eight taluqs in the Circle. The President is requested to report on this point at an early date after communication with the Local Fund Board. There are ample funds. Of the several items making up the total cost (Rupees 5,600) those noted in the margin call for remark. The first item is struck out, the necessity for it not being apparent. The cost of stationery not being debitable to Local Funds, the second item will be disallowed. The third item and the President is requested to report upon it. The item should properly be shown under (n) Miscellaneous.

1. Acting Allowance
2. Stationery
3. Contribution to the Zemindari Vaccinators of the Pittapore Estate

RS.
200
50
200

Board have no information regarding the third item and the President is requested to report upon it. The item should properly be shown under (n) Miscellaneous.

Rupees 10,000 are allotted for Sanitation, of which Rupees 600 are for the Prince of Wales' Choultry at Suria Row's Pett and will be struck out with reference to the remarks made in paragraph 6 *supra*.

20. Grant III is—

General Fund	RS.
Endowment Fund	23,470
	6,490
Total	29,960

21. GRANT IV—*Miscellaneous*.—The contribution for the Controlling Establishments at the Presidency should be Rupees 820, and that for the establishment in the Collector's office Rupees 530, respectively. The Local Fund Board propose to employ from 1878-79 a clerk on Rupees 20 a month in addition to the two clerks already allowed, one on Rupees 50 and another on Rupees 15. The employment of this clerk appears to the Board unnecessary and the provision should be disallowed. Rupees 36 are provided on account of famine batta which will be struck out.

22. Grant IV is—

Road Fund	RS.
General Fund	1,720
	1,310
Total	3,030

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

Receipts.		Expenditure.		
	RS.		RS.	RS.
Road Fund	1,46,650	Grant I	Road Fund	1,43,090
Endowment Fund	13,050		Endowment Fund	380
General Fund	1,10,670		General Fund	19,410
				1,62,880
		Grant II	General Fund	49,910
			General Fund	23,470
		Grant III	Endowment Fund	6,490
				29,960
		Grant IV	Road Fund	1,720
			Endowment Fund	1,310
				3,030
		General Reserve		6,200
		Balances.		
			RS.	
		Road Fund	1,840	
		Endowment Fund	6,180	
		General Fund	10,370	18,390
Total	2,70,370	Total		2,70,370

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 131. ORDER THEREON, 17th December 1877, No. 2907.

The Budget Estimates of the Cocanada Local Fund Circle for the year 1878-79 are compared in the subjoined abstract with the sanctioned Budget for the current year:—

RECEIPTS.		Estimate, 1877-78.	Estimate, 1878-79.
		RS.	RS.
Balances—			
Road Fund		14,580	22,900
Endowment Fund		— 260	7,050
General Fund		46,340	48,700
Allotments from General Revenue—			
Special Funds		3,850	3,800
Cess on Land		1,75,000	1,75,000
Tolls		2,780	4,280
Contributions from other Circles, &c.		40	40
Receipts from Endowments, &c.		4,900	6,000
Miscellaneous		3,500	3,300
Total		2,50,730	2,70,370
CHARGES.		Estimate, 1877-78.	Estimate, 1878-79.
		RS.	RS.
GRANT I.			
New Works—			
Communications		63,100	43,000
Civil Buildings		—	7,100
Miscellaneous Public Improvements		2,100	2,000
Repairs—			
Communications		36,740	40,500
Civil Buildings		500	800
Miscellaneous Public Improvements		6,250	7,250
Establishment, Public Works Department		14,410	11,850
Petty Establishment		10,240	10,240
Tools and Plant		1,090	1,010
Road Fund Reserve		12,300	12,450
Contributions to other Circles, &c.		—	26,600
Miscellaneous		80	80
GRANT II.			
Inspection		1,760	2,850
Local Fund Schools		26,410	39,940
Salary Grants		—	1,000
Results Grants		4,000	5,000
Miscellaneous		1,150	1,120
GRANT III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries		720	4,480
Vaccination		2,730	5,150
Sanitation		9,000	9,400
Choultries		4,820	6,490
Travellers' Bungalows		250	350
Miscellaneous		5,070	4,090
GRANT IV.			
Establishment		2,820	3,030
General Reserve		6,220	6,200
Balances—			
Road Fund		280	1,840
Endowment Fund		—	6,180
General Fund		38,670	10,370
Total		2,50,730	2,70,370

2. The remarks of the Board of Revenue in reviewing the Regular Estimate for the current year are approved subject to separate orders on the question of the disallowance of the contribution to the Prince of Wales Choultry at Suria Row's Pett.

3. The receipt side of the Budget for 1878-79 calls for no remarks. The allotment for New Works, Communications, amounts to Rupees 43,000 against Rupees 63,100 in the Budget for the current year, but there is a further sum of Rupees 26,600 as a contribution towards the Coringa Junction Canal. The Budget arrangements on this account are approved pending the issue of orders on the separate Proceedings on the subject.

4. The proposal to raise the salaries of the four Inspecting Schoolmasters, and to employ two more is approved, as are also the Board's remarks in paragraph 15 with respect to the allotment of Rupees 39,940 for Local Fund Schools.

5. The assignment for Dispensaries may stand, subject to the reports called for, but as observed by the Board of Revenue it is very doubtful if Medical Subordinates can be procured within the year. The instructions of the Board of Revenue with regard to the allotments for Vaccination are approved.

6. It is observed that a separate application is promised in connection with the proposal to entertain an additional clerk. The entry in the Budget has been rightly struck out for the present.

7. With the above remarks the Budget is passed as submitted by the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

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To the Board of Revenue.
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