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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 19th January 1872.

No. 85. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st December 1871 :—

Read the following letter from A. MACGREGOR, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 18th December 1871, No. 278:—

In reply to the Board's Proceedings, dated 2nd December 1871, No. 4410, I have the honour to report that I do not consider it safe to allot a sum of 5,000 Rupees from the Reserve to meet the reduction in Provincial Funds.

2. The liabilities of the Reserve are very large including as they do much uncertainty of estimated income.

3. In regard to the additional allotment of a sum of 12,500 Rupees to the Karkur and Tambercherry Ghauts for which Government seek information, I beg to refer to the Board's Proceedings noted in the margin. It will be recollected that when the Wynad Ghaut Tolls were imposed, it was on the distinct understanding that the money was to be spent on the ghaut and the sum was ordered to be shown separately in the accounts, and it was only on the recent order of the Board that the distinction in account was ordered to be done away. This was not interpreted by me to mean that the money was to be otherwise allotted, and the Local Fund Board added it to the maintenance allotments already provided, that is, to the purpose to which as a special fund it stood devoted.

Board's Proceedings, 17th October 1870, No. 1181, continued in G. O., dated 11th October 1870, No. 1540.

Proceedings, dated 23rd January 1871, No. 329.

4. In judging of this maintenance grant for the Tambercherry Ghaut the nature of the work must be borne in mind ; when actually opened for traffic it was barely passable in places owing to huge boulders and fragments of rocks. These are being gradually removed, revetments relaid, and loose stones have constantly to be dealt with which if not seen to would at any moment block traffic and even endanger life.

5. A considerable part of the ghaut has never been metalled and has a deep clay soil. During the last two years there has been heavy rain in October and November during heavy traffic, and the consequence is that, in a few hours, the road became an impassable quagmire. The only expedient is to put on gangs at once to reduce the surface to shape while it is in course of drying. If this is done a good road is formed in a few days, and comparatively little hinderance is offered to traffic or permanent injury inflicted on the ghaut. Perhaps the same state of things recurs several times in a month, and, unless the allotment admits of timely measures, matters must necessarily go from bad to worse.

6. The same is the case in a less degree on the other ghauts, and I would not, therefore, recommend the provision made being curtailed unless after a full discussion at a Board meeting.

7. I regret my absence on circuit has delayed this reply.

Submitted to Government with reference to their Memorandum of the 29th November 1871, Financial Department.

2. The Collector shows that the ghaut allotments are really needed, and does not concur in the Board's view that Rupees 5,000 might be safely taken from the Reserve.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 86. Order thereon, 19th January 1872, No. 69.

The Government are not now prepared to make an additional Provincial grant. The Local Fund Board should consider the propriety of diverting the excess provi-

sion from Repairs to New Works, or of appropriating a further grant from the Reserve.

2. At this period of the year there ought not to be much uncertainty as to probable receipts.

(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Collector of Malabar.

Exd. J. Wright.

Malabar (Mr. A.'s Office
Calicut 18th December 1871

№ 278

From

A. C. MacGregor Esquire
President of Local Fund Board
Malabar

To

J. Grose Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir

In reply to the Board's Proceedings dated 2d December 1871 № 4410, I have the honor to report that I do not Consider it safe to allot a Sum of 5000 Rs from the reserve to meet the reduction in Provincial Funds.

2. The liabilities of the reserve are very large including as they do much uncertainty of Estimated income.

3 In regard to the Additional allotment of a Sum of 12500 Rs to the Karkur and Lambercherry Ghauts for which Government seek information, I beg to refer to the Board's Proceedings noted in the margin. It will be recollected that when the Wynaad Ghaut Tolls were imposed, it was on the distinct understanding

Board's Proceedings dated 17th October 1870 № 1181. Continued in G. O. dated 11th October 1870 № 1540.

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

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To

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

Dated January, 19th.

Recd. Read.

G. O., 19th January 1872, No. 69.

JANUARY.
Nos. 85-86.

Passing orders on the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, submitting copy of a letter from the President, Malabar Local Fund Circle, reporting on the inexpediency of allotting Rupees 5,000 from the Reserve to meet the reduction in the Provincial grant.

understanding that the money was to be spent on the Ishaut, and the sum was ordered to be shown separately in the Accounts and it was only on the recent order of the Board that the distinction in Account was ordered to be done away. This was not interpreted by me to mean that the money was to be otherwise allotted and the Local Fund Board added it to the Maintenance allotments already provided, that is to the purpose to which as a special fund it stood devoted.

Proceedings dated 23rd January 1871 No. 329.

In judging of this Maintenance grant for the Sambuchevoy Ishaut the nature of the work must be borne in mind when actually opened for traffic it was barely passable in places owing to huge boulders and fragments of rocks. These are being gradually removed, restraints relaid and loose Stones have constantly to be dealt with which if not seen to would at any moment block traffic and even endanger life.

A Considerable part of the Ishaut has never been metalled and has a deep clay soil. During the last 2 years there has been heavy rain in October and November during heavy traffic and the consequence is that in a few hours the road became an impassable quagmire. The only Expedient is to put on gangs at once to reduce the surface to shape while it is in course of drying. If this is done a good road is formed in a few days and comparatively little hindrance is offered to traffic or permanent injury inflicted on the Ishaut. Perhaps the same State of things occurs several times in a month and unless the allotment admits of timely measures, matters must necessarily go from bad to worse.

The same is the case in a less degree on the other Ishauts and I would not therefore recommend the provision made being curtailed unless after a full discussion at the Board meeting.

I regret my absence on Circuit has delayed this reply.

I have &c.
(Signed) A. Mackregor
President

(True Copy)
J. Rose
Secretary

Copied M. Simpson

29 Nov 1871

No 327 Colombo Chmbr:
Ord.

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With reference to Board's
Proceedings No 7736 dated 16th
Nov. 1871, the C.S. to Govt.
Financial department
is directed to request the Board
to state whether the sum of
Rs 5000 might not be pro-
vided from the reserve in
the Caliciut road fund budget
which amounts to Rs. 16,470.
~~from~~ and to obtain explan-
ation of the Excessive allow-
ments which seem to have
been made for the Kandy & Kurunegala
expenses. Owing to changes
in the designation of the
allotments, those in S.O. 7th
June 1871 cannot be traced
with certainty but the follow-
ing appear to be the ~~state of~~
result of comparison.

In S.O quoted
Nos 833 — 2970
850 — 9200
12,170 = Item No
18 in Caliciut Sch A

839 — 4290
851 — 6400
10690 = 21 in do

834 — 3300
849 — 8000
11300 = No 7 in Kandy Sch II A.

Enclosure in the Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue
&c Chief Secretary
Civil Service & Finance
Department, dated
21st December 1871.

No. 19 January 72 Ex 85

Copy of the Proceedings
letter, reporting that
he does not consider
it safe to allot Rs 5000
from the Reserve Fund
the Redemption
Government Loan

a/c Harbour Scheme

848 — 5700 In Calicut budget No 5 provides Rs 12500 & Tellicherry No 14 Rs 1750.

Thus there appears to be a large excess here provided whence suitable funds might be made available.

An early reply is particularly requested, to enable Govt. to deal with the matter in discussing of the Malabar budgets.

H.C.I.
Under Secy

Fort St George
29/11/71

To
The Board of Revenue.

No. 4,736.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 16th November 1871.

Read the following letter from A. MACGREGOR, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Manantoddi, 2nd November 1871, No. 257:—

THE Board are aware that a sum of Rupees 20,000 was reduced from the allotments originally made in the current year Public Works Budget, for the lines noted. It will be seen that all of them belong to Wynaad.

——	Original allotment.	Reduced allotment.	Difference.
Roads.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Karkur Ghaut and Road.	15,000	10,000	5,000
Tambercherri Ghaut and Road	30,000	20,000	10,000
Peria Ghaut and Road...	15,000	10,000	5,000
Total...	60,000	40,000	20,000

* No. 464, dated 4th October 1871.

2. Owing to inadequacy of funds, it was not possible for the Local Funds Board to supplement the reduced allotments for Wynaad works. From a letter* received from Major Kennedy, copy of which is herein enclosed, it appears that great inconvenience will be felt if an additional grant is not made for expenditure in the current official year.

3. Under the peculiar circumstances of Wynaad, and with reference to paragraph 11 of the Government Order, dated 17th August last, No. 342, I have the honour to request, that Government may be moved to provide at least a sum of Rupees 5,000 from Provincial Funds for Tambercherri Ghaut and road, in addition to the allotment already sanctioned in the Public Works Budget.

4. The additional sum, if sanctioned, will be expended by the Public Works Department.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Major R. B. KENNEDY, Special Executive Engineer, Wynad, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Lukadi, 4th October 1871, No. 464.

IN your capacity as President of the Local Fund Board Committee, I beg to lay before you a Statement, showing what is the present condition of the Funds at my disposal for carrying on the work on the Tambercherri Ghaut and line to Mysore Frontier, and to point out what great need there is for funds to supplement the grant.

2. The original grant on which work was commenced during the current year was Rupees 30,000, and this was worked on for the first three months of the current year, including in the expenditure, arrears due for the work done in the last month of 1870-71, viz., Rs. 1,548-5-0.

3. Up to end of June the expenditure amounted to Rupees 9,851-5-4, when under the re-distribution of Funds the grant was suddenly cut down to Rupees 20,000.

4. Just sufficient work has been carried on during the monsoon to keep together the few work-people whom, if once I lost, I should have great difficulty in re-placing; and when the six best working months of the year are before me, I find myself with only a balance of Rs. 6,580. Out of this, there will probably be about Rupees 1,200 to be paid for compensation for land; and to complete three important bridges, with their approaches, I require Rupees 2,000, leaving me only Rupees 3,380 for the rest of the work on the whole line.

5. I have computed what is the smallest expenditure I can venture on with safety on the Tambercherri Ghaut and find it Rupees 1,400, though, with the supervision necessary for this, I could just as easily, and more profitably expend ten times the amount.

6. For building culverts, and a bridge, for which all the materials have now been ready for two years, between the head of the Ghaut and Vythery, I ought to have Rupees 2,500: and for culverts between Vythery and Kalpatty, another Rupees 1,500: with Rupees 1,800 for two culverts between Sultan's Battery and Mysore Frontier: making a total of Rupees 7,200. These I would

add, are works of extreme urgency, and delay in proceeding with them is only adding an annual loss in temporary expedients, and damage to road. I have therefore the honour to request that, as it appears quite impossible this year, to supplement the grant from Local Funds, you will be so good as to apply to Government for an additional grant of Rupees 5,000 from Provincial Funds, taking advantage of the offer held out in the Proceedings of Government ordering a revision of the Budget framed by the Local Fund Board in June last. Even this will give some Rs. 10,000 less than the grant I had last year for the same line.

7. In conclusion, I have the honour to draw attention to the protracted period to which the completion of the main lines in Wynad will be extended at the present rate of expenditure: Rupees 1,03,912 still remains unexpended of the estimate on the Tambercherri Ghaut line; this will probably be exceeded some 3 or 4 per cent. and if no more than Rupees 20,000 per annum can be allowed, it will take six years more to complete the line.

8. The Karkoor line is in a still worse plight; its unexpended balance of estimate of Rupees 1,39,304-5-4 at Rupees 10,000, per annum, will take fourteen years to get through.

9. The importance, however, of this line is far below that of the Tambercherri and Sultan's Battery one, and the unfinished work principally consists in widening the Karkoor Ghaut, and metalling; the former of which, is not at present of pressing necessity.

10. Another consequence of these small grants is, that each monsoon some portion or other of the road is practically useless, and the whole line consequently blocked.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. M. WINTERBOTHAM,
Vice-President.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to paragraph 11 of their Order, dated 17th August 1871, No. 342.

2. Of the three works mentioned in the foregoing letter, the first two are provided for in the current years' revised Road Fund Budget of the Calicut Circle and the third in that of the Tellicherry Circle, which were submitted to Government with the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue marginally noted.

Dated 8th November 1871, No. 4,639.
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3. It will be observed from those budgets that almost all the available funds have been appropriated except the Reserves of Rupees 16,470 and Rupees 8,220. This provision is hardly more than sufficient to meet any emergent and unforeseen works, to provide additional allotments for works in progress during the remaining five months of the current official year, and to guard against any deficit in the expected Land Cess collections.

4. The allotments provided in the two Circle budgets are those entered in the draft budget of the Government Order, Financial Department, dated 7th June 1871, No. 216, but Major Kennedy clearly points out their insufficiency. The Board of Revenue beg therefore strongly to recommend that Government will be pleased to authorize an additional grant, for this year, of Rupees 5,000 from Provincial Funds for the Malabar District, the wants of which have already been prominently brought to the notice of Government.

(True Copies and Extract.)

J. S. Kennington
Acting Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department.
,, the President of the Local Fund Boards, Malabar District.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 21st December 1871.

Read letter from the President Local Fund Board Malabar, dated 18th December 1871 No 278.

Submitted to Government with reference to their Memorandum of the 29th November 1871 Financial Department.

The Collector shews that the Ishant Allotments are really needed and does not concur in the Board's view that Rs 5000 might be safely taken from Reserve.

(True Extract)

J Grose
Secretary

To The Chief Secretary to Government Financial Department with Copy of Presidents letter

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Board of Revenue,

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PROCEEDINGS, 16TH NOVEMBER 1871, No. 4,736.

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S.O. No 69-5/19th January 1872.

No 829.

NOVEMBER.

No. 4,736.

Tamberchery Ghaut and road—in Malabar District,—Government recommended to authorize a grant of Rupees 5,000 from Provincial Funds for, for 1871-72, in addition to provision made in Road Fund Budget.

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Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue
Dated 21st December 1871
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Malabar Local Fund Circles.

Submitting to Government the President's letter reporting on the expediency of allotting Rs.5000 from the reserve to meet the reduction on Provincial funds.

William Oldfield

19 January 1872 No. 69.
To Govt. on subject of transfer of Provincial funds in Local fund Circles to enable the latter to meet deficiency by diminishing the grant for roads from Provincial to Local funds, or of appropriating a further grant from the reserve.
2. Circle Inspector Pollen does not think any part of the amount contained in Estimate could be spared.

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Nos. 85-86.

Passing orders on the Proc. Bd of Rev. submitting copy of a letter from the Dist. Malabar E. S. Circle reporting on the inexpediency of allotting Rs. 5,000 from the Reserve to meet the reduction in the Provincial Grant.