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26th May 1874.

No. 207. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th March 1874, No. 667 :—

Read letter from the President of the Local Fund Board, Trichinopoly Circle, dated 16th October 1873, No. 41.

THE Local Fund Report of the Trichinopoly Circle for 1872-73, received with the foregoing letter, will be submitted to Government with the following remarks.

2. RECEIPTS.—According to the President the Local Fund commenced with a balance in its favour of Rupees 19,868, and the actual receipts aggregated Rupees 2,00,954, making a total of Rupees 2,20,822. According to the Accountant-General the opening balance was Rupees 9,328, the actual receipts Rupees 2,01,124, and the total assets Rupees 2,10,452. The Accountant-General credits Rupees 70 as "Advances Recoverable," and Rupees 1,095 as "Public Works Receipts." The President credits nothing under the first head, and only Rupees 995 under the second.

3. The revenue of the year as given by the President was Rupees 68,281 more than in 1871-72. The grant from Provincial Funds was Rupees 9,480 greater; Rupees 91 more were credited from the Surplus Pound Funds; Rupees 1,674 more from Fish and Grass rents. The Road and Land Cess was Rupees 53,557 more, and Chuttrum receipts Rupees 199 more. A toll which was established during the year at the Iyar bridge provided Rupees 1,509; four* Travellers' bungalows which were made over to the Local Board during the year contributed Rupees 230 in fees, and Rupees 1,171 as the balance at their credit when they were transferred; and Miscellaneous receipts aggregated Rupees 1,031 against nothing in the previous year. On the other hand there was a decrease of Rupees 661 in Ferry rents which were left in arrears.

* 1. Covilpatti. 2. Tuvarancuruchi. 3. Manaparei. 4. Kalpatti.

4. Large sums having remained unallotted in the Budget of 1871-72 the Government at first gave only Rupees 9,710† from Provincial Funds for roads. Subsequently they allotted a further sum of Rupees 34,500,‡ but Rupees 28,500 of it was in lieu of tolls.

† G. O., Financial Department, dated 15th January 1872, No. 30.

‡ G. O., Financial Department, dated 20th March 1872, No. 336.

5. The increase in Fish rents was due to competition at the sale.

6. The Land Cess was collected *pari passu* with Land revenue instead of at the close of the year, but there was a large sum not collected and the actuals fell short of the estimate by Rupees 6,508.

7. It was proposed to establish toll gates at eight places, but only one at the Iyar bridge was sanctioned. The collections at this gate were estimated at Rupees 9,720, but only Rupees 1,509 were realized. The President says that the traffic was probably diverted to avoid the toll.

8. EXPENDITURE, GRANT I., PUBLIC WORKS.—The allotments sanctioned for Public Works according to the registers maintained in this office were—

New Works.	RS.	RS.
Communications by Public Works Department	82,993	
Do. by Other Agency	5,115	
Sanitary and Miscellaneous (Avenues) by Public Works Department	760	
Do. do. by Other Agency.	1,445	
		90,313

		Rs.
Repairs.		
Communications by Public Works Department	79,753	
Do. by Other Agency	810	
Sanitary and Miscellaneous (Avenues) by Public Works Department	30	
Do. do. do. by Other Agency.	231	
		80,824
Total...		1,71,137

9. The actual expenditure as given in the three accounts before the Board was as follows:—

	President.	Accountant-General.	Controller.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
New Works.			
Communications by Public Works Department...	43,926	43,926	43,926
Do. by Other Agency...	659	1,344	659
Sanitary and Miscellaneous by Public Works Department... ...	268	268	268
Do. do. by Other Agency.	70	170	70
Total...	44,923	45,708	44,923
Repairs.			
Communications by Public Works Department	74,823	74,823	74,823
Do. by Other Agency...	1,310	1,584	1,310
Sanitary and Miscellaneous by Other Agency	231	231	231
Total...	76,364	76,638	76,364
Grand Total...	1,21,287	1,22,346	1,21,287

10. The President's accounts agree with those of the Controller, and are no doubt correct. They show that only 70·87 per cent. of the allotment was expended, and this is decidedly unsatisfactory. In paragraph 19 of the report, the President says that 81 per cent. of the allotment for Communications was expended, but he takes the allotment as only Rupees 1,47,986.

11. The President's, the Accountant-General's, and the Controller's debits on account of Public Works Department General and Petty Establishments, are as follow :—

	President.	Accountant-General.	Controller.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Petty Establishment	4,358	4,358	4,549*
Public Works Department, General Establishment	28,355	28,470	32,216
Total...	32,713	32,828	36,765

* Includes Rs. 219 expended by Civil Officers probably on Toll Establishments.

12. The Controller's debit for supervision is 27 per cent. on the expenditure by the Public Works Department. This differs from the ratio which the cost of supervision bears to expenditure on works in the case of the circles, the reports of which have been reviewed ; and from the ratio for the whole Presidency, which is stated to be 29 per cent. in the letter recorded in G. O., Financial Department, dated 12th September 1873, No. 1,294. In a recent communication, the Controller explains that the debits in 1872-73 were determined monthly by taking the total actual cost of the distributable items of establishment and dividing it proportionately to the actual expenditure on works for the several funds. The debits thus arrived at were considered final, and were not revised at the end of the year by comparing the total charge for establishment

with the total expenditure on works. The Board understood that they were to be so revised, and will be obliged if the Controller will inform them what additional charge has been thus imposed on the Local Fund.

13. Four hundred and eighty-five and three-quarter miles of road were maintained, 27½ completed, and 16¼ in progress ; the Iron girder bridge across the Iyar on the Trichinopoly and Salem road was completed ; a bridge across the Iyar at Kumanur on the Museri and Kumanur road (with the exception of the parapet) and seventeen culverts and four road dams were built ; and avenues were planted on the Kulitalei and Manaparei road.

14. The principal new works in progress or completed during the year were—

	Rs.
1. Re-metalling road from Trichinopoly to Madura	7,731
2. Road from Museri to Cannanore and Torriore	11,491
3. Do. from Perambalur to Arealur	3,380
4. Do. from Perambalur to Kistnapuram	886
5. Do. from Manaparei to Kulitalei	15,002
6. Do. from Keelapalur to opposite to Road No. 4 from Teruvadi and Tanjore	2,336
7. Iron Girder Bridge over the Iyar river	1,486
8. Re-metalling Dindigul road	1,000

15. The Toll Establishment on the Iyar bridge cost Rupees 219 according to the President, and Rupees 104 according to the Accountant-General. The Controller shows an expenditure of Rupees 219, but it is exhibited under Petty Establishment, while the two columns intended to exhibit Toll and Ferry charges are left blank.

16. The President, the Accountant-General, and the Controller show an expenditure of Rupees 1,659 on Tools and Plant.

17. Thus Grant I. according to the President was Rupees 1,55,878, according to the Accountant-General Rupees 1,56,938, and according to the Controller Rupees 1,59,712.

18. Grant II., Education.—One Deputy Inspector and two Inspecting Schoolmasters were employed at a cost of Rupees 2,198 to the Local Fund. The Trichinopoly Municipality was to contribute Rupees 170, but nothing is entered in the accounts, though the Municipal Report* for 1872-73 shows that Rupees 20 were paid to Local Funds. The President explains that Rupees 20 were received from the Municipality but were credited to Provincial Funds, so that apparently Rupees 20 more than was due was paid by the Local Fund to Provincial Funds. The President will explain. Salary grants, aggregating Rupees 300, were paid to six schools with 108 pupils. Results grants, amounting to Rupees 4,063, were passed to 109 schools, of which 21 were Mission schools and 88 schools under native management, but only Rupees 2,683 were actually paid. The circle was divided into three Educational ranges, the first or Trichinopoly range, consisting of the Trichinopoly Taluq being taken up by the Deputy Inspector in addition to his general duties, and the two other ranges, comprising two taluqs each, had each an Inspecting Schoolmaster. The Deputy Inspector was able to devote only a few months to organizing new schools, but the results of his labour were considered satisfactory. The work is stated to be too much for the Deputy Inspector and Inspecting Schoolmasters, and a third Inspecting Schoolmaster is provided for in the Budget of 1874-75. The Lower Class Results Grant Schools increased from 76, with 1,868 pupils on the 31st March 1872, to 153, with 3,065 pupils on the 31st March 1873. There were also six Salary Grant Schools with 108 pupils, but there were no Local Fund Schools. A scheme for establishing Local Fund Schools was submitted to Government in Board's Proceedings, dated 31st October 1873, No. 2,221.

* G.O., Financial Department, dated 14th October 1873, No. 1,491.

19. Grant II. was Rupees 5,181.

20. GRANT III., SANITATION.—There are no Dispensaries in the Circle, but the Local Board contributed to two* in Municipalities.

* Trichinopoly and Srirungam.

21. Four 1st Class and seven 2nd Class Vaccinators operated upon 907 persons each, at a cost of Annas 3-11 for each subject, and 98·52 per cent. of the cases proved successful. These figures compare well with those of most of the circles, but the Local Fund Board consider them unsatisfactory. The Local Fund Board are allowed to try the system of paying Vaccinators by results in G. O., Financial Department, dated 13th August 1873, No. 1,141.

22. There were seventeen endowed Choultries under the control of the Local Fund Board, with an income which consisted of the previous year's balance Rupees 11,848, and the rent and produce of lands Rupees 2,124, making a total of Rupees 13,972. The establishment and contingencies cost Rupees 672, and the repairs of the wells that irrigate the Maniem lands of the Puduperiammapaliem Chuttrum Rupees 230, making in all Rupees 902.

23. The establishment of the four Travellers' bungalows cost Rupees 152 ; 367 travellers halted in them, paying Rupees 230 for the accommodation.

24. The expenditure under Grant III. was Rupees 6,001.

25. GRANT IV., ESTABLISHMENT, ETC.—Controlling, etc., establishments cost Rupees 2,314.

26. The Accountant-General debits Rupees 70 under "Miscellaneous Debt Account," which the President omits.

27. BALANCES.—The President deducts a total expenditure of Rupees 1,69,374 from total assets, amounting to Rupees 2,20,822, and shows a balance of Rupees 51,448, of which Rupees 13,069 belong to the endowed Choultries. The Accountant-General deducting an expenditure of Rupees 1,70,503 from assets, amounting to Rupees 2,10,452, makes the balance Rupees 39,949.

28. A Memorandum will be sent to the President showing the points in his accounts which need explanation.

29. LOCAL FUND BOARDS.—The President will be good enough to report how the Local Fund Board has worked, stating the total number of official and non-official members on the rolls, the number of Meetings held during the year, and the average attendance of each class of members.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 208. ORDER THEREON, 26th May 1874, No. 883.

The attention of the Public Works Department is called to paragraph 10 of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue from which it appears that only 70·87 per cent. of the allotments was expended.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Public Works Department.
" Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Dated May, 26th.

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G.O., *26th May* 1874, *No.* 883.

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Trichinopoly Circle.—The Local Fund Report of this Circle for 1872-73, submitted by the Board of Revenue, communicated to the Public Works Department, and attention called to paragraph 10 of the Board's Proceedings from which it appears that only 70·78 per cent. of the allotment was expended.

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Exd. J. Tulloch.

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To

The Board of Revenue.

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