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Local Funds—Budgets.

Read the following paper :—

No. 157. *Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th December 1878, No. 3517.*

Read the following letters :—

From the President of the Local Fund Boards, Malabar District, dated 25th September 1878, No. 51, forwarding Local Fund Budget of Calicut Circle for 1879-80.

From the President of the Local Fund Boards, Malabar District, dated 16th October 1878, No. 55, forwarding statement of details of Educational Inspecting Staff, Dispensary Establishment, and Vaccine Staff.

From Surgeon-Major W. R. CORNISH, F.R.C.S., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 7th November 1878, No. 1,479.

I HAVE the honor to state that in my opinion the allotment made by the Calicut Local Fund Board in their Budget Estimate for sanitary purposes for 1879-80 is inadequate. A sum of Rupees 2,100, or only 1 per cent. of available income, has been set apart. I pointed out the inadequacy of this grant in the estimate for the current year also, but no improvement has taken place, and Government were pleased in G.O., No. 2,960, of 28th December 1877, to state that, considering the present state of the funds, it was quite impossible to increase the allotment for sanitary purposes.

2. The allotment for vaccination appears to be sufficient and is within the rates sanctioned by the new rules.

From Surgeon-Major G. BIDIE, M.B., Secretary to the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort St. George, 7th November 1878, No. 6,748.

I HAVE the honor, by desire of the Surgeon-General, to submit to your Board the following remarks on Grant III of the 1879-80 Local Fund Budget Estimate of the Calicut Circle.

PONANI.—The sum set apart for the maintenance of this dispensary is adequate.

MANJERI.—The provision made for the pay of the Medical Subordinate includes the 10-rupee Police allowance sanctioned in G.O., No. 1,173, of 19th September 1868. The current year's grant of Rupees 540 would appear to be adequate and may be repeated under the explanation afforded in this office letter, No. 7,486, of 20th November 1877, and recorded in G.O., No. 2,960, of 28th December 1877, Financial

Department. The disallowance of this allowance has also been communicated to the President of the Board in this office docket, No. 5,440, of 30th August 1878.*

* Copy enclosed.

2. The decline in the provision for the pay, &c., of the Assistant Apothecary attached to the dispensary is due to the withdrawal of the dispensary allowance as per G.O., No. 1,451, of 26th September 1878, Public Department.

2. The provision made for the three hospitals in question is in excess of the current year's grant by Rupees 1,000 in round number. This increase is said to be due to an increase made under "Contingencies" with reference to the actuals of 1877-78. The year referred to has been an exceptional one and not suited for comparison to ascertain normal expenditure. The Surgeon-General is of opinion that the gross estimate (Rupees 10,000) may be reduced to Rupees 9,500.

3. A sum of Rupees 1,150 has been contributed towards the expenses of the Medical College agreeably to G.O., No. 147, of 25th January 1878, Financial Department.

From Colonel R. M. MACDONALD, Director of Public Instruction, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 7th November 1878, No. 4,194.

I have the honor to state that the provision made therein for education seems to be sufficient.

THE Local Fund Budget of the Calicut Circle for 1879-80 is herewith submitted for the orders of Government.

BUDGET OF 1879-80.

2. The Regular Estimate of 1878-79 having already been reviewed and submitted to Government with Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd November 1878, No. 3,126, the Board will now proceed to review the Budget for 1879-80.

3. With reference to paragraph 12 of their Proceedings quoted in the preceding paragraph, the Board will assume that the year under review will open without deficit under the Road and General Funds and with a balance of Rupees 70 under the Endowment Fund.

4. The usual grant from Provincial Funds for schools is Rupees 4,680 against Rupees 4,170 in the current year's budget. The increase is due to the Circle Board's proposal to re-establish the middle class school at Ponani, which was temporarily closed for want of funds and for which Government were allowing an annual grant of Rupees 510. The school seems to have been kept up in the interval by subscription and is entitled to a grant on the Local Fund Board resuming the management, but under G.O., dated 17th August 1871, No. 432, no grant can be claimed in excess of half the cost of the school, so that in this case the amount will be Rupees 315 only. Similarly the grant for Munjeri must be reduced to Rupees 632, that for Cherpulecherry to Rupees 607, and that for Angadipuram to Rupees 394. The total grant will then be Rupees 3,762 only. The receipts under land-cess are based on the actuals of 1877-78 doubled with reference to the increased rate of the cess. The income from "Tolls" is Rupees 45,000 against Rupees 41,230 in the Regular Estimate. The total receipts amount to Rupees 2,52,200 as follows:—

Road Fund	RS.
Endowment Fund	1,89,940
General Fund	430
	<u>60,910</u>
Total ...	2,51,280

5. STATEMENT B, EXPENDITURE—GRANT I, PUBLIC WORKS—STATEMENT II, ROAD FUND.—The share of the cost of General Management chargeable to the Road Fund should be Rupees 1,920, and the sum to be provided for the repayment of loan is Rupees 4,660. The Road Fund Reserve should be Rupees 19,000. The total Road Fund expenditure amounts to Rupees 1,82,080, leaving a balance of Rupees 7,860.

6. STATEMENT II-A—PART I, NEW WORKS.—Part I contains seven items with a total allotment of Rupees 13,902, of which Rupees 12,702 are chargeable to the Road Fund and the remainder to the General Fund. All the works are unsanctioned, but estimates for the first four works in the list are submitted with the Budget. The attention of the President is called to paragraph 24 of the Board's Circular Memorandum, dated 15th August 1873, No. 1,231, from which it will be observed that no estimates for roads, &c., should be sent with the Original or Supplemental Budgets as it is inconvenient to deal with them in connection with the Budgets. The estimates are returned to the President for resubmission with a covering letter explaining more fully the necessity for each work.

7. PART II, REPAIRS.—Rupees 1,07,180 are allotted for road repairs against Rupees 1,06,710 in the current year's Budget. The President states that the names of roads are omitted to save scriptory labor; that they are referred to by the numbers they bear in the revised list* of roads; and that with the list to refer to no trouble

* Copy furnished to Government with Board's Proceedings, 15th Oct. 1878, No. 2,795.

* Copy furnished to Government with Beard's Proceedings, 15th Oct. 1878, No. 2,795.

8. Grant I is—

Road Fund	RS.
General Fund	1,80,160
	4,280
Total ...	1,84,440

9. GRANT II, EDUCATION.—Under the items noted in the margin the estimated expenditure is increased on 12 items.

	1878-79.	1879-80.
	RS.	RS.
Local Fund Middle-class Schools	8,550	10,494
Stipends to Hindu and Moplah Schools	5,060	8,376
Results Grants	4,130	7,000

10. Rupees 8,380 are provided for stipends to masters in Hindu and Moplah schools and Rupees 7,000 for results grants to the same schools.

11. Grant II is Rupees 30,860 chargeable to the General Fund.

12. GRANT III, SANITATION.—The provision for hospitals and dispensaries is Rupees 10,000 against Rupees 9,150 in the current year's Budget. Rupees 540 are allotted for the three-fourth salary of the First-class Hospital Assistant attached to the Manjeri Dispensary, and Rupees 870 for the moiety of the pay and allowances of the Assistant Apothecary in charge of the Vypery Dispensary.

13. In his second letter, recorded at the head of these Proceedings, the President points out that the provision for the Medical Subordinate for the Vypery Dispensary includes Rupees 120 in excess, which ought to be added to that for the Manjeri Dispensary.

14. The Surgeon-General now points out that the current year's grant of Rupees 540 for the Manjeri Dispensary is adequate, and that the decline in the provision of the pay, &c., for the Assistant Apothecary attached to the Vypery Dispensary is due to the withdrawal of the dispensary allowance under G.O., Public Department,

dated 26th September 1878, No. 1,451. The original allotment for the first institution will, therefore, be left unaltered. As regards the second, the provision of Rupees 870 will be reduced to Rupees 750 as noted in the margin.

	RS.
Pay	75
Staff allowance ...	30
House-rent	20
	<u>125 × 12 = 1,500 ÷ 2 = 750</u>

15. According to the details of the existing establishments furnished with the President's second letter, the provision for the servants attached to the Vypery Dispensary will be reduced from Rupees 510 to Rupees 410, and that for the servants of the Manjeri Dispensary raised from Rupees 480 to Rupees 510.

16. The total allotment for hospitals and dispensaries with the alterations noticed is Rupees 9,840.

17. Grant III is—

General Fund...	RS.
Endowment Fund	21,160
	360
Total ...	<u>21,520</u>

18. GRANT IV, MISCELLANEOUS.—The contribution for the Controlling Establishments at the Presidency should be Rupees 730, and that for the establishment in the Collector's Office Rupees 640. The Local Fund Board propose to employ a second Clerk in their office on Rupees 15 a month, and request sanction for the appointment. Under the financial difficulties which led to the exceptional course of procedure adopted in reviewing the current year's Regular Estimate of the Circle, the Board cannot support the proposal, and, subject to the orders of Government, the provision will be disallowed.

19. Grant IV is—

Road Fund	RS.
General Fund	1,920
	540
Total ...	<u>2,460</u>

20. The General Fund Reserve should be Rupees 6,190, but only Rupees 1,070 are available.

21. The following is an abstract of the Budget as modified by the Board:—

Receipts.		Charges.	
Road Fund	RS. 1,89,940	Grant I ... { Road Fund ...	RS. 1,80,160
Endowment Fund ...	430	{ General Fund ...	4,280
General Fund	60,910	Grant II ... Do. ...	1,84,416
		Grant III ... { General Fund ...	30,860
		{ Endowment Fund ...	24,160
			360
		Grant IV ... { Road Fund ...	24,520
		{ General Fund ...	1,920
			540
		General Reserve	2,460
		Balances—	1,070
		Road Fund	7,860
		Endowment Fund	70
		General Fund	7,930
Total ...	2,51,280	Total ...	2,52,200

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
Acting Secretary.

No. 158. ORDER THEREON, 18th February 1879, No. 299.

The estimated receipts and charges of the Calicut Circle for 1879-80 are contrasted below with the Sanctioned and Regular Estimates for the current year:—

	RECEIPTS.	Estimate, 1878-79.	Regular Estimate.	Estimate, 1879-80.
		RS.	RS.	RS.
Balances—				
Road Fund		2,740	8,955	8,665
Endowment Fund ..		116		70
General Fund		17,960	30,034	90
Allotments from General Revenue—				
Provincial Funds—				
For Schools		4,170	4,170	3,760
Special Funds		36,000	41,050	38,100
Cess on Land		1,48,000	1,38,720	1,52,610
Tolls		37,000	41,230	45,000
Fees in Schools		1,000	1,790	2,180
Contributions from other Circles, &c.		7,100	7,030	7,000
Receipts from Endowments, &c. ..		360	415	410
Miscellaneous		5,050	3,150	2,150
Total ..		2,17,980	1,98,682	2,60,035

CHARGES.

	Estimate, 1878-79. RS.	Regular Estimate. RS.	Estimate, 1879-80. RS.
GRANT I.			
New Works—			
Communications	..	3,403	12,700
Civil Buildings	..	304	1,200
Repairs—			
Communications	1,06,710	35,660	1,07,180
Civil Buildings	..	2,557	2,740
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	..	200	300
Establishment, P. W. Dept.	25,130	23,346	27,600
Petty Establishment	1,000	406	1,000
Tolls and Ferries	1,070	930	1,240
Tools and Plant	17,230	1,600	19,000
Road Fund Reserve	3,600	3,670	3,670
Contributions to other Circle, &c.	8,330	8,030	7,810
Miscellaneous			
GRANT II.			
Inspection	3,390	3,390	3,390
Local Fund Schools	8,550	8,550	10,494
Salary Grants	5,060	5,060	8,376
Results Grants	4,130	4,120	7,000
Miscellaneous	4,600	2,600	1,600
GRANT III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries	9,150	10,073	9,840
Vaccination	2,520	2,000	2,520
Sanitation	2,100	2,290	2,100
Choultries	950	866	950
Travellers' Bungalows	1,050	1,012	1,050
Miscellaneous	5,000	7,348	8,060
GRANT IV.			
Establishment	2,410	2,430	2,460
General Reserve	..	..	1,070
Balances—			
Road Fund	4,640	8,665	16,525
Endowment Fund	..	70	70
General Fund	1,360	90	90
Total	2,17,980	1,98,682	2,60,035

2. The President adopted for the opening balance of the Regular Estimate a minus sum of Rupees 33,072. The Board of Revenue raised this amount to Rupees 47,535; but assigned no reasons for their action in their Proceedings, 23rd November 1878, No. 3126. The Accountant-General's latest revised account gives the deficit at Rupees 38,873; and this figure has been taken for the above abstract. The Regular Estimate thus modified closes with a plus balance of Rupees 8,665 under the Road Fund, the decrease in the deficit, according to the Accountant-General's figure, being assumed to affect that fund only.

3. In the Budget for 1879-80, the Land-cess Estimate is fair being double the receipts of 1877-78 when the one anna rate prevailed throughout; the Tolls Revenue shows increase owing to the six new Tolls sanctioned; but the Government question the desirability of continuing the Provincial grant for schools and especially of reviving the old grant to the Ponani School which had lapsed on the abolition of the school; although they observe that the Board of Revenue have revised the grants for each school so far as to make the proposed entire grant for the year, including the addition for Ponani, less than the current year's by Rupees 400. It is not known whether the grants in former years were revised by the Board of Revenue as now pointed out.

The General Fund of the circle having been added to by doubling the Land-cess, it is desirable that under the numerous pressing demands now existing on Provincial Funds, the school grants should cease. It will accordingly be struck out of the accounts. The increased Educational provision of Rupees 5,130 is however strongly advocated by the Local Board and appears necessary to meet the progressive educational requirements of the circle. It will accordingly be sanctioned and in view to make up for the loss in receipts caused by the withdrawal of the Educational grant, the Government permit the Local Board to credit a corresponding amount from the Ferry Fund to the General Fund. They regret the increased expenditure at a time when the General Fund is far from solvent; but they are unwilling to check the progress of education in the circle, while they rely confidently on the Local Fund Board making every effort to enforce judicious economy in view to placing the finances of the circle on a satisfactory footing.

4. The provision for Public Works seems susceptible of reduction. The allotment for Communications—New Works—may be limited to Petty works, Rupees 4,148, and the necessity for erecting Stalls at the Angadiputaram Market in the present state of the General Fund is not apparent. The latter must be postponed unless it is anticipated that the rents of the Stalls will cover the expenditure.

5. The provision for Maintenance of Roads shows increase, and the President explains that the Maintenance grants for the roads have been revised. The Government observe that the rates in some cases have been fixed very high. The Public Works Department will institute inquiries on this point. The Government note that the maintenance of roads with mileage grants of less than 50 rupees is made over, except in a few cases, to "Other Agency." The expediency of this measure seems open to question and the opinion of the Superintending Engineer thereon will be submitted at an early date. The allotment for Tools and Plant should be revised with reference to G.O., 17th April 1878, No. 1866-W, Public Works Department.

6. The provisions under other heads, as revised by the Board of Revenue, are approved and the Budget is passed subject to the alterations above pointed out. The entry of Rupees 2,52,200 in paragraphs 4 and 21 of the Board's Proceedings is apparently a clerical error.

(True Extract.)

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Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Board of Revenue.

- „ Revenue Department.
- „ Public Works Department.
- „ Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
- „ Sanitary Commissioner.
- „ Director of Public Instruction.
- „ Accountant-General.
- „ President of the Municipal Commission, Malabar.

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