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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
28th April 1874.*

No. 286. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th March 1874, No. 1581 (Miscellaneous) :—

Read the following letter from H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, South Arcot District, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tindevanum, 27th December 1873, No. 1 :—

I have the honour to transmit, for the consideration of the Board of Revenue, copies of a letter* from the Vice-President, Virdachellum Circle, and of the

* Dated 16th instant, No. 148. proceedings of the Local Board under date the 16th instant, together with my reply thereto.

2. The proposal to invest a portion of the large balance which it is anticipated will remain unexpended at the close of the official year commends itself at first sight, but I trust that a sufficient agency for the profitable expenditure of the accumulating funds on works of which the country stands so much in need will soon be provided by Government. If this is done, and, as recommended by me in a previous letter, a little more latitude is allowed to Local Boards, these balances will soon disappear and the wants of the country be rapidly supplied. There is the work to be done, the money to meet the costs is forthcoming, but the hands to execute it are wanting.

From A. L. LISTER, Esq., Vice-President of the Local Fund Board, Virdachellum Circle, to H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, South Arcot, dated Virdachellum, 16th December 1873, No. 148.

In forwarding a copy of the proceedings of the meeting held today, I have the honour to state that the Board only wish to invest part of the large balance if the proposal meets with your full concurrence.

2. Unless the Department of Public Works is strengthened so as to admit of estimates being prepared and works carried out with promptitude, it is my opinion that at the end of every month from now until the 1st January 1875, there will always be a balance of much more than half a lakh, and if this is so, I think the Board might as well get 2,000 Rupees interest for keeping it in the Bank of Madras.

3. Owing to an accident I met with in riding to Thittagudy your letter about M. DeCloset's claim to remuneration was not laid before the meeting, for the letter had through my error gone with my camp to Thittagudy.

4. I have, to save delay, forwarded a copy of Resolution No. 6 to the District Engineer.

At a Meeting of the Local Fund Board, Virdachellum Circle, held at Virdachellum on the 16th December 1873.

Present.

A. L. Lister, Esq., Vice-President.

M. R. R. Parthasarady Iyengar, Tahsildar of Virdachellum.

„ Patel Mahomed Nyna Markair.

1. Read and recorded monthly abstract of Local Fund receipts and expenditure for November 1873.

The Board observe that the balance is 1,17,390 Rupees, 60,000 Rupees Land-cess falls due within the next three months; the Board believe that half a lakh can safely be invested as a fixed deposit in the Bank of Madras for a twelvemonth, and the Board request the President to make

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the investment if he agrees with them in the view that there is not the least chance of the money being required during that time.

(Signed) A. L. LISTER,
Vice-President.

From H. E. SULLIVAN, President of the Local Fund Boards, South Arcot, to A. L. LISTER, Esq., Vice-President of the Local Fund Board, Virdachellum Circle, dated Tindivanam, 27th December 1873.

In acknowledging your letter, No. 148, dated 16th instant, which gave cover to a copy of the proceedings of the Virdachellum Circle Board at a meeting held on that day, I have the honour to state that the investment of the balance of local funds in the manner proposed by the members cannot be carried out without the sanction of Government, which I am confident would not be accorded. I will, however, forward copies of your letter, and the proceedings covered by it for the consideration of the Board of Revenue in the hope that the necessity for augmenting the strength of the Public Works Department in this district may again be prominently brought to the notice of Government.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. At a meeting held on the 16th December 1873, the Virdachellum Local Fund Board, remarking that they had a Local Fund balance in hand of Rupees 1,17,390, and expected to collect Rupees 6,000 more within the next three months, resolved that Rupees 50,000 should be kept at interest as a twelvemonths' deposit in the Bank of Madras.

3. The application being of an unprecedented character some delay (which the Board regret) has occurred in tracing the orders in force on the subject of the investment of funds in public treasuries.

4. It would appear under the terms of the Notification of the Government of India in the Financial Department, dated the 30th December 1870, No. 4129, that this investment cannot be made without the previous consent of the Government of India.

5. The Board think that the application must be rejected. The Virdachellum Budget for 1874-75 shows that the Local Fund Board expected no more than Rupees 26,480 (which the Board increased to Rupees 36,480) as the balance in hand at the beginning of the year, and the sum left unutilized in the budget is only Rupees 12,640. Estimates for four new works have not been submitted yet, but the question whether the Public Works Department in South Arcot is strong enough to allow of the active prosecution of Local Fund works is no doubt receiving due consideration. If the result of further experience is to show that the Virdachellum Circle has more money than it can spend the grant from Provincial Funds should be reduced.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 287. ORDER THEREON, 28th April 1874, No. 716.

The Governor in Council must decline to entertain any proposal for the investment of the balances of a Local Fund.

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2. The Government gather from the President's letter that the application is based on the supposed inadequacy of the Public Works Agency. He will now submit the Local Fund Board's proposals for the utilization of the expected surplus on sanctioned schemes, and if these proposals are approved, arrangements will be made in the Public Works Department for the prompt expenditure of the money.

3. A balance not yet received by the District of South Arcot, estimated by a return in 1873.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

Public Works Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 286-A. MINUTE by the Hon. W. ROBINSON, c.s.i., dated 25th March 1874.

Proposal for the investment of surplus funds in the Virdachellum Circle.

The taxation is in no way oppressive or complained against, and the country solely needs the outlay.

2. It is the executive that is at fault. The Government fail to supply the means of carrying out the requirements of the country—means which the country is able and willing to pay for.

3. This condition is the more open to remark from the fact that in this District of South Arcot the Local Funds really, I believe, pay for the entire ~~Department~~ Public Works Service—Imperial, Provincial and Local Fund, and still cannot yet get their moderate quota of work done by the large establishment entertained—and it is proposed to mulct the country of its established quota of the Provincial grant—and worse still to retire from the endeavour to meet the requirements of the country by relinquishing willingly-paid contributions. I venture to submit that this is not a fair solution of the country's difficulties and sorrows.

4. It is, I venture to think, our first duty to require the Department which is so liberally supported by the Local Funds to do their duty, and I would call on the Chief Engineer to submit an early report on the causes of this stagnation and the remedy he proposes.

W. ROBINSON.

a wholly disproportionate share of

*I will convert this into a note
and need not be printed*

it has been reported

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Board

Establishment

cost

Oct. of 1874

FINANCIAL.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Ac.

Ac.

Ac.

Dated April, 28th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 28th April 1874, No. 718.

APRIL.

Nos. 286-287.

Virdachellum Circle.—The Local Fund Board informed, with reference to their proposition, that Government decline to entertain any proposal for the investment of the balances of a Local Fund, but the President directed to submit proposals for the utilization of the expected surplus on sanctioned schemes.



Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter *Proceedings*

of the Board of Revenue,
dated 4th March 1874, No. 1581.
Proposed by the Hon W. Robinson 25 Mar 74
Order thereon. of Board 28 April 1874
No 746.

The Governor in Council must decline to entertain any proposal for the investment of the balances of a Local Fund.

The Govt. gather from the President's letter that the application is based on the supposed inadequacy of the Public Works Agency. He will now submit the Local Fund Board's proposals for the utilization of the expected surplus

+ repair alone cost 40,000. and
D. P. W. get this amount 25,000. The
balance alone adds to maintain
There are if the cost is to be
decreased, the money available for the
mentary Education will be less than
reduced also. L.

8.4 7u

Is it
understand that the
balance for 1873
of expenditure of
income was
exp. for 1873-4
which is proposed
to invest in the

in sanctioned schemes -
and if these proposals are
approved, arrangements will
be made in the Public
Works Department for the
prompt expenditure of the
money.

Any balance not
really required will be ad-
justed by a reduction
in the Provincial grant
or in the taxation of
the circle.

Minute

The taxation is in no
way oppressive or com-
plained of: and the
country sorely needs the
outlay - It is the Executive
that is at fault - the Govt
fail to supply the means
of carrying out the requirements
of the country - means which
the country is able & willing

orders have we
passed in the Budget

1874-5

In a S.O. of last
year we informed
Local Boards (in

effect) that if they
found they could not

opened in 1874-5

their balances ^{accumulated}

the end of 1873-4,

they must reduce

expenditure - and

(if we are not to

The Board of Revenue
P.W. Department.
Do not send last year's



find our future
orders (in regard to)

that is the course
which we ought

now to pursue
in this circle

JP

to pay for this condition
is more open to remark
from the fact that in this Dist.
of South Arcot the Local Fund
really shew, pay for the
entire D.S.W. service - the
perial, Prov. & Local Funds
and still cannot get get
their moderate estimate of
work done / the large cost
entertained - and it is pro-
posed to meet the Local
of its established estimate of
the Prov. grant - & more
State to retire from the
endeavour to meet the re-
quirements of the country
reluctantly willing to pay
contributions - I venture
to submit that there is not
a fair solution of the
country's difficulties &
sorrows -

It is I venture to think
our first duty to secure
the Dept. what is necessary
supported / the Local Funds
to do their duty - & I do
call on the Chief Engineer
to submit an early report

on the causes of this
 stagnation & the remedy
 he proposes. *W. H. S.*
 25/3

The *W. H. S.* I know
 that the Circle
 are not likely to
 begin the year 1874/5
 with more than 36,000.
 I expect to close it
 with only 12,000. If
 there be any such
 large accumulation
 as to warrant invest-
 ment: it can only
 accrue from the *DM*
 doing little work in
 the course of the year.
 But the strong theme
 of the *Debt* is now
 under consideration
 and the *DM* will

C14/3
 1217
 C17
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Proposed to invest balance
 of the *Vinda chetty* *lyl*
 local & Bd in the *Bank*.

This year will di-
 minish the land
 cess income, while
 it will increase
 its obligation for
 relief works.

I do not believe
 there fore that
 there will be any
 thing to invest at
 the end of 74/5.

The Land cess
 is the only tax &
 it cannot be re-
 duced. It yields
 Rs. 85000. of which
 1/3rd or Rs. 28334 be-
 long to Education
 Sanitation &c. The
 balance is only
 Rs. 56,666. while

Dated
 187
 No.

Boat of 187
 M. S. S.



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 Memo with reference to the
 A. S. The Government

I do not object to the *DM*
 (conquered) omitting the last
 Para. But I think that the
 lack of the *DM* must
 be taken up in earnest &
 that that *DM* should call
 on for immediate *repla*
 nation & definite proposals
 The *DM* of *Per*. old report
 what the *central* has been
 laid for supervision & what
 share it represents of the
 whole expenditure in *DM*
 bill & the *list*! *W. H. S.*
 1874

I see that the *DM*
 I think the Draft
 may be forwarded on
 it. *W. H. S.*
 with the last
 paragraph added it
 is proposed to omit &
 I

It appears that no
 such large unexpended
 balance was anticipated
 when the budget for
 1874-75 was submitted,
 and as pointed out by the
W. H. S. it is
 improbable under
 present circumstances
 that there will be any
 money to invest.

It seems probable
 that the application
 was submitted with the
 sole object of attracting
 attention anew to the
 complaints previously made
 against the *D. P. W.* - If
 that *DM* does its work
 the money can be spent
W. H. S.
 or less are requested

as to whether the draft
order may go out as it
stands. - There is nothing
in it incompatible with
the eventual adoption of
the course proposed by B. & C.
the Governor or of that
suggested by the Board.
Wm. Robinson.

JH

I would keep the
last para. I
have a strong feeling
that there is not
a trace of the Code.

JH

but what I think
^{unhappy}
~~essential~~, if only
for the purpose
of indicating
the circumstances of
the fact.

I see that the
Hon^{ble}. Mr. Smith
has also passed
the Bill, and
excluding the last
para.

JH

Apr 22/74

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*Memorandum
for [illegible]*

Draft order to be
despatched as
originally submitted.

27/11 JL