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No. 154. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st May 1873, No. 692 :—

Read the following letter from G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., President of the Local-Fund Board, Nellore, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 20th March 1873, No. 237 :—

WITH his letters marginally noted, the Officiating Deputy-Collector, K. Subba Row, submitted proposals for the summary formation, under Local-Fund Rule 11, of educational unions and the consequent introduction of the house-tax at the villages of Sagutur (Venkatagiri Division) and of Tangutur, Karumanchi, and Nidamalur (of the Ongole Taluq).

No. 129, 9th September 1872.
,, 11, 31st January 1873.
,, 7, 22nd ,, ,,
,, 12, 3rd February ,,

2. At the meeting of the Local-Fund Board, held on the 3rd instant, at which these reports were read and discussed, it was decided* that the formation of these unions be not sanctioned as the introduction of the house-tax appeared to be adverse to the inclination of the people concerned.

* Resolution 200.

3. Such grounds would not have been considered sufficient to negative the proposals laid before the meeting but for the views expressed by the Government in paragraph 4 of G. O. of the 22nd January last, No. 113, communicated with the Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 876, of 13th ultimo, wherein the Government "fully recognised the force of the objections to the house-tax and desired that here and everywhere its introduction should be attended with much consideration and moderation, and that it should follow rather than force the inclinations of the people."

4. The Local-Fund Board have requested me to point out that these recent views of Government are opposed to the spirit of the directions conveyed in G. O., dated 28th April 1871, No. 563, wherein no weight was attached to the wishes of the people, and in accordance with which directions alone and not with their own opinion—for they considered that the orders of Government left them no option—the Local-Fund Board have recommended the establishment of a large number of unions, a good many of which have already been sanctioned by the Government, and a considerable proportion of which latter have been so established contrary to the inclinations of the people concerned.

5. The Local-Fund Board are anxious now to learn whether it is open to them to revise their past operations in respect to the formation of unions taking into consideration the wishes of the people, and they request that it may be prominently brought to the notice of Government that the four comprehensive reports now under their consideration were framed without regard to popular inclinations, and that in recommending the schemes therein contained the Local-Fund Board were not exercising an independent judgment on the principle thereof, but acted merely in accordance with that laid down by the Government in the G. O. of 28th April 1871, in respect to the acceptance of which they believed that they had no option.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
14th May 1873.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. ST. A. GOODRICH,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 155. ORDER THEREON, 14th May 1873, No. 661.

The Local-Fund Board will be guided by the instructions conveyed in G. O., dated the 28th March 1873, No. 426.

(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secretary,
for *Chief Secretary*

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Director of Public Instruction.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated May, 14th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 14th May 1873, No. 661.

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Nos. 154-155.

Directing that the Local-Fund Board be guided by the instructions conveyed in G. O. No. 426, dated 28th March 1873, with reference to the formation of School Unions.

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PROCEEDINGS, 1TS MAY 1873, No. 692.

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No. 692.

School Unions—at certain villages of Nellore District.—Letter from President of Local Fund Board stating that local Board have objected to proposals submitted by Deputy-Collector Subba Row for formation of — as the consequent imposition of house-tax is opposed to the inclinations of the people, and inquiring if the local Board can revise their past operations in respect to formation of unions in accordance with wishes of the people, submitted to Government.

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Govt. of {1873} Madras.

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To
The Board of Revenue
&c.

Dated May 14
Recd.

G. O. 14 May 1873. No. 661.

Nos. 154. 155.

Directing that the L. F. Cs. be guided by the instructions conveyed in G. O. No 426 of 28 March 73 with reference to the formation of School Unions.