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19th December 1874.

No. 181. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th December 1874, No. 3526:—

Read the following letter from G. D. LEMAN, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Kistna District, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 22nd October 1874, No. 174:—

Referring to Proceedings, No. 1513, dated 20th June 1874, I have the honor to submit my report (paragraph 3) through the Board, as I have also to answer the general question raised by Dr. Cornish as regards the liability of Bezwada and other towns entered in the budget to contribute towards their own conservancy.

2. *Bezwada.*—To the question of introducing the Municipal Act here, I would reply in the negative. The Local Fund Board specially took* upon themselves the duty of keeping the town clean at a time when it was proposed to make it a Municipality, as they did not wish to see a toll-bar put upon the Hyderabad Road at Bezwada for the benefit of the town alone. Without a toll, the assets could not be more than Rupees 2,000, and would be absolutely not worth the trouble of collecting.

* G.O., No. 685, 28th May 1874, Financial.

3. The Local Fund Board have it in contemplation to establish a toll on the Hyderabad Road, if their application, which will shortly be submitted, for a loan of money for constructing certain parts of the road should be successful.

4. *Jaggiapett.*—I would not propose to introduce the Act into the town of Jaggiapett.

5. The assets, at the most favorable calculation, would be but Rupees 8,000, whereas the expenditure, making the amount as small as possible, would not be less than Rupees 7,900. The rate of taxation would be over 13 Annas, whereas it is only a little over 10 Annas in Masulipatam.

6. Besides, the working of the Act cannot be safely entrusted to a Taluq Magistrate, and the nearest European's head-quarters are so far off that he could not possibly exercise any useful supervision over him.

7. The other towns† enumerated in the budget have but small populations, and the same difficulty as regards supervision occurs in respect to them as to Jaggiapett. Among them, Vinukonda may perhaps be said to be an exception. The Deputy Collector and Magistrate there could be safely entrusted with the management; but the population is so small that the assets would not be much over Rupees 3,000 and the taxation at 10 Annas per head.

	Rs.
Masulipatam Circle.	
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8. As for the proposal to add from Local Funds to the contribution of the towns-people for purposes of conservancy, experience has shown that they will not subscribe voluntarily; and I think it puts a Tahsildar in a very false position to tell him to see what he can get out of the people. He goes about persuading and coaxing them; and they, after the manner of natives, if they are persuaded, have always a lurking hope that the *quid pro quo* will be given them when they have

a little business on their account with the Tahsildar. Under these circumstances, I am decidedly of opinion that the arrangements made by the Local Fund Boards are the best that can be devised, if it be determined to try and improve the sanitation of these places.

9. It is to be remembered that, though there are in these towns merchants and people who escape the road-cess, there are also many ryots who, by the establishment of a Municipality, are compelled to pay both Municipal and Local Fund Taxes.

Submitted to Government, with reference to G.O., Financial Department, dated 19th May 1874, No. 861.

2. The Board agree with the Collector that the Municipal Act should not be introduced into Bezwada and Jaggiapett. Bezwada is not a large place, though it is situated in an important position. The population is 8026. The Local Fund Board have a hospital in it which, according to the current year's budget, costs Rupees 2,800 a-year, and the Collector states that municipal taxes, excluding tolls, which, being on through traffic, are not a proper source of revenue for a Municipality, would yield less. Jaggiapett (population 9162) is not even the head-quarters of a taluq, and is fifty miles away from the station of the divisional officer.

3. As regards requiring contributions from large villages for sanitary purposes, great caution is evidently necessary, and, in the absence of any enactment under which taxation could be imposed, the Board do not think any strict rule can be laid down. This is the conclusion arrived at by Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 182. ORDER THEREON, 19th December 1874, No. 2134.

To be recorded.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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G.O. 10th December 1874, No. 2134.

DECEMBER
Nos. 181 182

Municipal Act. — Proceedings, Board of Revenue, concurring with the President, Kistna Local Fund Boards, as to the undesirability of introducing the Municipal Act into Bezwada and Jaggiapett, and the impolicy of requiring voluntary contributions from large villages for sanitary purposes, rescinded.

No. 3,526.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

J. Grote
Secretary.

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

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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DECEMBER.
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Municipal Act.—Letter from President of Kistna Local Fund Boards reporting that introduction of — into Bezwada and Jaggiapettis unadvisable, and that contributions from large villages for sanitary purposes cannot be voluntarily subscribed submitted to Government, with Revenue Board's concurrence in President's opinion.

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Municipal Act. Proc.

Rd. of Revl. Concurring with the Board Kistna Dt. Board, as to the undesirability of introducing the Municpl. Act into Bezwada and Jaggiapeta and the inadvisability of requiring voluntary Contributions from large villages for sanitary purposes recorded.