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Local Funds—Roads.

No. 17. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th May 1875, No. 1228 :—

Read the following letter from H. S. THOMAS, Esq., Collector and President of the Local Fund Boards, Tanjore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vallam, 16th April 1875, No. 162 :—

I HAVE the honor to forward translation of a letter from the *Chef de Service* at Karikal, asking for a contribution from the Negapatam Local Fund Board for keeping in good order that portion of the road between Negapatam and Tranquebar, which lies within the limits of the French territory.

2. The portion of the road between Negapatam and Nagore, which lies within the Municipality, has been metalled and is in excellent order ; but the portion which lies within the French territory is not by any means in a good state.

3. The *Chef de Service* proposes to expend upon this road Rupees 10,000 during the current year, and asks that an equivalent of this sum may be contributed by the Local Fund Board, in view of the advantages resulting to our traffic and the wear and tear caused by it.

4. The *Chef de Service* further states that the limited resources of the small territory under his administration do not admit of his bearing the whole expense of repairing the road, and that, should the Board not be inclined to grant his request, the only alternative measure he could think of is to impose a toll on the British traffic entering the French territory. This, however, he adds he is very unwilling to do, as it would to some extent discourage his own traffic.

5. The request of the French *Chef de Service* would appear to be perfectly reasonable. The traffic which passes through the Karikal territory is mostly our traffic, and we are, therefore, interested in a greater degree even than the French authorities in the good state of the road, and therefore gain more than they do by this bargain. The French, on the other hand, have little or no traffic which passes through this district.

6. For the same reasons, the alternative measure of imposing a cart-tax would fall more heavily on our traffic than on theirs, and it is desirable that the imposition of it should be averted if possible.

7. The *Chef de Service's* application was laid before the Local Fund Board at the last meeting, and the Board was unanimously of opinion that Rupees 10,000 should be paid on the understanding that an equal amount is spent by the French Government, and that any amount that remains unexpended is returned. I beg to enclose, for information, a copy of the resolution of the Local Fund Board.

8. I beg that the Board of Revenue will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government to the payment. The Road Fund of the Circle is, however, insufficient to meet the charge, and the amount will have to be paid from the large unexpended balance of General Funds. In paragraph 7 of G.O., dated 28th January 1875, No. 163, Government was unwilling to transfer a portion of the General Fund to the Road Fund, on the ground that it was unlikely the whole allotment for new works would be utilized by the Department of Public Works ; but, as the objection does not apply to the present case, I presume there will be no difficulty about the transfer.

9. I solicit early orders as the French Government would seem to be anxious to put the work in hand soon.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Translation of a letter from Monsieur ROMIEUX, Chef de Service, Karikal, to H. S. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, dated Pondicherry, 17th December 1874.

Since my assuming charge of my appointment as Chef de Service at Karikal, I have been struck with the decayed condition of roads of this establishment.

2. This situation, which has been in existence for some years past, is due chiefly to the impossibility in which the local Administration finds itself to procure at cheap rate the materials required for gravelling these roads. Mostly for want of the Tanjore stones, the price of which is almost trebled by the cost of transport, sand mixed with brick has been used, or a sort of limy substance called "Choukey," materials which do not offer a sufficient resistance.

3. Again, looking to the scantiness of the financial resources at our command, we have been constrained to sacrifice solidity to space by gravelling the roads only to the breadth of 3 metres and to the depth of 0·12 or at most 0·15.

4. Formerly the vessels which came from Bourbon to fetch rice from Karikal sailing in ballast furnished us with very hard substances. This resource now completely fails, and it becomes, therefore, absolutely necessary to contrive other means if we wish to keep in good order our lines of communication.

5. I had first thought of levying tolls on all the carts and carriages which enter our territory in the same manner as is done in the British frontier. This device, though quite practicable in itself, seems to be impolitic and detrimental to our commercial interests. The following combination appeared to me preferable. Guided by this consideration, that the carts of other nations which ply necessarily through our territory contribute in a great measure to decay our roads, I have thought that the British Administration would consider it just and equitable to participate in the upkeep and repair of the said roads, and that it would consent to contribute to us annually a sum equivalent to that which costs us. The towns of Tranquebar, Poriar, and Negapatam are chiefly interested in the matter in a communication point of view; they can, therefore, facilitate communications between one another only on the condition of finding the roads in French territory as well kept as that, say, of Nagore to Negapatam. As of all the towns mentioned above that of Negapatam is the most important in point of progress and prosperity, on account of the railway which connects it with Madras, it appears to me that it is more in a position than the others to bear a contribution in our favor. I have learnt that the best means of obtaining a contribution from the English Government is to address the Local Fund Board over which you preside. Should this Committee, therefore, be disposed to come to our aid for the reasons I have shown above, I shall feel greatly obliged by your letting me know the same as early as possible.

6. I think that we can devote next year nearly 25,000 Francs (Rupees 10,000) to the roads of Tranquebar to Karikal and Karikal to Nagore. Please to be good enough to inform me if the Local Fund Board can contribute an equal sum to us. This would undoubtedly place us in a position to keep in an entirely good state the road from Nagore to Karikal, and to improve sensibly that of Karikal to Tranquebar.

7. Please accept, &c., &c., &c.

I am still in Pondicherry for a fortnight. The following is my address:—

M. ROMIEUX,
Chef de Service of Karikal,
On duty at Pondicherry.

P.S.—In case the Local Fund Board should be disposed to pay the contribution, I shall have the honor to ultimately fix upon the exact sum which we will allot for the roads in question, and

I shall prepare a Convention for the administrative and financial regulation of the operation. This Convention will be submitted for the approval of the Governor in Council. This is an indispensable formality with us.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board, Negapatam Circle, dated 16th March 1875.

PRESENT:

H. S. Thomas, Esq, *President.*
J. Cameron, Esq., *Vice-President.*
The District Engineer.
The Acting Head Assistant Collector.
J. O'Shaughnessy, Esq., Executive Engineer.
The Tahsildar of Negapatam.
The Deputy Inspector of Schools.
M. R. Ry. Kodanda Ramasami Nayadu Avergul.
,, Paramasiva Pillai Avergul.
,, Krishnasami Mudelliar Avergul.

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2. Read President's letter, No. 68, dated 6th February 1875, forwarding an application from the Chef de Service at Karikal for a contribution out of Local Funds for keeping in good order the portion of the road between Negapatam and Tranquebar which lies within the French territory.

Resolved unanimously that Rupees 10,000 be handed to the Chef de Service for the above purpose, on the understanding that an equal amount is spent from French funds and that any unexpended amount is returned.

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(Signed) J. CAMERON,
Vice-President.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Local Board of the Negapatam Circle wish to contribute Rupees 10,000 for putting into good order the portion of the road between Negapatam and Karikal, which lies in French territory. It appears from the letter of the *Chef de Service* that the French authorities propose to spend an equal sum, and contemplate receiving contributions on similar terms for the maintenance of the road throughout French territory hereafter; and that the terms of the arrangement will be embodied in a Convention.

3. Such arrangements would be greatly to the interest of the Negapatam Circle, and the Board recommend that sanction be given for the contribution now proposed for 1875-76, and to the completion of the arrangements with the French authorities. The exact terms and precautions for mutual security which may be settled can be reported hereafter, if Government authorize the principle of contribution. If there is any difficulty with reference to the wording of Section 27 of the Local Funds Act, it might be arranged that the contribution should be paid from the "Allotments from General Revenues" in the Budget for 1875-76.

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4. There appears to be no ground for the President's statement that the Road Fund cannot bear the charge. The expenditure and balance for eleven months of the past year are given in the margin. The Budget of 1875-76 takes credit for an opening balance of Rupees 26,670 only.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 18. ORDER THEREON, 2nd June 1875, No. 1193.

The Governor in Council approves and sanctions the proposed contribution as a special case, and directs that it be met from the "Allotments from General Revenues."

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue, with two enclosures.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

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FINANCIAL.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated June 2nd

Issued

Read

G.O., 2nd June 1875, No. 1193.

JUNE.

Nos. 1718.

Local Funds, Roads.—The contribution by t[illegible] Negapatam Circle of Rupees 10,000 towards t[illegible] maintenance of that portion of the road betwe[illegible] Negapatam and Tranquebar which lies wit[illegible] French territory, sanctioned, and ordered to [illegible] met from the "Allotments from the Gener[illegible] Revenues."

No. 1,228.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 11th May 1875.

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

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

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(A true Copy and Extract.) H Elton

Acting Secretary.

To the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department,
with two enclosures, to be returned.
„ the President of the Local Fund Boards, Tanjore District.

Exd. W. H. French.

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PROCEEDINGS, 11TH MAY 1875, No. 1,228.

Received 19 May 1875

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MAY.
No. 1,228.

Road—between Negapatam and Tranquebar, in Tanjore District.—Letter from President, forwarding one from the *Chef de Service* at Karical asking for a contribution of Rupees 10,000 from the Negapatam Local Fund Board, for keeping in good order that portion of — which lies within the French territory, and stating that the Circle Board have consented to the payment on certain conditions, submitted to Government with remarks.

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter- Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 11th May 1875 No 1288.

Ordered thereon, Colacamund 2d June 1875. No 1193

The Governor in Council approves and sanctions the proposed contribution, as a suitable case for the application of the Local Fund, and directs that it be met from the "Allotments from General Revenues".

To The Board of Revenue with two enclosures
Public Works Dept
Accts General
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Revenue

To

The Board of Revenue.

Dated 2nd June

Recd. 1875, No. 1193.

Nos. 17–18.

Local Fund Roads. The contribution by the Vizagapatam Circle of Rs: 15,000 towards the maintenance of that portion of the road between Vizagapatam & Trunguelur which lies within French territory, sanctioned & ordered to be met from the "Allotments from the Genl. Revenues"