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Local Funds—Roads.

No. 79. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th April 1875, No. 909 :—

Read the following letter from W. H. COMYN, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Tinnevelly, to H. F. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Aurumujaneri, 24th March 1875, No. 141 :—

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 464, dated 25th February last, I have the honor to report that the anticipation of the Board, that the Shermadevi Circle Local Fund Board's operations for the current official year will result in a deficit of Rupees 33,262, is not likely to be realized.

2. The accompanying statement, furnished by the Vice-President, shows the actuals of receipts and expenditure up to the end of February, and the estimated receipts and expenditure for the present month. From this statement it will be seen that the apparent deficit is not expected to exceed Rupees 2,500, but, as shown below, the actual deficit at the close of the year will probably be about Rupees 8,000.

3. Instead of the sum of Rupees 98,757 estimated by the Board in paragraph 5 of their Proceedings under reply as the total receipts for the year, Rupees 1,11,066 were actually collected up to the end of February, and this figure *plus* Rupees 14,387, the amount of expected receipts for March, gives a total of Rupees 1,25,453 as the receipts of the year. Against this, the actual expenditure up to the end of February amounted to Rupees 1,08,303, and the probable expenditure for March is estimated at Rupees 19,638, giving a total of Rupees 1,27,941, instead of Rupees 1,32,019, as estimated by the Board for the total expenditure of the year.

The probable total deficit for the year is therefore Rupees 2,488.—Thus :—

	Rs.
Deficit in Road Fund	8,000
Deduct surplus in General Fund (Rs. 241) and surplus in Endowment Fund (Rs. 5,271)... ...	5,512
	2,488

4. But the fund will start at the commencement of the approaching official year with a heavier liability than that represented by this figure. The General Fund will be sufficient to meet the charges on it after deducting the contribution of Rupees 10,470 to the Road Fund, but the balance, if any, will be a mere trifle, such as will not permit of any additional appropriation to meet the deficit in the Road Fund. Nor can the surplus in the Endowment Fund be used to make up the deficit in the Road Fund, so that, omitting these items from the calculation, the actual deficit at the close of the year will be Rupees 8,000, as stated in my letter embodied in the Board's Proceedings under reply, which figure would be increased to Rupees 13,000, should the payment of the instalment of Rupees 5,000 to the Tinnevelly Circle be enforced.

5. There is no margin for reducing expenditure. The Vice-President reports that measures have already been taken to reduce expenditure within its narrowest possible limits. Several large allotments have been given up altogether; the Range Officer at the Vice-President's urgent request resigned a considerable portion of the grant for ordinary repairs, and savings have been effected in the allotment for petty construction and repairs.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

ACCORDING to the statement now submitted, the accounts of the Shermadevi Circle for 1874-75 will be as shown in the margin, and the result is a net deficit of Rupees 2,488 instead of Rupees 33,262, as expected by the Board in Proceedings, dated 25th February 1875, No. 464.

		Rs.
Receipts.		
Allotments from General Revenues and Miscellaneous		24,757
Rates and Taxes		63,487
Receipts from endowments		18,630
Balances.	Road Fund... —4,452	
	Endowment Fund ... .. +9,370	
	General Fund. +3,191	
		8,109
		1,14,983
Expenditure.		
Works		60,873
Public Works Establishment		14,318
Tools and Plant		640
		75,831
Grant I		8,696
Grant II		30,628
Grant III...		2,316
Grant IV...		1,17,471
Balances.	Road Fund ... —8,000	
	Endowment Fund ... ... + 241	
	General Fund. +5,271	—2,488
		1,14,983

2. The differences seem to be chiefly due (1) to a larger realization of land-cess by Rupees 14,445 than the Board supposed, the President in giving the full demand at Rupees 49,042 apparently referring only to the two-thirds of it credited to the Road Fund; and (2) to restricted outlay on works and accompanying charge for Public Works Department supervision whereby Grant I. is reduced by Rs. 17,229. There will also be a saving in Grant II. and an excess in Grant III., as compared with the Board's estimate.

3. The present estimate shows a deficit of Rupees 8,000 in the Road Fund, and the President apparently does not anticipate that the General Fund will really be in surplus at the end of the year 1874-75. The Government have excused this fund from the payment of Rupees 5,000 to the Tinnevelly Circle for 1874-75, and this debit should be reversed. But the deficit in the Road Fund demands a reduction of the allotment for new works for 1875-76 by at least Rupees 6,400 to make up the deficit,* and the Local Board should at once consider how this can best be made.

*Works	6,400
Establishment thereon.	1,600
	8,000

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Transferred to the Financial Department.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

29th April 1875.

No. 80. ORDER THEREON, 12th May 1875, No. 1023.

To be recorded.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

Exd. W. H. French.

Govt. of {1875} Madras.

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G.O., 12th May 1875, No. 1023.

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Shermadevi Circle.—Proceedings of the Board of Revenue offering remarks on the closing balance of this Circle of 1874-75, recorded.

Govt. of 18/5 Madras.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

H. Elton

Acting Secretary.

To the President of the Local Fund Boards, Tinnevelly.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

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APRIL.

No. 909.

Shermadevi Circle—in Tinnevelly District.—Remarks passed with reference to report of President of Local Fund Boards that the operations of — for 1874-75 will close with a deficit of Rupees 2,488 instead of Rupees 33,262, as expected by Board of Revenue in their Proceedings of 25th February 1875, No. 464. Circle Board directed to consider what arrangements can best be made to cover certain deficit estimated under Road Fund.

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