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2. In April last it came to the notice of Mr. Lister, who was then President of the Local Fund Boards in this district, that, during the year 1871-72, an expenditure of Rupees 532-2-5 had been inadvertently made on the maintenance of a portion of Trunk Road No. 9, situate within Trichinopoly District, from the Local Fund of Virdachellam Circle, which he requested the Trichinopoly Board to refund (*vide* Mr. Lister's letter, dated 19th April 1873, No. 110).

3. In his reply, dated 24th idem, No. 90, the President of the Trichinopoly Board intimated that the claim would be submitted for the consideration of the Local Board, but that he could not hold out any hope of its being paid. This was not encouraging, but I was hardly prepared for the action which a reference to the Proceedings, dated 8th May last, forwarded with the President's letter, dated 28th ultimo, No. 305, will show that the Trichinopoly Board have seen fit to take. Not only do they decline to refund the money inadvertently expended by us on a road lying within the limits of Trichinopoly District, but they calmly propose that South Arcot and Tanjore should contribute two-thirds of the maintenance in future, and call upon me to remit Rupees 600 as the contribution of South Arcot for the current year.

4. The Virdachellam Circle Board are not prepared to fall in with this arrangement, and request that instructions may be issued to the Trichinopoly Board to refund the amount already expended. A resolution to this effect is enclosed.

From A. L. LISTER, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, South Arcot, to J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Trichinopoly District, dated South Arcot, 19th April 1873, No. 110.

It has been brought to notice that thirteen miles of Trunk Road, No. 9, from 141½ to 154½ miles, situated in your district, were maintained during the year 1871-72 from the Local Funds of the Virdachellam Circle at a cost of Rupees 532-2-5.

2. I have the honour to enclose a certificate for the amount, and to request that you will call on your Board for a refund of the same to this district at as early a date as possible.

From J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Trichinopoly, to the President of the Local Fund Boards, South Arcot District, dated Trichinopoly, 24th April 1873, No. 90.

In reply to your letter, No. 110, dated the 19th instant, I have the honour to inform you that the claim shall be duly laid before the Board, but I cannot hold out any hopes of its being admitted

as valid against this circle. On the contrary, I think it probable that they will abandon the road you refer to (except so far as it forms part of that from Trichinopoly to Mannargudi), unless the Tanjore and Virdachellam Circles contribute largely to its maintenance. It is in no sense a Trichinopoly road.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board at a Meeting held on the 8th May 1873.

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Resolved that the President's letter be approved, and that application be made accordingly for a rateable contribution of Rupees 600 from the adjoining circles out of the total allotment of 1,800 Rupees, 600 being about as much as the road is worth to this circle.

(Signed) J. B. PENNINGTON,
President.

From J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Trichinopoly, to the President of the Local Fund Boards, South Arcot, dated Trichinopoly, 28th October 1873, No. 305.

With reference to my letter, No. 90, dated 24th April 1873, I have the honour to inform you that Rupees 1,800 have been allotted for the maintenance of the Road No. 9 mentioned therein. This road is of much more importance to the people of South Arcot and Tanjore than to Trichinopoly.

2. The Local Fund Board of this circle, therefore, resolved, at a Meeting held on the 8th May 1873, to contribute only one-third of the cost, viz., Rupees 600.

3. I have, therefore, the honour to request that you will be good enough to remit Rupees 600, being your share of the contribution for the year 1873-74.

AT a Meeting of the Local Fund Board, Virdachellam Circle, held at Virdachellam on the 25th November 1873.

PRESENT.

J. A. Hicken, Esq., Presiding Member, Officer in charge of No. III. Range, South Arcot.
M. R. Ry. V. Parthasarady Iyengar Avergal, Tahsildar of Virdachellam.
,, C. Appiah Sastriar Avergal, Deputy Inspector of Schools, Virdachellam Circle.
,, Nattaraja Pillai Avergal.
,, Ayakannoo Pillai Avergal.

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3. Read letter from the President, No. 429, dated 11th November 1873, enclosing a draft letter to the Board of Revenue, requesting that instructions may be issued to the Trichinopoly Board to refund the sum of Rupees 532-2-5, inadvertently expended by Virdachellam Board on Trunk Road, No. 9, situated within Trichinopoly District. The Board concur in the President's view, and request him to forward the letter to the Board of Revenue.

4. The Board further request the President to inform the Board of Revenue that the road in question is a most important one and ought on no account to be permitted to be thrown out of maintenance;* it is the main road from Madras to Combaconum and is the *only* road between bridges on the Vellaur and the Coleroon.

* *Vide* Trichinopoly President's letter, No. 90, of 2nd April.

5. In the event of any consideration being given to the proposal of the Trichinopoly Board, the Virdachellam Board hope that the Trichinopoly President may be requested to state the grounds on which it has been decided that the thirty-three and a third per cent. interest which Trichinopoly is admitted to have in this road terminates just midway between the 141st and the 142nd mile-stones; if the novel principle that all districts which benefit from a road are to contribute to its maintenance is conceded, the Board claim that it shall be applied to the whole length of this road, in which case Trichinopoly will have to pay to South Arcot.

6. But the Board think the principle is utterly untenable, they submit that whether a road should be maintained or not must be decided by the traffic it carries, and that the maintenance grant must come from the circle within whose limits it lies.

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(Signed) J. A. HICKEN,
Presiding Member.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

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4. The Trichinopoly Local Fund Board refuse to accede to this demand, and declare that in future they will only pay one-third of the cost of maintenance. Moreover their President has intimated that the road will be abandoned unless the Tanjore and Virdachellam Circles contribute two-thirds of the cost of keeping it in repair.

5. They do this on the ground that the road is of great importance to South Arcot and Tanjore but of very little importance to Trichinopoly, and this is no doubt the case, but the Board are of opinion that the Trichinopoly Local Fund Board ought, nevertheless, to repay the Virdachellam Local Fund Board for the sum spent in 1871-72 on the thirteen miles within the Trichinopoly frontier, and that they should bear the whole cost of the maintenance in future. The road being a trunk road of great importance passing through several circles must be kept in uniformly good order throughout its whole length, and the only practical arrangement for effecting this is to make the Local Fund Board of each circle through which it passes responsible for the portion within its limits. The grants from Provincial Funds (Trichinopoly gets Rupees 44,210) were regulated with reference to this liability amongst others. It would be extremely difficult if not impossible to determine the advantage of the road to each of the six circles through which it passes and distribute the cost of the maintenance accordingly.

6. The case is not quite the same as that of the road referred to in G.O., 25th June 1873, No. 886, which is a "Salt" road passing through two circles only and of no importance to one of them.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
6th March 1874.

No. 50. ORDER THEREON, 6th March 1874, No. 370.

The Governor in Council concurs in the view taken by the Board. The Trichinopoly Local Fund Board will repay to the Virdachellam Local Fund Board the amount spent by the latter on the road in the Trichinopoly limits, and the Trichinopoly Board will make the necessary provision in their Budget for its proper maintenance in future.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Public Works Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 6th.

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 6th March 1874, No. 370.

MARCH.
Nos. 49-50.

Trichinopoly Circle.—Revenue Board's opinion concurred in that this Circle Board should refund the sum expended by the Virdachellam Circle on that portion of Trunk Road, No. 9, situated in the Trichinopoly District, and orders issued accordingly. The Trichinopoly Board directed to provide in their Budget for the future proper maintenance for this road.

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Enclosures Nos. 1. to 4.—Copies of correspondence.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

J. Grote
Secretary.

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

,, the President of the Local Fund Board, Trichinopoly Circle.

Encl. G. A. Turton.

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Trunk Road—between Madras and Combaconum.—Letter from President, Local Fund Boards, South Arcot, complaining of refusal of Trichinopoly Board to refund expenditure inadvertently incurred by Vridachelam Circle Board in 1871-72 on portion of — lying within Trichinopoly Circle, and their determination to pay but one-third of cost of its maintenance in future, submitted to Government; and opinion expressed that Trichinopoly Board should repay Vridachelam Board, and bear whole cost of maintenance.

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To The Board of Revenue

Govt. of 1874 Madras.

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To
The Board of Revenue.

Dated Nov. 6. }
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