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Local Funds—Road-cess.

No. 165. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd March 1875, No. 515 :—

Read the following letter from W. H. COMYN, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Tinnevelly, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 28th January 1875, No. 40.

I HAVE the honor to forward a Resolution of the Tinnevelly Local Fund Board and a letter from the Vice-President of the Shermadevi Local Fund Board requesting the sanction of Government for raising the road-cess from its present rate of nine pies to the full amount of one anna per rupee on the rent value of land, to commence from the 1st April next with the new official year.

2. The current income of the Tinnevelly Circle is about Rupees 1,89,000. Of this the road-cess yields Rupees 1,39,000, from Provincial Funds are received Rupees 30,150, and Special Funds, Endowments, and Miscellaneous Receipts make up the remainder. In expenditure the Repairs to Communications—a charge that increases with every mile of new road completed—already cost with Tools and Contingencies Rupees 62,000. The establishment of the Department of Public Works and elsewhere costs Rupees 33,000. Endowments, Sanitation, Vaccination, Bungalows, and Miscellaneous charges, require Rupees 30,000, and the Reserves take Rupees 18,000 more.

3. There thus remain only Rupees 46,000 for Education and for New Works. The educational progress of this district is exceptionally rapid, and it is almost certain that the sum of Rupees 21,000 entered in the next year's Budget, though twice as much as the current year's allotment will be insufficient to meet the unpaid bills of the current year and the bills of the next year as well.

4. The remaining Rupees 21,500 is altogether inadequate to meet the wants of the Circle in New Works. The great salt road from Vaipar to Sattur (No. XXVII.) has been abandoned, as the railway obviates its necessity, but the other sanctioned works *now in progress* will cost Rupees 1,40,000 to complete, and at the present rate would not be finished for seven years.

5. Besides the works now in progress, there are estimates before the Local Fund Board, most of them already sanctioned, amounting to Rupees 1,52,000, for works greatly needed, but for which no allotments have yet been made. Among these are the important lines of communication No. III-B Srivaikuntam to Vagaikulam Rupees 16,200, a continuation of No. IV. eastwards from Palamcottah towards the coast Rupees 15,500. Re-making parts of the Cotton Road No. XXIV. Rupees 22,500, Road No. VIII-C from Sivakasi to Virdupatti Rupees 41,500. The demands for Petty New Works are constantly increasing.

6. In the Shermadevi Circle the estimate of current receipts next year is Rupees 1,03,000, and without detailing the necessary charges, it is sufficient to quote the Vice-President's remark that, "if the whole of the allotment for new works to be executed by the Department of Public Works be abandoned in 1875-76, the fund will be just solvent in April 1876."

7. Besides the works already in progress in the Shermadevi Circle, there is an estimate of Rupees 27,500 for re-making a portion of Road No. XI., an important

line running from Tenkasi northwards to Madura *via* Strivilliputtur. On Road No. IX. from Tinnevelly to Pottelpudur several miles were washed away in the floods of 1869, and have never been re-made, and the bridges over the Gatinanadi and Varananadi rivers on Road No. XV. (from Tenkasi to Ambasumudram) which were destroyed at the same time, have still to be rebuilt, and the estimates for these two works amount to Rupees 30,000 and Rupees 16,800, respectively.

8. The increase of the road-cess to one anna in the rupee to commence with the next official year would give Rupees 42,000 to the Tinnevelly Circle and Rupees 19,000 to the Shermadevi Circle, and with these sums both the Local Fund Boards would be placed in a prosperous condition and rendered able to press on to completion the new works which are so urgently required. I beg, therefore, that the Board will be pleased to support the present application and forward it for the approval of Government.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From W. A. HAPPELL, Esq., Vice-President, Shermadevi Circle Local Fund Board, to W. H. COMYN, Esq., President, Local Fund Boards, Tinnevelly, dated 19th December 1874, No. 33.

IN Order, No. 1,479, dated 3rd September 1874, Government decided that the Shermadevi Circle should pay Rupees 15,300 to the Tinnevelly Circle, and directed the payment to be made in three equal yearly instalments, of which one was to be provided during the current year. Mr. Puckle directed the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury to debit the amount to Shermadevi, and credit it to Tinnevelly Circles in the accounts. The consequence is that the last corrected account received from the Deputy Collector shows a *minus* balance of Rupees 5,900 against the Shermadevi Circle.

2. Owing to Mr. Brandt's severe illness and Mr. Arundel's imperfect acquiantance with the affairs of this circle, the estimates of receipts in the current year's Budget are greatly in excess of the actuals. The expected balance of Rupees 9,000 turned out to be a *minus* balance of Rupees 4,500, or Rupees 13,500 less than the Budget Estimate. This sum has been nearly covered by reductions of allotments for New Works and Repairs by the Public Works Department to the amount of Rupees 8,000, by the unallotted portion of the Road Fund Reserve Rupees 3,300, and by the saving on contribution to Department of Public Works Establishment caused by the reduction of the expenditure.

3. If this error in the estimate of balances were the only one, the circle would be just able to pay its way. But unfortunately the receipts from land-cess were greatly over-estimated. The actuals of 1872-73 were accepted, and the important fact, that a very large amount of old arrears had been collected in that year, was overlooked. The estimate for the current year is Rupees 73,000. The total current demand is Rupees 57,000. Arrears, amounting to Rupees 14,000, remained uncollected at the beginning of the year—total Rupees 71,000. Thus, if every rupee due were collected within the year, the actuals would still fall short of the estimate by Rupees 2,000. The deficiency will necessarily be much greater, for no part of the March kist, which is upwards of Rupees 10,000, can be collected by distress until after the close of the year, and the ryots have contracted a bad habit of withholding payment until demand notices are served on them. A portion, though, I hope, a small one of the old arrears, will doubtless have to be written off the accounts. I have explained the state of the Fund to the Tahsildars, and arranged that everything short of breaking the law shall be done to realize the largest possible sum before the 31st March. It takes about three months to collect an arrear by the attachment and sale of land. A portion of the January and February kists will, therefore, remain unpaid at the end of the year. Altogether I see no possibility of closing the accounts with a smaller uncollected balance than Rupees 6,000.

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No further reduction of expenditure being feasible, the circle will be 8,000 rupees in debt at the close of the year; and, if the contribution to Tinnevelly Circle be added, the deficiency will amount to Rupees 13,000.

4. Nearly the whole of the allotments for New Works has already been expended and Repairs have been cut down below actual requirements. Nothing is left of the allotments for petty repairs at the disposal of the Department of Public Works, and but little of that at the disposal of the Revenue Department. It would be highly impolitic to give up what little there is of the latter. It is only granted in aid of voluntary contributions, and represents less than half the value of the work done.

5. For these reasons the Board hope that Government will be pleased to modify their order, and to direct that the payment of Rupees 15,300 to Tinnevelly Circle be made in five instead of three equal yearly instalments; the first instalment to be paid in 1875-76.

6. In the Budget of 1875-76 this Board provided for the payment of Rupees 3,000. I have heard *unofficially* that Mr. Puckle altered this to Rupees 5,000, and at the same time, to make the account balance, added Rupees 2,000 to our estimate of receipts from land-cess. The figure fixed upon by this Board, Rupees 57,000, is the whole of the current demand, and, as the arrears at the end of the current year will be reduced to the lowest possible amount, I can see no reason for expecting an additional 2,000 rupees.

7. In 1875-76 a Road Fund balance of Rupees 2,000 was estimated for. It is now clear to me that the balance will be a *minus* quantity of 8,000 or 10,000 rupees.

8. The cost of Public Works Establishments absorbs the whole of the Provincial Grant, and the actual sum available for expenditure on roads is Rupees 38,000 from the land-cess, *plus* about Rupees 5,000 from Miscellaneous Receipts. It is only by starving education and sanitary works that any contribution can be made from the General Fund.

9. This sum is not more than sufficient for the maintenance of the main and village roads already constructed.

10. Few of these roads are really completed. Besides the Tambrapurny, the circle is intersected by eight considerable rivers—the Hanumanadi, Chittar, Varananadi, Godavanadi, Manimuktanadi, Koriar, Pachaiyar, and Nambiar—all of which obstruct and sometimes stop traffic. The Chittar is bridged at Tenkasi, and at Courttalam, the Hanumanadi on the road north of Tenkasi, and the Nambiar on the road from Pallamcotta to Trevandrum. The ruins of a few abutments are all that remain of other bridges built mostly in the evil days when honest work was unknown in the district. The Pachiyar, Koriar, and Manimuktanadi have never been bridged at all.

11. The Gadavanadi has already washed away three bridges on Road No. XV. It is a serious obstruction to traffic even at low water, and it is altogether impassable for many days in each year. An estimate for bridging it at a cost of nearly Rupees 30,000 is now before the Board, and also one for bridging the Varananadi at a cost of Rupees 16,800.

12. The Pachiyar at Padmaneri on Road No. VI-E is a dangerous torrent. A few days ago, when riding along the bank, I met it coming down like a wall six feet high and sixty or eighty yards wide. It swept away a whole flock of sheep, and would have drowned a boy had he not been rescued.

13. All the rivers I have named, except the Manimuktanadi for which one would suffice, require several bridges each.

14. The important Road No. XI., Tenkasi to Madura *viâ* Strevilliputtur, is no better than a cross country bandy-track. An estimate for re-making it, amounting to Rupees 27,500, has been sent in by the District Engineer.

15. Several miles of the road from Tinnevelly to Pottalpudur, also a very important line, were washed away in the floods of 1869, and have never been re-made. At least 10,000 rupees are required to put it in decent order.

16. If the whole of the allotment for New Works to be executed by the Public Works Department be abandoned in 1875-76, the fund will be solvent in April 1876. In order to effect that saving, works at present in hand must be stopped, and loss by deterioration incurred. The

present outlay on so-called new works, most of which are merely repairs on a larger scale, is altogether inadequate to the wants of the circle, and I cannot recommend that it should be still further curtailed.

17. The Fund cannot be allowed to remain insolvent, and one of two things must be done; either the expenditure must be cut down, or revenue increased. The former alternative I strongly deprecate; the latter seems to me open to no sound objection.

18. The land-cess is now levied at the rate of nine pies in the rupee. It should be raised to one anna. The additional income would amount to 19,000 rupees.

19. If levied in 1875-76, 8,000 or 10,000 rupees would clear the circle of debt; the remainder would relieve the General Fund, the whole of which is required for general purposes.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. H. COMYN,
President.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Extract from Proceedings of Local Fund Board.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Local Funds in the Tinnevelly District are, no doubt, hard pressed for money at present, and the Board have brought the condition of the Shermadevi Fund prominently to the notice of Government in separate Proceedings.

3. The Board, however, cannot recommend the proposed increase of the land-cess from nine pies to one anna in the rupee at any rate at present. The district is already heavily assessed, and concurrently with the new settlement, the village service-cess is being introduced. The Board cannot recommend any further increase in the burdens of the people.

4. The difficulties in which the Tinnevelly Local Fund Boards now find themselves are caused to a great extent by the heavy charge for the up-keep of roads formerly classed as Imperial. When the railway is opened, the traffic on two of the principal of these roads will be so much relieved that the maintenance grant may be reduced and a large saving effected. The Local Fund on its present basis could then probably be made to suffice for all requirements, and the Board consider that the present emergency should be got over by increasing the Provincial grants, say by Rupees 30,000 for the two circles in 1875-76. If the money is not at the disposal of Government, the Board would suggest retrenchment from the grants to some Local Boards which have large grants and cannot spend them. The Board would indicate in particular those in the Bellary District.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 166. ORDER THEREON, 20th May 1875, No. 1104.

The Government agree with the Board of Revenue that it is not advisable at present to raise the rate of land-cess in the Tinnevelly District.

2. A special grant of Rupees 20,000 has lately been made to the Tinnevelly Circles from Provincial Funds in G.O., dated 20th May 1875, No. 1103, and as it

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appears from the Board's Proceedings, dated 4th March 1875, No. 518, that the Special Grants to the Bellary and Gooty Circles were unnecessarily continued for 1875-76, the impression being that the funds otherwise available were much less than now appears to be the case, His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to withdraw them and to allot Rupees 8000 to Tinnevelly and Rupees 12,000 to Shermadevi from the amount thus rendered available.

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Bellary	15,000
Gooty	5,000
Total ...	20,000

3. The Budgets for 1876-77 may be prepared on the assumption that arrangements will be made to increase the ordinary Provincial Grant for the two Circles by Rupees 30,000 as recommended by the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Accountant-General.

Exd. A. Grubert.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board of the Tinnevelly Circle, dated 20th January 1875

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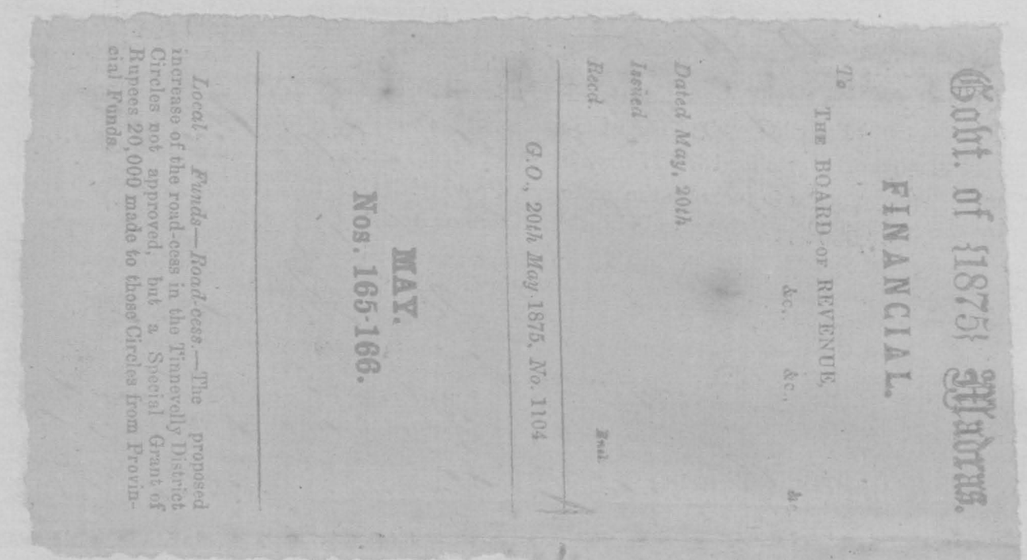
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1. W. H. Comyn Esqr. President
2. A. J. Arundel Esq. Vice President
3. Revd Dr E. Sargent
4. Revd R. R. Meadows.
5. Sangili Virapandia Chinnatambiar, Zemindar of Sivagiri.
6. Chavadi Coothanaina Pillai of Tinnevelly
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4. Read letter No 602, dated 12th November, from District Engineer applying for an additional allotment of Rs 2000 for Road No VIII from Tinnevelly to Sankaranainarkoil (Items 3, II. A. Part I).

Read also letter No 33, dated 19th December, from the Vice President



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Nos. 165-166.

Local Funds—Road-cess.—The proposed increase of the road-cess in the Tinnevelly District Circles not approved, but a Special Grant of Rupees 20,000 made to those Circles from Provincial Funds.

Shermadevi Circle, pointing out the necessity for raising the Road cess to one anna in the Rupee.

Resolved that as the present receipts of the Circle are inadequate to meet the constantly increasing demands for communications, Education and Sanitation, the sanction of the Board and of Government be requested to raise the Road cess from its present rate of nine pies in the Rupee to the full rate of one anna.

(True Extract)

W. H. Commin
President

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Shermadevi L. F. Board.

Vice President's Office

19th December 1874

Shermadevi.

No. 33.

From

The Vice President

Shermadevi Circle L. F. Board.

To

The President,

Tinnevelly.

Sir

In order No. 1479 dated 8th September 1874, Government decided that the Shermadevi circle should pay Rs 15300, to the Tinnevelly circle, and directed the payment to be made in three equal yearly instalments, of which one was to be provided during the current year. Mr. Puckle directed the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury to debit the amount to Shermadevi, and credit it to Tinnevelly circles

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(signed) W. A Haskell
Vice Pres. Mun. L. F. Board.

(True Copy)

(signed) F A Campe
President

(True Copy)

H Elton

Acting Secretary.

Tinnevelly

No 40. 28 January 1875.

From

W. H. Conyn Esqre
President Local Fund Board,
Tinnevelly.

To

J Grose Esqre
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Copy of the Vice Presidents
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Encl to Govt Letter

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3. The Board however cannot recommend the proposed increase of the land cess from 9 pies to one anna in the rupee at any rate at present. The District is already heavily assessed, and concurrently with the new settlement the village service cess is being introduced. The Board cannot recommend any further increase in the burdens of the people.

4. The difficulties in which the Tinnevelly Local Fund Boards now find themselves are caused to a great extent by the heavy charge for the upkeep of roads formerly classed as imperial. When the railway is opened the traffic on two of the principal of these roads will be so much relieved that the maintenance grants may be reduced and a large saving effected. The Local Fund on its present basis could then probably be made to suffice for all requirements, and the Board consider that the present emergency should be got over by increasing the Provincial grants say by Rupees 30,000 for the two Circles in 1875-76. If the money is not at the disposal of Government, the Board would suggest retrenchment from the grants to some Local Boards which have large grants and

and cannot spend them. The
Board would indicate in particular those in the Bellary District.

|True Extract|

A Elton
Acting Secretary

To,
The Chief Secretary to Government
Financial Department

with Extract from Proceedings
of Local Fund Board & copy of President's letter as also
of Vice President's letter.

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C. M. Narasimacharry

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Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following ~~letter~~ Pro.

of the Board of Revenue of
3d March 1875

Order thereon. Ordered. 20 May 1875.
No 1104

The Government
agree with the Board of
Revenue that it is not
advisable at present to
raise the rate of land Cess
in the Tinnevelly District.

2. A special grant
of Rs 20,000 has lately
been made to the Tinnevelly
Circles from Provincial funds
in G.O. dated 20 ~~April~~ May
1875, No. 1103 and as it
appears from the Boards
Proceedings dated 4 March
1875, No 518, that the
Special

This office is a
draft now in
lieu of the
original which
is returned
herewith.

12.5.75.

Financial (Land Revenue) Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 3rd March 1875

Read 3rd
Rec'd —
in 3.

No 518

Submitting for orders
a Grant with reference to the
Grant from Provincial funds
announced by G.O. No 1103 dated
20th April 1875 for the special
relief for raising the
Road Cess from nine pies to
one anna per Rupee on the
Rent value of Land.

No 1103

Financial Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 3rd March 1875 No 518

Read 20th May 1875

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Public Works Department
Copy of Board of Revenue Proceedings dated 3rd March 1875 No 518 forwarded for information
Bellary 1875-76

No 1103

Special grants to the
Bellary and Godry Circles
were continued for 1875-76
under the impression that
the funds otherwise avail-
able were much less than
now appears to be the case,
His Excellency the Governor
in Council resolves to with-
draw them and allot Rup-
ees 8000 to Tinnevelly &
Rs 12000 to Shenmadevi
from the amount thus rendered available
3. The Budgets for 1876-77
may be prepared on the
assumption that arrange-
ments will be made
to increase the Ordinary
Provincial grant for
the two Circles by
Rupees

Bellary — Rs 15,000
Godry — 5000
20,000

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Rupees 30,000 as re-
commended by the
Board of Revenue.

12/4.

The Board of Revenue 4
" Accountant General 6
} Desp 7/6/75

(50 Lis. Ex & D.

Read instructions
from Rungachary
& print all the papers
22/5-

Govt. of {187-} Madras.

Financial

To

Dated 20 May
Recd. 1875. No. 1014

Nos. 1655

Local Funds — Road Cess — The proposed increase of the road cess in the Tinnevelly District Circles not sanctioned but a special grant of Rs. 20,000 made to those Circles from Provincial Funds