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No. 255. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th May 1874, No. 1085 :—

Read letters from the President of the Local Fund Boards, Chingleput District, dated 6th September and 21st October 1873, Nos. 64 and 75.

THE Local Fund Reports of the Sydapet and Chingleput Circles for 1872-73 will be submitted to Government.

SYDAPET.

2. RECEIPTS.—The President commences with a balance of Rupees 3,006 and credits Rupees 1,49,714 as actual receipts, making a total of Rupees 1,52,720. The Accountant-General adding actual receipts aggregating Rupees 1,50,244 (or Rupees 530 more than the President made up of Rupees 202 refund of Public Works expenditure omitted by the President and Rupees 328 credited in excess of the amount (Rupees 2,169) shown by the latter under Advances Recoverable) to an opening balance of Rupees 2,838 makes the assets Rupees 1,53,082.

3. Excluding the balance the receipts in 1871-72 were Rupees 25,340 less than they were in 1872-73 when the Provincial grant for roads was higher by Rupees 15,960, Avenue Collections by Rupees 558, Road and Land Cess by Rupees 8,892, Tolls by Rupees 1,270, and School fees by Rupees 265. The Chingleput Circle contributed Rupees 2,147 on account of the rateable share due from the proceeds of tolls levied for the first time in 1872-73 on the Southern and Western Trunk Roads. Rupees 50 of interest due to the Petrus Uscan fund which was made over to the Local Fund Board during the year were drawn and credited to the Local Fund. Four travellers bungalows* were transferred to the Local Fund Board during the year with a balance of Rupees 592 and Rupees 50 were collected in fees. The sale of elementary school books contributed Rupees 124. On the other hand there was a decrease of Rupees 878 in the Provincial grant for schools owing to the grant for 1871-72 having included the arrears of 1870-71. The Provincial grant for general purposes was less by Rupees 570 having been reduced with reference to requirements. Rupees 475 less were tranferred from the Surplus Pound Fund and Rupees 16 less from Fish rents. Educational receipts were Rupees 890 greater in 1871-72 because they included the arrears of the cess under Act VI. of 1863. Local subscriptions to the Sydapet Dispensary ceased altogether.

* Gummadipundy.
Red Hills.
Poonamallee.
Meenambakum.

4. The Provincial grant for roads was raised because the income of the Circle was inadequate to the maintenance of the expensive roads in this circle which are exceptionally numerous because it surrounds the Presidency Town.

5. In the year 1871-72 the Land Cess was nearly all levied at 6 Pies in the rupee of assessment and the arrears of that year under the new rate (9 Pies in the rupee) were collected in 1872-73. Compared with the estimate of the year however, the collections show a decrease of Rupees 2,733 which is attributed to the demand on permanently settled estates having been fixed late in the year.

6. The removal of the toll-bar originally established at the Cortelliar causeway to the Panangudu backwater (sanctioned in G. O., Financial Department, dated 21st June 1872, No. 795,) considerably reduced the collections which amounted to only Rupees 3,890 against an estimate of Rupees 10,000.

7. EXPENDITURE, GRANT I., PUBLIC WORKS.—According to the Books of this office the total allotment sanctioned for Public Works was Rupees 1,09,443 distributed as follows :—

New Works.	RS.	
Communications by Public Works Department...	14,389	
Educational (Primary school at Sydapet) by Public Works Department	2,731	
		17,120

Repairs.	Rs.	
Communications by Public Works Department...	89,963	
Do. (lighting the Marmalong Bridge) by Other agency	200	
Educational by Public Works Department ...	540	
Do. by Other agency	50	
Sanitary and Miscellaneous by Public Works Department	570	
Do. (Avenues) by Other agency	1,000	
		92,323
Total...		1,09,443

8. The actual expenditure as given by the President, the Accountant-General, and the Controller of Public Works Accounts was as shown below:—

	President.	Accountant-General.	Controller.	Remarks.
New Works.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
Communications by P. W. D...	10,869	10,583	10,583	* This is the expenditure incurred on the Primary School-house at Sydapet and is shown by the President against the heading "Sanitary and Miscellaneous," but it has been transferred to its proper head, "Educational."
Do. by O. A. ...	...	...	926	
Educational by P. W. D...	*1,645	1,315	1,315	
Sanitary and Mis., by do. ...	...	488	287	
Do. by O. A....	...	330	330	
Total...	12,514	12,716	13,441	
Repairs.				
Communications by P. W. D...	72,178	...,358	72,178	
Do. by O. A. ...	474	463	474	
Educational by do. ...	50	...	50	
Sanitary and Mis., by do. ...	144	144	144	
Total...	72,846	72,965	72,846	
Grand Total...	85,360	85,681	86,287	

9. Leaving out of account the allotments marginally named which could not be spent owing in the one case to the Local Fund Board having postponed the establishment of a Training school at Poonamallee, and in the other to there being no necessity to repair the Marmalong bridge, 79·60 per cent. of the grants assigned for Public Works was spent (taking the figures of the Controller of Public Works Accounts whose accounts must be held to represent the real expenditure of the year).

	Rs.
Repairing the Taluq school at Poonamallee for converting it into a Training school	540
Repairing the Marmalong bridge	500
	1,040

10. The short outlay under New works is said to be accounted for by delay in commencing work caused by heavy rains in November and December. This explanation is far from satisfactory.

11. The expenditure on Establishments according to the President, the Accountant-General, and the Controller of Public Works Accounts was as follows :—

	President.	Accountant-General.	Controller.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Petty Establishment	2,531	2,531	3,070
P. W. Department, General do.	20,548	20,791	22,765
Toll do. ...	736	435	384
	23,815	23,757	26,219

12. Taking the Controller's figures the cost of Public Works Supervision was 26·98 per cent. on the expenditure.

13. Both the President and the Accountant-General show an expenditure of Rupees 1,157 on Tools and Plant, but the Controller shows Rupees 1,190 which is 1·37 per cent. on the expenditure as given by him.

14. No new roads were undertaken in the year, but bridges and tunnels and other works required to finish existing roads were the chief objects of expenditure. One hundred and eighty-eight miles of road were maintained in good order, two miles of new road were completed and seventy miles were in progress. A toll-shed was built and a building with out-offices for the Primary school at Sydapet was in progress and existing avenues were maintained at a cost of Rupees 144.

15. The new works in progress during the year were :—

	Rs.
1. Road from Sattiavedoo to Kavarapettah	1,014
2. Do. from Oothoocottah to Trunk Road No. 1 *via* Pereyapoliyam.	1,882
3. Do. from the Trivettore Bridge over the Northern canal to Ponneri	4,353
4. Do. from Ponneri to Pulicat, *via* the large village of Medoor ...	2,752
5. Do. from Velliyoor to Trunk Road No. 1 on the 12th mile ...	582
6. Constructing a toll gate and shed on the 32nd mile of the Northern Trunk Road	287
7. Primary School-house at Sydapet	1,645

16. The President makes the expenditure under Grant I. Rupees 1,10,333, the Accountant-General Rupees 1,10,595, and the Controller of Public Works Accounts Rupees 1,13,696.

17. Grant II, Education.—One Deputy-Inspector and two Inspecting Schoolmasters were employed. The former was able to spend only thirty-eight days of the year in visiting the schools in the Circle as he had to supervise Educational operations in the town of Madras. This arrangement not having worked well, a separate Deputy-Inspector for the Circle has been sanctioned in G. O., Financial Department, dated 4th June 1873, No. 786. The two Inspecting Schoolmasters one of whom was new inspected together 205 schools with 3,806 pupils, but of these thirty-one schools with 172 pupils failed to submit their annual returns and were left out of account by the Educational Department, according to whose returns only 174 schools with 3,634 boys were inspected. In 1871-72, 121 schools with 2,916 pupils were inspected. Salary grants were paid to two lower class girls schools*. The total expenditure on Results Grants was Rupees 4,886, but Rupees 1,389 of this sum were paid on account of grants earned in 1871-72. The remainder Rupees 3,497 was paid to ninety-one schools.

* Sydapet, Saint Thomas' Mount.

18. The Local Fund Training school which it was proposed to establish at Poonamallee was not opened.

19. The only Educational Union in the Circle is that at Sydapet which embraces the Sydapet High and Primary schools. No house-tax was collected because the arrangements for so doing were not completed until too late. The Government grant Rupees 3,300, School fees amounting to Rupees 2,848, and Rupees 14 from the rent of a Cattle-stand were realized. The charges amounted to Rupees 9,029 made up thus :—

	Rs.
1. Salary grants	84
2. Charges in Union schools...	7,150
3. Repairs to Sydapet High school building	50
4. Constructing a Primary school house	1,645
5. Sanitation	100

The whole of these charges excepting the 4th which was debited to the General Fund were met from the Union Fund. The pupils fell off from 279 on the 31st March 1872 to 265 on the 31st March 1873 and the average number of scholars was 230. The schools are reported to have worked satisfactorily.

20. Rupees 500 were spent in the purchase of School books.

21. The expenditure under Grant II. was Rupees 15,000.

22. There is only one Dispensary in the Circle viz., that at Sydapet designated the Parvathi Nurthani Ammal Dispensary after the name of the deceased wife of C. V. Iyasawmy Mudelly, a member of the Sydapet Local Fund Board, who promised to endow it and provide a suitable building. The building is in course of construction and has not been completed yet. The results have been satisfactory. The charges aggregated Rupees 740.

23. The Petrus Uscan's Endowment granted for the maintenance of the Marmalong Bridge and the steps up Saint Thomas' Mount was made over to the Local Fund Board by order of the High Court. Only a sum of Rupees 50 was drawn as interest and credited to the Local Fund. No expenditure was incurred.

24. Seven vaccinators operated upon 3,555 persons at a cost of 6 Annas per subject, and 96·28 per cent. of the cases were successful.

25. Sanitation cost Rupees 840 of which Rupees 134 were spent during fairs and festivals and the remaining Rupees 706 on the conservancy of Sydapet. Rupees 100 of the latter sum were spent in connection with the Sydapet Union and were debited to Union Funds.

26. The Travellers Bungalow establishment cost Rupees 209. The Bungalows were used by ninety-three travellers. Those at Poonamallee and Meenambakum were abandoned during the latter half of the year.

27. The expenditure under Grant III. was Rupees 3,128.

28. Grant IV., Establishment, etc.—Controlling establishments and General Contingencies cost Rupees 1,752 and Rupees 49,864 were debited to the Local Fund of the Circle at the instance of the Accountant-General in adjustment of an old deficit. The Circle Board object to Rupees 39,849 of the debit as that sum was the deficit of the Cochrane's and Sadras Canal Funds which accrued in 1855-56. The subject has been dealt with in connection with the review of the Local Fund Budget of 1874-75.

29. The President shows Rupees 5 under Miscellaneous Debt Account while the Accountant-General shews Rupees 333.

30. Balances.—The total expenditure according to the President was Rupees 1,80,082 and the assets having been only Rupees 1,52,720, the result was a deficit of Rupees 27,362. The Accountant-General makes the deficit Rupees 27,590. The improper debit above referred to being corrected there is a large surplus.

CHINGLEPUT.

31. Receipts.—The assets amounted to Rupees 1,39,664 inclusive of an opening balance of Rupees 7,816.

32. The actual receipts of the year are Rupees 40,034 in excess of those of 1871-72. In 1872-73 the provincial grant* for roads was raised by Rupees 16,580, Rupees 123 more were credited under Miscellaneous Special Funds, the Road and Land Cess yielded Rupees 16,958 more. The establishment of toll gates during the year produced Rupees 8,764, the Conjeveram Municipality contributed Rupees 150 on account of the cost of Educational Inspection, the sale of school books realized Rupees 140, and Travellers* Bungalows contributed Rupees 2,436, of which Rupees 1,992 was the balance at their credit when they were transferred to the Local Fund Board. On the other hand the Provincial grant for general purposes which amounted to Rupees 4,220 in 1871-72 was withheld. Rupees 186 less were credited from the Surplus Pound Fund, Rupees 14

* G. O., F. D., dated 15th January 1872, No. 30.

* Chingleput, Guduvangeri, Karanguli and Acheravak.

less from Avenues, Rupees 86 less from Fish Rents and Rupees 217 less from Hospitals. No advances were recovered in 1872-73 while in 1871-72 Rupees 505 were recovered.

33. The Land Cess fell short of the estimate by Rupees 5,790 for the same reasons as those assigned in the case of the other circle.

34. The toll gates at Madurantakam and Damul sanctioned in the orders noted in the margin, were not established until the latter part of June 1872. They realized Rupees 8,764 out of an estimate of Rupees 10,000. Rupees 2,147 of the collections or about 24½ per cent. were made over according to agreement to the Sydapet Local Fund.

G. O., F. D., dated 3rd February 1872, No. 114.
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35. Expenditure, Grant I., Public Works.—According to the books of this office a sum of Rupees 83,565 was assigned for Public Works as detailed below:—

		Rs.
New Works.		
Communications by Public Works Department		23,250
Repairs.		
Communications by Public Works Department ...	57,715	
Do. by Other agency	100	
Sanitary and Miscellaneous (Avenues) by Other agency	2,500	
		60,315
Total...		83,565

36. Of this amount Rupees 51,112 (or 61 per cent.) were spent as particularized below:—

		Rs.
New Works.		
Communications by Public Works Department		4,841
Repairs.		
Communications by Public Works Department ...	44,984	
Avenues by Other agency	1,287	
		46,271
Total...		51,112

37. This is very unsatisfactory. The reason assigned for the short expenditure on new works is that heavy rains during the greater part of the year prevented them from being begun in proper time. The estimates for no less than five of the works entered in the Budget had not been submitted to the Board at the end of the year.

38. The following debits were made on account of Establishment:—

	President.	Accountant-General.	Controller.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Public Works Department, General Establishment	9,533	9,791	11,506
Petty Establishment	1,698	1,698	1,813
Toll do.	642	313	405
Total...	11,873	11,802	13,724

39. The Controller's charge for Public Works Supervision is only 23 per cent. on the expenditure by the Public Works Department.

40. The expenditure on Tools and Plant was Rupees 808.

41. One hundred and twenty-four and a quarter miles of road were maintained in good order, eighteen completed, and 133½ in progress, and Avenues were maintained. The Vice-President in the concluding paragraph of his report remarks on the general unsatisfactory state of the communications of the circle. He thinks that the remedy lies in a considerable modification of the agency employed to carry out works.

42. The contribution of Rupees 2,147 to the Sydapet Circle Road Fund from the proceeds of tolls, completes the charges under Grant I., which amounted to Rupees 65,941 according to the President, Rupees 65,869 according to the Accountant-General, and Rupees 65,644 according to the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

43. GRANT II., EDUCATION.—One Deputy Inspector examined four Salary grant schools with an average daily attendance of 202 pupils and paid them Rupees 556, and 100 lower class Results Grant Schools which received Rupees 4,337 altogether (Rupees 2,807 on account of grants earned in 1872-73 and Rupees 1,530 on account of grants earned in the previous year). The number of scholars attending the Results Grants Schools should be reported. The two Inspecting Schoolmasters itinerated during the greater part of the year training teachers and preparing schools for the Deputy Inspector. The number of schools which they visited, and the number of pupils in those schools should be reported.

44. The house-tax to be levied in the proposed Unions at Wallajahbad and Rajampet *cum* Iyempet for the support of three Free Church Mission Schools, was not collected and the grants were paid from the General Local Fund.

45. A sum of Rupees 196 was spent in the purchase of School books.

46. The expenditure under Grant II., was Rupees 7,403.

47. GRANT III., SANITATION, ETC.—The Local Fund Board maintain an endowed Dispensary at Chingleput and contribute to one in the Conjeveram Municipality. The first named institution is reported to have worked on the whole satisfactorily during the year. The In-patients increased from seventy-five in 1871-72 to 166 in 1872-73, and the Out-patients from 3,259 to 5,242. The Zillah Surgeon remarks that the number of out-patients exceeds the population of the town of Chingleput and that this shows that the institution is largely availed of by the rural population. This is no doubt true but the population of the Chingleput town according to the last Census is 7,979.

48. Eighteen Vaccinators operated on 237 subjects each. This result is small but some of the Vaccinators were entertained only about the middle of the year and others at the end. Each subject cost 5 Annas. Ninety-five per cent. of the cases proved successful.

49. The sum of Rupees 399 expended on Sanitation was contributed to the Conjeveram Municipality for sanitation at the great festival at that place.

50. Rupees 63 were expended on the establishment and contingencies of Venkata Runga Pillay's endowed Choultry.

51. The servants in the Travellers Bungalows cost Rupees 339.

52. The expenditure under Grant III. amounted to Rupees 5,065.

53. The expenditure under Grant IV. amounted to Rupees 2,439 and comprised the following charges:—

	Rs.
Establishment	1,175
Contingencies	46
Adjustment entries	1,218
Total...	2,439

54. Rupees 5 were expended in the Miscellaneous Debt Account.

55. In this Circle the Accounts of the President and Accountant-General agree except in two items (Public Works Department Supervision charge and Toll establishment charge). The President makes the year close with a balance of Rupees 58,812 and the Accountant-General with a balance of Rupees 58,883.

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BOTH CIRCLES.

56. In Sydapet thirteen meetings are said to have been held with an average attendance of about half the number of Members which appears to have been fourteen. In Chingleput the same number of Meetings were held but one was null and void for want of a quorum. The President will be good enough to report the total number of Members, official and non-official in each Board, and the average attendance of each class of Members at the Meetings.

57. A Memorandum will be sent to the President showing the errors and discrepancies in his accounts which require correction and explanation.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No 256. ORDER THEREON, 29th May 1874, No. 912.

The attention of the Public Works Department is called to paragraphs 7—10, and 35—37 of the Board's Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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