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13th March 1872.

No. 130. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th February 1872, No. 1177 (Miscellaneous):—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector, Vizagapatam District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Palkonda, 31st January 1872, No. 12:—

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 26th, declining to sanction two out of three of the transfers proposed by me in my letter, dated 16th January 1872, No. 40, on the ground that, by Section 27 of the Local Funds' Act, the transfers proposed are illegal. My attention is further particularly directed to the abovementioned Section.

2. This Section did not escape my notice, and was specially referred to in my letter. Referring to the Section, I find that it is "competent to any Local Fund Board, &c., with the sanction or upon the direction of Government, to contribute out of the Local Fund belonging to any other Circle towards, &c., when such expenditure is incurred for any of the purposes described in the last preceding Section, and is calculated to benefit the inhabitants of the contributing Circle."

3. On referring to Section 26, in which the "purposes" are enumerated to which funds raised under the Act are "applicable," I find, in paragraph 1, the "construction, repair, and maintenance of roads and communications." The transfers I proposed were from allotments to roads in the Vizagapatam Circle to allotments to roads in the Narsapatam Circle. As the two chief ports in the district are in the former Circle, there is no doubt that the repair of roads in the latter Circle "is calculated to benefit the inhabitants of the contributing Circle" (Vizagapatam). The Local Fund Board took this view, and approved of the transfers. The sanction of the Board was asked for by me in anticipation to save time, and in expectation of my obtaining the consent of the Vizagapatam Local Fund Board, in which expectation I was not deceived. I regret that I should have recommended a course which the Board consider to be illegal.

4. I am now writing to the Executive Engineer, asking him to suggest the transfer of the funds which cannot be expended to other works within the Circle; but, by the time I receive the answer and the confirmation of the Board, there will be hardly time left to expend the money as re-allotted.

It would have been directly contrary both to the letter and the spirit of the law to sanction the transfer before the Local Fund Board had considered its expediency.

2. Even now that the Local Board has approved of the transfer, the allegation that, as the two chief ports of the district are in the Vizagapatam Circle, the repair of roads in the Narsapatam Circle benefits the contributing Circle, seems too vague to satisfy the requirements of the law.

3. These Proceedings will be submitted to Government.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
13th March 1872.

No. 131. ORDER THEREON, 13th March 1872, No. 306.

The Government entirely agree with the Revenue Board, and decline to sanction the proposed transfers.

(True Extract.

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue, with an enclosure returned.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 13th.

Recd. *Encl.*

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Declining to sanction the proposed transfer of funds from allotments for roads in the Vizagapatam Circle to allotments for those in the Narsapatam Circle.

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Submitting letter from Coll.r of Vizagapatam regarding proposed transfer of funds from allotments for roads in Vizagapatam Circle to allotments for roads in Nuzeedpatam Circle with an Order

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The Government entirely agree with the Revenue Board, and sanction the proposed transfer.

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