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Local Fund—Budget.

Read the following papers :—

No. 110. *Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd January 1878, No. 188.*

Read the following letters :—

From the President of the Local Fund Boards, Cuddapah District, dated 10th December 1877, No. 684, forwarding Local Fund Budget of Madanapalli Circle for 1878-79 :—

From the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, dated 14th December 1877, No. 8,133, submitting remarks on the Budget.

From the Sanitary Commissioner, dated 24th December 1877, No. 2,435, submitting remarks on the Budget.

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

2. REGULAR ESTIMATE FOR 1877-78.—STATEMENT I-A, RECEIPTS.—The opening balances should be Rupees 5,201 and Rupees 14,810 in deficit under the Road and General Funds respectively, according to the Local Fund Report for 1876-77 as revised by the Board. The Cess on Land is estimated at Rupees 56,957, being 50,000 Rupees in

addition to the collections of the first seven months. The average income from this source during the two ordinary years noted in the margin was Rs. 61,669. It is observed that at the close of 1876-77 there were outstanding in the whole district of Cuddapah as per demand, collection and balance statement for March 1877, arrears amounting to Rupees

1,84,286. The Circle demand, collection and balance statements not having been sent, the Board cannot ascertain how much of the amount appertains to the Madanapalli Circle, but the arrears are not likely to be less than Rupees 30,000 as shown in the margin. Under these circumstances, and considering the fact that the collection of the demand in the district begins in December, the Board hope that at least Rupees 60,000* will be collected for Land-cess. This amount will be entered in the regular estimate. The

total receipts amount to Rupees 42,134 as follows :—

	RS.
Road Fund	35,790*
Endowment Fund	720
General Fund	5,624
Total ...	42,134

3. STATEMENT B, EXPENDITURE.—No provision is made for New Works,

* Sanctioned, G.O., Financial Department, dated 26th October 1877, No. 2,585.

Communications, in the current year's revised budget* and consequently no expenditure is estimated under this head, but according to the registers maintained in this office, Rupees 1,539 have been allotted for Communications, and the amount is for charges likely to be incurred in the current year, and will accordingly be entered in the regular estimate. The probable expenditure on Repairs, Communications, is estimated at Rupees 11,430, the amount provided in the revised budget. The cost of Supervision by the Public Works Department and the allotment for Tools and Plant should be Rupees 3,148 and Rupees 150, respectively. The actual expenditure from April to August last on account of diet of patients (Grant III) was Rupees 3,636, and that estimated for the remaining seven months is given as *minus* Rupees 2,436. The latter sum appears to be the difference between Rupees 1,200 the allotment in the budget, and Rupees 3,636 the actuals of the first five months of the

current year. As under the Government Orders marginally noted all excess expenditure which may be incurred in

G.O., Financial Department, dated 2nd July 1877, No. 1,812.

G.O., Financial Department, dated 15th November 1877, No. 2,699.

diating famine patients from the beginning of 1877-78 is to be recovered from Famine Funds at a fixed rate per head, the expenditure debitable to Local Funds will not be more than Rupees 1,200, the amount entered in the regular estimate. The regular estimate of expenditure as revised by the Board is as follows:—

	Road Fund.	Endowment Fund.	General Fund.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
<i>New Works.</i>			
Communications	1,539	...	...
<i>Repairs.</i>			
Communications	11,430	...	...
Miscellaneous Public Improvements ...	...	...	2,000
Cost of Supervision by the Public Works Department	3,148	...	...
Tools and Plant	150	...	20
Reserve	3,520	...	...
Grant I	19,767	...	2,020
Do. II	...	...	2,360
Do. III	...	720	14,769
Do. IV	1,135	...	237
Total ...	20,902	720	19,386
Receipts ...	35,790	720	5,624
Balance ...	14,888	...	13,762

The balance under the Road Fund will not be allotted in the budget as it will probably be required for the adjustment of expenditure out of Famine Funds.

4. BUDGET FOR 1878-79.—STATEMENT I-A, REVENUE AND RECEIPTS.—The Cess on Land is estimated at Rupees 57,555 against Rupees 63,950 in the original budget for the current year, it being assumed that the normal demand will fall by 10 per cent. Some fall will no doubt take place, but there will be large arrears at the close of the current year, as will be seen from the remarks made in paragraph 2 *supra*; and on the whole the Board think that the estimate may safely be raised to Rupees 70,000. In 1872-73, when arrears were large, Rupees 72,659 were got in, and in 1873-74 Rupees 68,618. A sum of Rupees 10,000 is entered under Tolls, which appear in the budget

for the first time. No scheme of tolls has been sanctioned, no sites have yet been selected, and no careful estimates made. It is merely stated that a toll might be placed at every twenty miles of road. The Board do not consider that a scheme so inchoate should be brought into the budget, and resolve to strike the item out. The matter may be made the subject of separate report, but the President will see that the scheme is properly matured and considered before it is sent up for sanction. The necessary draft notifications should accompany any proposals made. School-fees are estimated at Rupees 70 to be obtained from a single school which the Local Fund Board propose to open in the year under review. In the present state of the General Fund proposals involving additional expenditure cannot be entertained. The establishment of the school must therefore be deferred for the present, and the item will accordingly be struck out. The total receipts amount to Rupees 73,240 as follows:—

	RS.
Road Fund	62,570
Endowment Fund	720
General Fund	9,950
Total ...	73,240

5. STATEMENT B, EXPENDITURE, GRANT I, PUBLIC WORKS.—STATEMENT II, ROAD FUND.—The allotment for Road Repairs will be raised from Rupees 34,790 to Rupees 36,220 for reasons stated further on. The cost of Supervision by the Public Works Department and the share of the cost of General Management chargeable to the Road Fund should be Rupees 8,920 and Rupees 1,010, respectively. The allotment for Tools and Plant should be Rupees 360. The Road Fund Reserve should be Rupees 4,770, but only Rupees 1,170 are available. The total Road Fund expenditure amounts to Rupees 47,680, leaving a balance of Rupees 14,890.

6. Rupees 34,790 are provided for Road Repairs, of which Rupees 5,000 are for the maintenance of the roads recently constructed from Famine Funds. Apparently, for want of funds, the allotments for Items Nos. 1 and 3 are reduced, and no provision whatever is made for works detailed in the Appendix to Part II of the current year's budget. These items will now be inserted with their usual grants. The allotment of Rupees 5,000 for Famine Roads will, however, be disallowed, as they can be provided hereafter from the proceeds of the proposed tolls should these be sanctioned.

7. The allotment of Rupees 1,800 for the Maintenance of Avenues will be reduced to Rupees 1,000, owing to the straitened condition of the General Fund.

8. Grant I is—

	RS.
Road Fund	46,670
General Fund	1,010
Total ...	47,680

9. GRANT II, EDUCATION.—The provision of Rupees 400 for Local Fund Schools will be struck out for reasons already stated. Rupees 800 are allotted for Results Grants which will probably be insufficient, but there are no funds available and operations must be restricted.

10. Grant II is Rupees 1,840 chargeable to the General Fund.

11. GRANT III, SANITATION.—The allotment for servants attached to the Madanapalli Dispensary shows an increase of Rupees 60 over the current year's amount on account of the salary of an additional servant employed for the Police sick, on account of whom a grant of Rupees 360 per annum was sanctioned by Government in G.O., 29th November 1875, No. 2,329, to provide an Additional Hospital Assistant and a sweeper. The President is requested to state why no credit has been taken in the Circle accounts of 1875-76, 1876-77, and 1877-78 for the grant, and whether an additional 3rd-class Hospital Assistant has been appointed to the dispensary with reference to the Government Order quoted above. Pending the receipt of a reply, the provision for the sweeper will be allowed to stand. For want of funds under the General Fund, the increased provision for "Diet of Patients" is disallowed. Rupees

1,900 are allotted for Sanitation against Rupees 3,350 for the current year. The decrease is due to want of funds.

12. Grant III is—

Endowment Fund	Rs. 720
General Fund	14,080
Total	14,800

13. GRANT IV. MISCELLANEOUS.—The contribution for the Controlling Establishments at the Presidency should be Rupees 220, and that for the establishment in the Collector's office Rupees 180. Rupees 180 are set down for Postal and Stationery charges. Under recent orders stationery charges are not debitable to Local Funds. Rupees 60 will be ample for postal charges, for which purpose the amount shown under "Contingencies" will be raised from Rupees 90 to 150. The whole provision of Rupees 180 will be struck out.

14. Grant IV is—

Road Fund	Rs. 1,010
General Fund	170
Total	1,180

15. After all possible reductions made under the different items of expenditure appertaining to the General Fund this fund remains in deficit to the extent of Rupees 7,150. The heavy deficit with which the year opens is, however, considerably reduced, and as the normal income of the General Fund exceeds the charges as now fixed, though on an inadequate scale, the deficit will be gradually extinguished and a margin provided for increase of outlay for General Fund purposes.

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

Receipts.		Charges.	
	Rs.		Rs.
Road Fund	62,570	Grant I. (Road Fund)	46,670
Endowment Fund	720	(General Fund)	1,010
General Fund	9,350		47,680
		Grant II. General Fund	1,840
		Grant III. (Endowment Fund)	720
		(General Fund)	14,080
			14,800
		Grant IV. (Road Fund)	1,010
		(General Fund)	170
			1,180
		General Reserve	...
		Balances.	
		Road Fund	14,890
		Endowment Fund	720
		General Fund	...
			7,740
Total	73,240	Total	73,240

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government.

No. 111. ORDER THEREON, 12th February 1878, No. 269.

The estimated receipts and expenditure of the Madanapalli Local Fund Board for the year 1878-79 are compared below with the estimates for the current year:—

RECEIPTS.		Estimate, 1877-78.	Estimate, 1878-79.
		Rs.	Rs.
Balances—			
Road Fund		5,200	14,890
General Fund		14,810	13,760
Allotments from General Revenue—			
Special Funds		830	740
Cess on Land		51,060	70,000
Receipts from Endowments, &c.		720	770
Miscellaneous		660	600
Total		33,260	73,240
CHARGES.		Estimate, 1877-78.	Estimate, 1878-79.
		Rs.	Rs.
GRANT I.			
Repairs—			
Communications		11,430	36,220
Miscellaneous Public Improvements		2,000	1,000
Establishment—Public Works Department		2,790	5,150
Petty Establishment		130	370
Tools and Plant		3,520	1,170
Road Fund Reserve		940	940
GRANT II.			
Inspection		1,300	800
Results Grants		120	100
Miscellaneous			
GRANT III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries		10,190	9,610
Vaccination		3,000	3,000
Sanitation		1,700	1,900
Travellers' Bungalows		290	290
GRANT IV.			
Establishment		1,370	1,180
Balances—			
Road Fund		11,080	14,890
General Fund		16,600	7,150
Total		33,260	73,240

2. In reviewing the Regular Estimate of the Madanapalli Local Fund Board for the current year and the Budget for 1878-79, the Board of Revenue have raised the estimated receipts from Land-cess from Rupees 56,957 to Rupees 66,000 in the former and from Rupees 57,555 to Rupees 70,000 in the latter. These alterations are accepted as representing the utmost that can be counted on with safety. The Regular Estimate for the current year as revised by the Board of Revenue closes with the following balances:—

Road Fund	Rs. +14,890
General Fund	 -13,760

3. The Road Fund balance will be absorbed in the adjustment of famine expenditure, and need not be brought forward in the Budget for 1878-79.

4. Notwithstanding the greatest economy in the allotments under the General Fund for 1878-79 and the passing of a provision for Results Grants altogether insufficient for the maintenance of that stability which is a *sine qua non* for the efficient working of the system, the Board of Revenue have been unable to reduce the deficit further than from Rupees 13,762 to Rupees 7,150, remarking, in conclusion, that as the normal income of the General Fund exceeds the charges as now fixed, though on an inadequate scale, the deficit will be gradually extinguished and a margin provided for increase of outlay for General Fund purposes.

5. The Budget, however, cannot be passed in deficit for 1878-79. The insolvency of the General Fund is due to the receipts having been decreased through the famine, while at the same time it was necessary to augment rather than curtail the expenditure on Medical and Sanitary Services, and the exceptional difficulty of restoring financial equilibrium in 1878-79 in the case of the Madanapalli Circle is owing to the fact noticed in the order on the Budget for the current year that an unusually large proportion of the General Fund income is devoted to Sanitary and Medical Services. The Government have agreed to relieve local bodies generally of the cost of dieting famine patients in their hospitals, but as regards Madanapalli it seems necessary to go a step further and direct that the whole of the cost of dieting patients and of medicines and supplies, as well as the salaries of the Medical Subordinates

	rs.	shall be debited to "Provincial—Medical."
* Salaries of Medical Subordinates	4,320	This will relieve the Local Fund to the
Diet of patients	1,200	extent of Rupees 7,990,* the opening
Medicine and Supplies	2,470	deficit under the General Fund will be
Total	7,990	reduced to Rupees 5,772, and it will be
		possible to close without a deficit after
		providing for the contribution to the

Medical College and raising the allotment for Results Grants to Rupees 1,300, or nearly two-thirds of the actuals for 1876-77, which will probably suffice to meet all legitimate claims under the new rules.

6. The instructions by the Board of Revenue in paragraphs 4 and 6 of their Proceedings are fully approved, and, subject to the remarks above made, the Budget is passed as submitted.

(True Extract.)

A. B. Puri

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Board of Revenue, with enclosures.

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

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