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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

25th February 1878, No. 333.

Budget Grants.

Read the following paper :—

No. 177. *From L. C. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 4th February* 1878, *No.* 1400.

Budget Department.

I have the honor to forward a statement of the probable expenditure during the current year, under major heads of account for the Imperial Departments of the Service, compared with the budget grant, from which it will be seen that irrespective of the charge for Famine Batta, for which the budget estimate contains no provision, the aggregate excesses from other causes are likely to amount to Rupees 97,300.

2. On the other hand it is probable there will be savings under some heads to the extent of Rupees 7,13,200, but the principal items as noted in the margin cannot be considered as a set-off against the excesses.

.. .. ..	3,82,500
20, Ecclesiastical	47,500
24, Allowances and Assignments ..	1,45,300
27, Loss by Exchange	1,00,000
Total ..	6,75,300

3. No present reference to the Government of India for sanction of these excesses is necessary, as they are mainly the result of charges duly sanctioned or of account adjustments, but I have thought it right to bring the matter to the notice of His Grace in Council so that information as to the probable state of the grants may be before the Government in the event of any applications for sanction to new expenditure being received.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

STATEMENT showing the Budget Grant for 1877-78 for the Imperial Services under Major Heads of Account and the Probable Expenditure as per Regular Estimate for that Year.

Heads of Account.	Budget Grant.	Regular Estimate.	Regular Estimate less Famine Batta.	VARIATION BETWEEN COLUMNS 2 AND 4. More.	Less.	Explanation as to the Causes of Excess in Column 5.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	
2, Interest on Service Funds and Other Accounts.	5,36,000	5,39,000	5,39,000	4,600	1,600 (a)	(a). Due to an arrear payment in connection with an endowment for a choultry at Vadampet in the district of North Arcot undrawn for several years.
3, Refunds and Drawbacks.	2,80,000	2,84,000	2,84,000	4,000	.. (b)	(b). No explanation is necessary, the expenditure being of a very variable nature.
4, Land Revenue ..	44,50,000	46,08,000	44,42,800	..	7,700	
5, Forest	4,20,000	4,20,000	4,13,000	..	7,000	
6, Excise on Spirits and Drugs.	2,25,000	2,25,000	2,22,300	..	2,700 (c)	(c). The expenditure under this head during the first nine months of the year has amounted to Rupees 1,91,000. The Collector of Madras has been duly informed of the circumstance and requested to restrict the expenditure during the remaining three months.
7, Customs	1,90,000	2,11,000	2,03,400	13,400	.. (d)	(d). Rupees 7,300 out of this excess was on account of acting allowances paid during the absence of the Collector of Customs on six months' special leave in India. The remainder of the excess occurs in the payment of fees to clerks and others for working out of office-hours and which is fully covered by the recoveries from the merchants credited under 6, Customs.
8, Salt	18,43,000	14,95,000	14,60,500	..	500 (e)	(e). Judging from the actual expenditure during the first eight months, there is no probability of the full grant being expended.
10, Stamps	1,40,000	1,46,000	1,45,100	5,1	(f)	(f). Partly due to acting allowances having had to be paid during the absence of the Superintendent of Stamps on three months' privilege leave and partly to the insufficiency of the grant on account of the charge for the sale of general stamps.
11, Mint	12,000	17,000	17,000	5,	.. (g)	(g). This excess is chiefly due to the loss on destruction of uncurrent copper coins, which have largely accumulated in the district treasuries.
12, Post Office	793,000	8,25,000	7,93,000	..	..	
14, Administration ..	12,88,000	12,37,800	12,33,700	..	4,300	
15, Minor Departments ..	1,15,000	1,31,300	1,31,100	16,10	.. (h)	(h). The gross increase under this head is Rupees 16,700, of which Rupees 6,200 is due to the transfer from the Military to the Civil Department of the Staff Corps pay of the officers holding the appointments of Consular Agents at Pondicherry and Karikal, and the remainder is consequent on the employment of Mr. MacIver on special duty in connection with the preparation of the *Imperial Gazetteer*. Allowing for miscellaneous savings to the extent of Rupees 600, the result is shown in net.
16, Law and Justice	37,19,000	39,00,000	37,27,700	8,700	.. (i)	(i). The excess under this head occurs chiefly in the following items :—
						RS.
						Fees to Government Pleaders in the mofussil for conducting criminal cases —
						Eight months' actuals 41,442
						Against grant for the year 30,600
						Batta to prosecutors and witnesses and their travelling expenses —
						Eight months' actuals 44,990
						Against grant for the year 48,794
						The attention of the High Court has been duly drawn by this office to these excesses.
18, Marine	74,000	79,000	77,400	3,400	.. (j)	(j). The excess under this head, which would have been Rupees 10,400 were it not to certain savings under other minor heads, is nominal, the regular estimate providing for the expenses of the Steamer *Northcote* transferred from 4, "Land Revenue."
20, Ecclesiastical	3,93,000	3,47,000	3,45,500	..	47,500 (k)	(k). The decrease under this head is due to the discontinuance of the adjustment in the Madras accounts of the charges incurred by the Hyderabad Residency.
21, Medical Services ..	3,25,000	3,18,000	3,18,000	..	7,000	
22, Stationery and Printing.	1,29,000	1,32,000	1,31,800	2,800	.. (l)	(l). This excess is chiefly in the transit charges of stationery, which have been larger this year on account of the requirements in connection with the famine.

STATEMENT showing the Budget Grant for 1877-78 for the Imperial Services under Major Heads of Account and the probable Expend[illegible]s per Regular Estimate for that Year—(*Continued*).

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	
23, Political Agencies ..	1,02,000	1,30,000	1,29,200	27,200	.. (*m*)	(*m*). Rupees 24,460 out of this excess is due to payments in this year in connection with the Imperial Assemblage at Delhi on the 1st January 1877.
24, Allowances and Assignments under Treaties and Engagements.	24,35,000	22,91,000	22,89,700	..	1,45,300(*n*)	(*n*). The decrease of expenditure under this head is nominal inasmuch as the receipts *per contra* under 1, "Land Revenue," are affected by a corresponding amount in consequence of the reversion to the former system of direct payment to the pagodas of the beriz collections made in several villages in the Tinnevelly District (*vide* despatch of the Secretary of State for India, No. 23, dated the 22nd June 1876).
26, Superannuation, Retired, and Compassionate Allowances.	14,34,000	14,40,000	14,40,000	6,000	..	
27, Loss by Exchange on transactions with London.	3,00,000	2,00,000	2,00,000	..	00,000	
28, Miscellaneous	68,000	69,000	69,000	1,000	..	
Total ..	1,92,21,000	1,90,45,100	1,86,12,700	97,800	05,600	

FORT ST. GEORGE,
4th February 1878.

(Signed) L. C. PROBYN,
Accountant-General.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, 25TH FEBRUARY 1878. 5

No. 178. ORDER THEREON, 25th February 1878, No. 333.

The statement will be communicated to the Revenue Department and Board of Revenue for information.

2. His Grace the Governor in Council observes that the excesses over budget grants are due to unavoidable causes.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

" [illegible] Revenue.
" Accountant-General.

Rsd. J. W. Fischer.

Revenue Department

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To,

The REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Dated February, 25th.

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