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Local Funds—Roads.

No. 182. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th August 1875, No. 2,439 :—

Read the following letter from H. S. THOMAS, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Tanjore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Point Calimere, 16th June 1875, No. 220 :—

WITH reference to G.O., dated 22nd April 1875, No. 905, communicated in Board's Proceedings, dated 5th May 1875, Miscellaneous No. 3,823, I have the honor to state that I have been desired by the Local Fund Board of the Tanjore Circle respectfully to represent the difficulty that exists in providing funds for public works in the Circle, as there is no balance unappropriated in the Road Fund, but, on the other hand, a deficit.

2. It was to cover this deficit that it was proposed that Rupees 25,000 should be transferred from the General to the Road Fund in the year 1874-75. The reason for the deficit was fully explained in the report on the current year's budget. It was chiefly due to the omission to charge in the accounts sent to the Board of Revenue the cost of public works supervision for the year 1874-75, which has been subsequently rectified. The budget of 1874-75 accordingly took credit for larger assets in the Road Fund than were really available.

3. This being the case, the effect of the Government order on the public works of the Circle must, in the opinion of the Local Fund Board, be most disastrous, as will be shown below; it will stop very many of the works that have been commenced, and these will have to be left in an incomplete state, it may be for years.

4. The actual balance under the head of Road Fund at the commencement of the current year according to the treasury accounts was Rupees 19,641. The cost of public works supervision has not as yet been charged in the accounts, the exact amount not having been as yet advised by the Accountant-General, but it may be roughly estimated at Rupees 25 per cent. of the expenditure at Rupees 28,835. The amount to be provided for on account of public works supervision is thus in excess of the balance by Rupees 9,194.

5. The Government order requires that this amount should be met from the assets of this year under the head of Road Fund, which are estimated at Rupees 1,10,420.

6. The expenditure as per budget alone is estimated at Rupees 1,07,500; we have besides to provide funds; Rupees 22,886 for incomplete works, including the bridge over the Vennar.

7. A considerable part of the Road Fund Reserve for this year has been already utilized.

8. A glance through the list of new works given in the budget, and the list of incomplete works of last year, will show that they are all necessary; most of them have been in course of execution for several years, and they cannot be postponed for an indefinite period of time without serious injury to the work already done and consequent waste of the money already expended. This is notably the case with works connected with bridges.

9. Again, Rupees 69,220 have been provided for the up-keep of roads. It is not likely that any reduction can be looked for in this direction. Complaints are even now occasionally made of the bad state of roads, and, if the allotment for their maintenance be curtailed, these complaints must necessarily increase.

10. The original proposal for transferring Rupees 25,000 was calculated to meet the difficulty, and the Local Fund Board respectfully submit that it still seems to them unobjectionable and desirable.

11. The assets of the General Fund are as follow:—

	Rs.
Actual balance of 1874-75	60,553
Expected receipts of 1875-76	47,520
Total ...	1,08,073

Out of this amount the expenditure proposed is Rupees 50,930, Rupees 2,704 will be required for incomplete works. There is thus an unappropriated balance of Rupees 54,439.

12. Ample provision has been made for sanitation and education, the allotment for these purposes being Rupees 20,760 and Rupees 19,020 respectively. These are further largely supplemented by the outlay from the Endowment Fund. The Local Fund Board consider that the provision made for these purposes cannot be increased without leading to wasteful expenditure.

13. It is suggested by Government that the balance of the General Fund should be devoted to the extension of education and the construction of school buildings.

14. There are already thirty-eight Local Fund Schools in the Circle at an annual cost of Rupees 10,228, besides the schools maintained out of the Rajah's charities; and Rupees 6,000 have been provided for results grants, which is about four times as much as was paid in the year 1874-75. Schools have been established in the more important villages, and additional schools will be opened wherever they may be required, but these arrangements will absorb only a small portion of the General Fund surplus. As to providing school buildings, it seems undesirable to construct them until by actual experience we are assured of the stability of the several schools, and it appears also somewhat premature to commit ourselves to buildings for salary schools at a time when it is under consideration how far they should give way to the result-grant system, which is about to be modified for the purpose.

15. For these reasons, I beg to recommend that the proposal of the Local Fund Board to transfer a portion of the General Fund surplus to the Road Fund may be sanctioned. The Road Fund is in urgent need of aid, and the General Fund can afford to give it.

16. I beg to enclose a memorandum, from which it will be seen that the amount by which the Road Fund requires to be supplemented is Rupees 30,000.

17. If Government are still averse to transferring the sum outright, I would suggest that the sum may be lent from the General Fund and recovered in three yearly instalments of Rupees 10,000 so as to at least tide us over our present difficulty. This course will, however, still cripple the resources of the Road Fund in future years.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Memorandum showing the Funds available for the Incomplete Works of the Tanjore Circle during the year 1875-76.

	Road Fund.	General Fund.	Endowment Fund.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Actual balance on the 31st March 1875, as per Treasury Deputy Collector's accounts	19,641	60,553	64,199	1,44,393
Expected receipts as per Budget of 1875-76 ...	1,10,420	47,520	1,59,980	3,17,920
Total ...	1,30,061	1,08,073	2,24,179	4,62,313
Estimated expenditure as per Budget of 1875-76 (inclusive of the Road Fund Reserve of Rupees 11,040)	1,07,500	50,930	1,35,860	2,94,290
Available balance	22,561	57,143	88,319	1,68,023
Amount required for incomplete works, including cost of public works supervision and tools and plant	22,966	2,704	...	25,670
Public work supervision at 25 per cent. on actual expenditure on works, *viz.*, Rupees 1,15,342 in 1874-75	28,835	...	...	28,835
Total ...	51,801	2,704	...	54,505
Deficit to be made good by transferring General Fund to Road Fund...	29,240	...	..	...

	Rs.
Road Fund Reserve	11,040
Amount already appropriated	7,885
Balance ...	3,155

(Signed) H. S. THOMAS,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the favorable consideration of Government with reference to their Order, dated 22nd April 1875, No. 905.

2. It is clear from the President's letter that the proposed transfer of Rupees 30,000 from the General Fund to the Road Fund of the Tanjore Circle is indispensably necessary, not only to meet the deficit under the latter fund, but also to provide for incomplete works of 1874-75. The Board have received a list of such works, but, for want of funds, they are unable to dispose of it. They do not see how the demands can be reduced.

3. Should Government approve the proposed transfer of Rupees 30,000, there will still remain Rupees 24,439 out of the General Fund balance available for any further outlay that may be required for the development of elementary education.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
25th September 1875.

No. 183. ORDER THEREON, 25th September 1875, No. 1895.

The Government sanction the transfer as a special case, but impress on the Local Fund Board that their operations must be kept within the legitimate means for their execution in future.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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Board of Revenue,

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PROCEEDINGS, 30TH AUGUST 1875, No. 2,439.

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Public Works—in Tanjore Local Fund Circle.—Letter from President, representing the difficulty in providing funds for — and recommending transfer of Rupees 30,000 from General to Road Fund, submitted to Government with remarks.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 25th.

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Local Funds—Roads.—Transfer of Rupees 30,000 from General to Road Fund of the Tanjore Circle sanctioned as a special case, but Local Fund Board to keep their operations within the legitimate means for their execution in future.

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From The Board of Revenue. G.O

Dated 30 August 1875.

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I have a strong objection on principle to this transfer. The General Fund belongs to Education & Sanitation and should be most faithfully limited to these purposes. The difficulty of the Road Fund arises out of mismanagement as it appears here.

Their land-cess appears to be about Rs: 84,000, to which further Rs: 28,000 are added from

The Govt (Dy) sanction the transfer as a third case, but impress on the L.F.B. that this proportion must be kept within the legitimate means for their discretion in future

D.Y. 24/9/75

So far as we can judge the requirements for education & Sanitation in the Circle are well provided for & there is a considerable surplus of General Fund. I would

from Provincial Funds
– Say 1,12,000 in all. Even
from the moderate
income they have steadily
increased the allotments
to Repairs, which now
absorbs – with Establishment
charges – fully 3/4ths of the
whole, and this amount
to meet new works (small
at best) is gradually
disappearing and so they
would vouch on the
purposes. Not a Rupee
is levied by tolling
on Roads made at
L. F. Cost and fully
worked. I would insist
on tolls being fairly
imposed and only on

That

Hampers as a special case
with the Caution suggested
by Mr Bradleston. I think
the question of tolling roads
throughout the country to meet
maintenance should be
taken up as a whole, not
in individual cases –
I understood that the
Lieutenant Governor intends to
bring the matter
forward.

that condition left the
Empire L. F. Board through
present deficit

FOR ORDERS.

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Order thereon 25th September 1895 to 1895.

The Govt sanctions the transfer as a special case but impress on the Local Fund Board that their operations must be kept within the legitimate means for their execution in future.

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