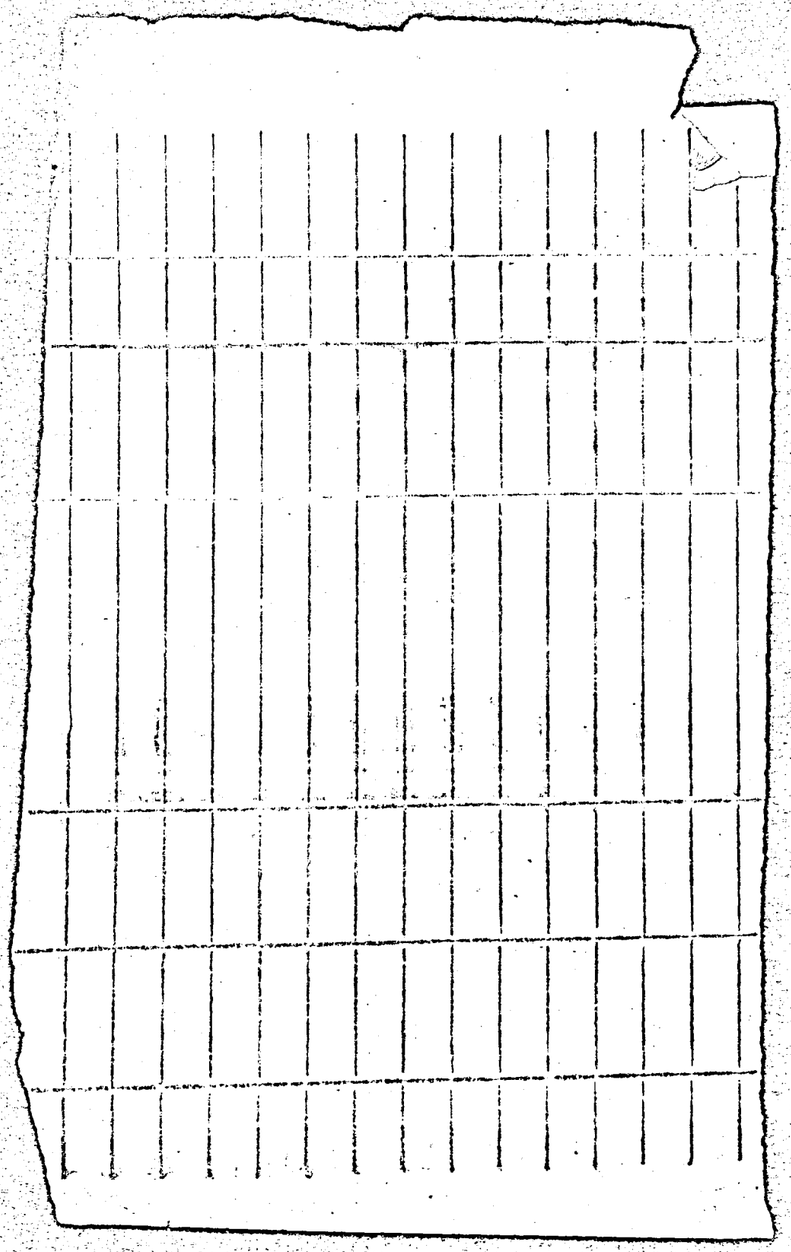


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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 29th January 1874.

No. 199. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th November 1873, No. 8135 (Miscellaneous):—

Read the following letter from H. W. BLISS, Esq., Acting President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Shembaganur, 4th November 1873, No. 133:—

I have the honour to submit, for orders, copy of a resolution passed by the Madura Circle Local Fund Board at their last meeting.

2. About four miles of certain roads which branch from Madura to different parts of the district are within municipal limits, and should long ago have been made over for maintenance to the Municipality which levies tolls upon them to the average amount of Rupees 24,107-2-2 yearly. By some oversight, however, the roads were maintained by the Department of Public Works entirely from Local Funds, and were not made over to the Municipality until the commencement of the current official year. The District Engineer then arranged with the Municipal Commissioners (but without communicating with the Local Fund Board) to hand over the roads to them for maintenance from the 1st April last, on condition of his paying them from Local Funds the sum of Rupees 811-10-3, being the amount of the allotted maintenance allowance of the roads proportionate to their length within municipal limits.

3. Recently, however, and before paying this sum of Rupees 811-10-3 to the Municipal Commissioners, the District Engineer appears to have become doubtful as to the propriety of his doing so, and referred the question for the opinion of the Local Fund Board.

4. This is given in the resolution, copy of which is enclosed.

5. It is that the payment of Rupees 811-10-3 should be made for the current year, as the maintenance of the roads was transferred to the Municipality on the understanding that it would be made, but that the orders of Government should be sought on the question as to whether similar payments should or should not be made in future.

6. It is, I think, clear that the Municipality, which annually raises by tolls an income far exceeding its annual expenditure on communications, is not entitled to receive in future any contribution whatever from Local Funds towards the up-keep of the very small length within its limits of roads, the major part of which, by a very great deal, are maintained from Local Funds, but which, by the facilities for traffic which they afford, provide the Municipal Commissioners with their chief financial resource. On the contrary, I am of opinion, and I cannot see how anyone can consider any other arrangement just, that the contribution should be the other way, and that the Municipality should annually hand over to the Local Fund Board a substantial sum (say, as in the case of Dindigul—*vide* G.O., dated 13th December 1872, No. 1678, Financial Department—half their receipts from tolls) to pay for the up-keep of the roads on which is the traffic that enables them to raise the most of their revenue under the Act; and I would recommend that orders to this effect be issued at once.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Annual toll receipts on average of last three years...	24,107	2	2
Annual expenditure on roads on average of last three years	6,282	0	10
Difference ...	17,825	1	4

The Local Funds of the circle are but limited considering the immense area that has to be dealt with, the great length of the roads required to be made, and the difficulty of making them in a country of alluvial soil; while the financial state of the Madura Municipality is exceedingly good, and will admit of the arrangement being brought into immediate operation, as its estimated balance at the end of the year is nearly Rupees 18,000, or much more than half the estimated receipts from tolls within the current year. This balance is, it is true, stated to be kept in hand to provide for water works which have long been talked of, but the same was the case with the Dindigul Municipality when Government passed the order above referred to.

7. As regards the proposal of the Local Fund Board to pay the sum of Rupees 811-10-3 to the Municipality in the current year, I have to remark that the District Engineer had no authority to agree to pay it, and that, under Section 27 of Act IV. of 1871, payment can only be made upon the sanction of Government, grant of which I am unable to recommend.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board of the Madura Circle, Madura District, at a Meeting held on the 22nd October 1873.

Present.

Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. Roberts, R.E., District Engineer, Presiding.
M. R. Ry. T. Ram Row, Treasury Deputy Collector, Member.
Do. T. Appagi Row, Acting Deputy Collector on general duties, Member.
Do. A. Vythialinga Chettiar, Deputy Inspector of Schools, do.
Do. T. Mansavamuttu Pillay, do.

VIII. Read letter from the District Engineer, dated 18th October 1873, No. 3102, requesting to take the sense of the Board as to whether the contributions formerly paid by the Government should be continued or not by the Board for the maintenance of those portions of the late Imperial roads lying within the limits of the Municipality, and letter from the Municipal Vice-President, requesting to remit Rupees 811-10-3 on that account.

As it appears that the maintenance of the roads in question was transferred to the Municipality on the understanding that the sum of Rupees 811-10-3 should be contributed by the Local Fund Board, the District Engineer is requested to make over that sum to the Municipality.

2. The Board resolve, however, to refer to the Board of Revenue, for the orders of Government, the question as to whether the Local Fund Board should be called upon to contribute or not in future to the maintenance of municipal roads, the rent from the tolls on which is monopolized by the Municipality.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. W. BLISS,
Acting President.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. It appears that there are four miles of road within the Madura Municipality which have been maintained up to this year from Local Funds at a cost of Rupees 811-10-3; that this year the District Engineer has got the Municipal Commissioners to repair the roads promising to pay them the Local Fund maintenance allowance; and that the Local Fund Board, while ratifying the arrangement so far as this year

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is concerned, want to know whether they should be required to pay the contribution in future years.

3. The Municipality realizes Rupees 24,107 by tolls on the roads, and should undoubtedly maintain the portions within their limits without drawing anything from the funds of the circle on that account.

4. The contribution inadvertently promised to the Municipality by the District Engineer for this year cannot be paid without the sanction of Government (Act IV. of 1871, Section 27), and though the Local Fund Board wish to make good the promise, the Revenue Board think the contribution is improper, and ought not to be allowed.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 200. ORDER THEREON, 29th January 1874, No. 154.

As the principal objection to the realization by a Municipality of a large income from tolls is the burden thereby imposed on the general trade of the country incidentally passing through the town, the Government will not object to the retention of the existing toll-gates by the Madura Municipality in the event of their agreeing to construct and maintain from municipal funds a loop-line skirting the town by which the through traffic may pass untolled, as has already been done in the case of Tinnevelly, or of their providing some other means of effectually accomplishing the same purpose. The President will report at an early date whether the Commissioners desire to retain the tolls on the above terms. In the event of their adopting a loop-line, a sketch map drawn to scale should be submitted to Government.

2. So long as the income obtained from tolls exceeds the expenditure on communications, the Government consider that a Municipality has no claim to a contribution for roads from Local Funds, and no payment need be made even for the current year.

3. The Board of Revenue will give the general question their immediate consideration, and report whether, in their opinion, the construction of a loop-line should be required in the case of all Municipalities levying tolls likely to affect through traffic, or whether they would prefer some other expedient, such as a system of passes, or of bonded warehouses.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, President of the Municipal Commission, Madura.

Exd. J. Wright.

Revenue Department

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Miscellaneous No. 8135.

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Dated 27th November 1873.

Read the following:-

No. 133.

From H. N. Bliss Esquire
Acting President, Local Fund Board
Madura

To J. Grose Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir,

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2. About 4 miles of certain roads which branch from Madura to different parts of the District are within Municipal limits, and should long ago have been made over for maintenance

Govt. of Madras,

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To

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

Dated January, 29th.

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G.O., 29th January 1874, No. 154.

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Nos. 139-200.

Madura Municipality.—The retention by this Municipality of existing toll-gates permitted, if they will construct and maintain from municipal funds a loop-line skirting the town, by which through traffic may pass untolled, or provide some other means to effect the purpose. Where the income from tolls exceeds the expenditure on communications, a Municipality considered to have no claim to a contribution for roads from Local Funds. The Board of Revenue requested to report whether loop-lines should be required in the case of all Municipalities levying tolls likely to afford through traffic.

maintenance to the Municipality which levies tolls upon them to the average amount of Rupees 2410-7-2-2 yearly. By some oversight, however, the roads were maintained by the D.P.W. entirely from Local Funds, and were not made over to the Municipality until the commencement of the current official year. The District Engineer then arranged with the Municipal Commissioners (but without communicating with the Local Fund Board) to hand over the roads to them for maintenance from the 1st April last, on condition of his paying them from Local Funds the sum of Rupees 811-10-3, being the amount of the allotted maintenance allowance of the roads proportionate to their length within Municipal limits.

3. Recently, however, and before paying this sum of Rupees 811-10-3 to the Municipal Commissioners, the District Engineer appears to have become doubtful as to the propriety of his doing so, and referred the question for the opinion of the Local Fund Board.

4. This is given in the Resolution copy of which is enclosed.

5. It is that the payment of Rupees 811-10-3 should be made for the current year as the maintenance of the roads was transferred to the Municipality on the understanding that it would be made, but that the orders of Government should be sought on the question as to whether similar payments should or should not be made in future

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6. It is, I think, clear that the Municipality which annually raises by Tolls an income far exceeding its annual expenditure on communications is not entitled to receive in future any contributions whatever from Local Funds towards the upkeep of the very small length within its limits of roads, the major part of which, by a very great deal, are maintained from Local Funds, but which by the facilities for traffic which they afford, provide the Municipal Commissioners with their chief Financial resource. On the Contrary, I am of opinion, and I cannot see how any one can consider any other arrangement just, that the

Annual Toll Receipts on average of last 3 years	24107-2-2.
Annual Expenditure on Roads on average of last 3 years	6282-0-10
Difference	17825-1-4

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I have &c.

Office of the President, Local Fund Board, Madura, Camp Shembaganur in Peraculum, Taluq, 4th November 1873

(Signed) H. H. Bliss
Acting President.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

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to know whether they should be required to pay the contribution in future years.

The Municipality realizes Rupees 24107 by tolls on the roads and should undoubtedly maintain the portions within their limits without drawing anything from the funds of the Circle on that account.

The contribution inadvertently promised to the Municipality by the District Engineer for this year cannot be paid without the sanction of Government (Act IV of 1871 Section 27), and though the Local Fund Board wish to make good the promise, the Revenue Board think the contribution is improper and ought not to be allowed.

(True Copy & Extract.)

J Grose
Secretary.

To The Chief Secretary to Government
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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 27th December 1873 No 5135.

Order thereon 29th January 1874 No 154

As the principal objection to the realization by a Municipality of a large income from tolls is the burden thereby imposed on the general trade of the country incidentally passing through the town, the Government will not object to the retention of the existing toll gates by the Madura Municipality in the event of their agreeing to construct and maintain from

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No 5135.

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already been done in the case
of Tinnevelly. The Resident
will report at an early date
whether the Commissioners desire
to retain the tolls on the above
terms, i.e. keeping up the loop line
so long as the income
obtained from tolls exceeds
the expenditure on communi-
cations, the Government consider
that a Municipality has no
claim to a contribution for
roads from Local Funds
and no payment need be
made even for the current
year.

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will give the general
question their consideration
and report whether in

If there is a
sketch map to
the above letter
a scale should be
transmitted

To
The Board of Revenue

providing for the necessary
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for purpose.

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of a loop-line should be
required in the case of
all Municipalities levying
tolls before they be allowed
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of guarded waterways.

The Board of Rev.
Pres: M.C. Madras

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 27th November 1873 No. 8135

Order thereon

As the average annual expenditure on roads in the Madura Municipality during the last three years is reported by the President to have been only Rs 6282 against an average annual income from tolls of Rs 24107 the Government agree with the Board of Revenue in considering that any contribution from Local Funds for roads is improper and

and resolve further to direct
in accordance with the re-
-commendation of Mr. Bliss
that half the receipts from
tolls be made over by the
Municipality to the Local
Fund Board who are
responsible for the Condi-
-tion of by far the greater
part of the roads the
traffic on which is tolled
by the Municipality.

The contribution
from the Local Fund Board
need not be paid for the
current year and the
arrangement regarding
the division of the tolls
should be introduced
from the beginning of
1874-75.

Should the principle of tolls based upon municipalities
& Local already raised the question of tolls
tolls are a tax on through trade in
the interests of Town populations who are to supply
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