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Local Funds—Roads.

No. 32. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th March 1875, No. 560:—

Read the following letters:—

From R. W. BARLOW, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Chingleput District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 8th February 1875, No. 15.

I HAVE the honor, with reference to the enclosed Resolution, No. 14, of the Local Fund Board of the Chingleput Circle, dated 17th December 1874, to forward, for the orders of Government, the correspondence as per margin, and to observe that the District Engineer was written to three times, on the first occasion as far back as 27th October 1873, about the estimate for the road from Stripermatur to Trivellore Railway Station, and twice, on the 30th June and 16th October 1874, regarding the roads from 41st milestone on Southern Trunk Road to Tetry, and from Wallajabad to Vendalore on the Southern Trunk Road.

To District Engineer, Chingleput, 27th October 1873, No. 371.
To District Engineer, Chingleput, 30th June 1874, No. 257.
To District Engineer, Chingleput, 30th June 1874, No. 258.
From Vice-President, Chingleput Circle, 8th October 1874, No. 284.
To District Engineer, 16th Oct. 1874, No. 444.
To Vice-President, Chingleput Circle, 21st Oct. 1874, No. 459.
Extract from a letter from the Vice-President, Chingleput Circle, 12th Nov. 1874, No. 342.
From District Engineer, 14th Nov. 1874, No. 2,844.
From District Engineer, 10th December 1874, No. 3,218.
From District Engineer, 11th December 1874, No. 3,234.
To District Engineer, 18th Dec. 1874, No. 595.
From Vice-President, Chingleput Circle, 13th January 1875, No. 34.

* On the 10th and 11th December 1874.

2. It will be seen from the correspondence enclosed that the District Engineer has since forwarded* estimates for the first two roads; but, as they were not countersigned, or indeed approved of by that officer, they were returned to him in view to the omission being supplied, and this has not yet been done.

3. I forward the correspondence as I have, I believe, no option in the face of the resolution, the more so as I am of opinion that the Circle Board has grave ground for dissatisfaction; but I think the real remedy lies in having a separate agency for the execution of Local Fund Works directly under the control of the Circle Boards, and I am addressing the Board specially on this subject with reference to a recent resolution.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Extract from Proceedings of Local Fund Board.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Copies of Correspondence.

From R. W. BARLOW, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Chingleput District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Carunguly, 17th February 1875, No. 21.

ADVERTING to my No. 15, dated 8th instant, I have the honor to forward, for the orders of Government, copy of a letter and its enclosure from the Vice-Presi-

dent of the Chingleput Circle, dated 11th ultimo, No. 18, from which it will be seen that the members of the Circle Board desire to sever their connection altogether with the Department of Public Works, and to have a separate small establishment under their own control.

2. It is needless for me to recapitulate the causes that have led to this conclusion. They are put forcibly and clearly in the correspondence forwarded. It is sufficient to remark that, subsequent to the resolution, I visited Chingleput and took the opportunity of conversing on the subject with several of the leading members of that Board. There can be no question as to the earnestness of their views on the subject, and I am of opinion that, under all the circumstances, their wishes may, with advantage, be complied with.

3. Should the Government sanction the proposal, I shall move the Sydapet Board to adopt similar arrangements. The relations of that Board with the Department of Public Works are not, I am glad to say, the same as those described by Mr. Crole as subsisting at Chingleput, though there have not been wanting unpleasantnesses, more especially as regards the transfer of some of the roads from Department of Public Works to "Other Agency," and delays have occurred in submitting estimates and in the execution of new works. I might instance the proposed road from Sathiaved to Thadai *viâ* Kambakam, the estimate for which was called for as far back as March 1874, and Rupees 3,000 allotted for the current year now drawing to its close, but which has not yet been submitted complete.

4. Apart, however, from the relationship between the Boards and the Department of Public Works, the present system is in itself costly, and I consider unworkable. Most of the road maintenance works require little or no engineering skill, while even the construction of an ordinary line is within the capacity of a Supervisor; yet we are paying the enormous sums of Rupees 30,720 and Rupees 17,990 in the Sydapet and Chingleput Circles, respectively, for supervision by highly-skilled Engineers, while the sum spent on New Works in 1873-74 was only Rupees 24,798 and Rupees 26,435. These charges too, high as they are, do not include salary, &c., of the Petty Establishment of Overseers and Maistries, which are debited to Local Funds. A small separate establishment would not only be cheaper, but having only Local Fund work to do, and responsible directly to the President, the delays, &c., now complained of would for the most part cease.

5. The Board are aware that, in order to economize and save the 25 per cent. for Department of Public Works supervision, the Sydapet Board some time since had four roads, above alluded to, transferred to "Other Agency," and employed contractors. Though, out of deference to some of the leading members of the Board, I acquiesced in the experiment and the employment of contractors, my own opinion has been for a long time that a separate establishment, working directly under the Board or Revenue Department, would be eventually necessary.

6. I may mention here that the first four miles of the Western Trunk Road, recently handed over by the Department of Public Works to "Other Agency," for the reconstruction of which an estimate for Rupees 14,700 was prepared by the

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District Engineer in October last, and which was almost impassable in places, was put into fair passable, though not perfect, order in December and January last out of the maintenance grant of Rupees 2,132 for the current year by the late Acting Tahsildar of Sydapet, Srinivassa Rao, and heavy expenditure thus staved off for several years to come.

7. Of the two schemes suggested in the papers under reference, I prefer the one sketched by the Vice-President, *viz.*, one Supervisor on Rupees 175 per month at the Local Fund Board's head-quarters, with an office establishment to be provided by strengthening that of the Local Fund Board already existing, and three Overseers, one to each Tahsildar, with the necessary staff of Maistries. The pay of this establishment will be little if compared with the sums hitherto expended for Department of Public Works supervision, and a large amount will become annually available for the construction of some of the more urgently needed of the projected lines.

8. With reference to paragraphs 18, 19, and 20 of the Vice-President's letter, I hardly deem it advisable to complicate the present question by discussing whether, with a somewhat stronger establishment, a portion of the charge for which would have to be debited to Imperial Funds, the Revenue Department might not supervise the execution of all ordinary repairs not requiring engineering skill, though I am strongly of opinion that, if such works could be entrusted to a good Tahsildar, assisted by a competent establishment, the result would be great economy with efficient and more prompt repairs.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From C. S. CROLE, Esq., Vice-President of the Local Fund Board, Chingleput Circle, to R. W. BARLOW, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Chingleput District, dated Carunguly, 11th January 1875, No. 18.

I HAVE the honor to forward, for your information and for eventual submission to Government, through the Revenue Board, for early orders, an extract from the Proceedings of this Circle Board at a meeting held on the 17th ultimo. These papers speak for themselves.

2. The point on which a decision is sought is a change of agency in executing Local Fund works. My own opinion has for some time been that a considerable modification in the present system is required.

3. The present Department of Public Works Agency has been tried. The various Local Fund reports, the Proceedings of this Board, and the state of the works show that it has been found grievously wanting.

4. The crying want of this Circle is roads, not trunk roads (we have two very expensive lines of that description). What is required is a system of cheap, useful cross-roads for the special benefit of the rate-payers in the Circle. Since the institution of this Circle Board in 1871, although every possible means has been tried by it for this end, not a single mile of new road of any description has been opened by the Department of Public Works.

5. This lamentable result has been caused by no want of funds. Ever since the Board was a Board, we have closed each year with large balances as follows :—

	RS.	
1871-72	7,820	
1872-73	58,812	
1873-74	71,280	
1874-75	40,000	probably.

When the Board was formed. the balance was Rupees 1,340 only. It is clear that no stone should be left unturned to prevent this from becoming chronic.

6. We cannot get estimates from the Department of Public Works. When we do get them, the works do not progress. Result—

(1.) No new roads as shown above.

(2.) Reduction by Government of the Provincial Grant. This stood for the above years as under :—

	Rs.
1871-72	58,220
1872-73	70,580
1873-74	70,580
1874-75	58,580

7. The decrease in the Government grant is a most unmerited hardship, for it is equivalent to the diversion of the Road Cess from the improvement of the internal communications of the Circle to objects for which Government had, for the two previous years, confessed its responsibility. Moreover, if the gloomy anticipations (justified by the last Progress Report) of continued short expenditure be fulfilled, this retrenchment will have done little or no good, because the current year will, in all probability, close with nearly as large a balance as ever.

8. This is no fault of the Board. The Native members especially have done their thankless work well, undeterred alike by want of co-operation, by active opposition, and by the bad effect of the great delays inseparable from the complicated machinery created by the Act and Rules. They have displayed the deepest interest in the improvement of the communications of the Circle, and have given me great assistance by their advice when privately consulted. Had an agency been at its disposal, able and willing to respond with heartiness and alacrity to the calls of the Board, and to co-operate with it cordially, I am certain that it would not have fallen to my lot to-day to report failure.

9. Leaving out of sight for a moment the incongruous nature of the duties imposed on the Department of Public Works as noticed in paragraph 19 of this letter, there are two other elements at work conducing to the collapse of the present system—(1) The Department of Public Works, for reasons which it is unnecessary to detail in this place, are in very bad odour with all classes of natives; (2) I do not wish to make sweeping charges, but the impression on my mind is that certain members of that department are (perhaps as a consequence of their knowledge of the state of public feeling) not capable of working harmoniously with a Native Board whose legal position they do not seem quite to comprehend. The history of the relations between this Board and the present District Engineer may be exceptional. I trust it is; but it none the less justifies my contention.

10. The extract forwarded shows how the Board consider the difficulty may be overcome. They advocate the appointment of a special Native Engineer, on a salary not exceeding Rs. 450, immediately responsible to themselves.

11. I have given the subject long and anxious consideration, and am of opinion that a slightly different plan holds out prospects of at least equal success. This consists of the execution of all Local Fund works by other agency, *viz.*, the Revenue Department. The latter works well with the Board, and, possessing great influence in the Circle, is likewise interested in its welfare after a way not to be expected of a purely professional department. It has besides proved its capacity by last year executing the only completed work that the Circle has ever had, while this year it has got well through with another road (thirteen miles in length), that from Carunguly to Tirukalikundram. This likewise promises to be the only completed work of its year.

12. The establishment required would be (1) a Supervisor (if possible a Native) at the Local Fund Board's head-quarters; (2) three Overseers, one to each Tahsildar.

13. A slight increase to the provision for Petty Establishment, which now provides for two Local Fund Overseers, is all that would be required to meet the second charge.

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14. In regard to the Supervisor, his pay would be Rupees 175 × 12 = Rupees 2,100 per annum. His office establishment should be supplied by increase to that of the Local Fund Board.

15. This question of cost brings me to a part of the pith and marrow of the late resolution of the Board. During the current year we provided for the enormous sum of Rupees 23,330 for Department of Public Works supervision, and budgeted for Rupees 2,900 for Overseers, &c.; besides, I confess to having been always unable to see the reason for fixing 26 per cent. as the percentage upon which the former charge is calculated. Not half of the money can possibly be required for our share of an Executive and District Engineer. Moreover, by G. O., dated 14th October 1874, No. 328, Public Works Department, the charge, when work is done for Municipalities, where the works are incomparably smaller, is only 15 per cent. One main object of the resolution under report is to get quit of this heavy and, as I respectfully submit, unnecessary charge, and to apply the funds so liberated to the more legitimate purpose of making roads.

16. Under my plan, although works would be designed and executed by the Vice-President with the aid of the Revenue Department, the granting of completion certificates would fall upon the present Department of Public Works staff. One per cent. on the expenditure would be ample remuneration for this.

17. The only difficulty I foresee is the competition for labor likely to arise by two departments working over the same area. This, however, is much more specious than real. The Revenue Department is even more closely concerned in the proper condition of irrigation works than of roads, and it would not be difficult to take effectual steps to prevent any clashing.

18. The Tahsildars of Conjeveram and Madurantakum, both most efficient officers, are not only willing but anxious to undertake the charge of roads, as well as ordinary irrigation repairs, *if the proper establishment* of Overseers, &c., *is given to them.* With the communications in the state shown by the figures given above, and the tanks and channels of the sub-division in ruins, it seems tolerably certain that the Government will be compelled to have recourse to that expedient sooner or later.

19. The present system of estimate making, the execution, and the passing of works being centred in one department, even were it as strong as it is under-officered, being unsound in principle, is sufficient of itself to account for a state of things which, although prominently brought to notice by the Local Fund Board in regard to roads, is none the less a true description of the manner in which irrigation works are neglected.

20. Being much struck with the described past as compared with the then existing condition of the Trichinopoly District, I made certain recommendations, in effect the same as are submitted now, and the Secretary of State, in reiteration of paragraph 4 of a despatch to the Government of Madras, dated the 19th March 1868, was thereon pleased to suggest the transfer of all minor irrigation works and roads to the care of the Revenue Officers of districts (*vide* paragraph 3 of a despatch, dated 23rd July 1868, No. 34). The original proposition was, however, lost amid the mass of intricate discussion which arose during the progress of the Public Works Commission which was thereupon appointed, and was consequently abortive. I would strongly advocate a fair trial being given to that system now, seeing that circumstances have forced the question into prominence once more.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
President.

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

With the first of the foregoing letters the President of the Local Fund Board, Chingleput Circle, submits, at the instance of the Circle Board, for transmission

to Government, certain resolutions of the Board and correspondence with the District Engineer regarding delays in the preparation of estimates by the Public Works Department.

2. The chief complaint appears to be regarding the road from Stripermatur to Trivellore, which has been entered in every Budget since the Local Fund organization has been introduced, and for which estimates have been repeatedly called for, but in vain. The District Engineer at last sent up, but without counter-signature, estimates prepared by the Range Officer. These the President has very properly returned, and there seems to be no prospect of the desired estimates being obtained.

3. There have long been complaints of this kind in the Chingleput District. The Board of the Chingleput Circle, one of the most energetic in the Presidency and of the most anxious to do justice to the interests entrusted to it, is forced to see its unutilized balances accumulating, and is driven to ask that it may be permitted to spend money without sanctioned estimate.

4. In a resolution sanctioning a small grant for taking sections and preparing plans for two roads, of which the road above referred to is one, they request the President to bring Colonel Moberly's conduct to the notice of Government and record their opinion that his delay in this and similar matters is simply paralyzing the work in the Circle.

5. The correspondence will be forwarded for the orders of Government.

6. The second letter read above will also be laid before Government as showing in strong light the state of affairs in the Chingleput Circle and the feeling of the members of the Local Fund Board on the subject of the working of the Public Works Department as at present constituted. The President forwards a resolution of the Board containing proposals for the organization of a separate staff, to be entirely under the orders of the Local Fund Board, and a letter from the Vice-President making some alternative and larger proposals.

7. It is unnecessary that the Board should at the present time discuss these proposals in detail. In G. O., No. 82, dated 19th January 1875, Government directed the Board to call for report from all local Boards and Municipalities as to the possibility of organizing some separate establishment for the execution of works under them; but the Board, before communicating the Government Order, ventured to ask Government to give greater precision to the reference (Board's Proceedings, dated 13th February 1875, Miscellaneous No. 1,138), and the proposals now made can be discussed hereafter in connection with this general reference.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 33. ORDER THEREON, 2nd April 1875, No. 713.

The correspondence referred to in paragraph 5 of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue will at once receive consideration in the Public Works Department, but the Government concur with the Board of Revenue that the proposals

for the organization of a separate Public Works Establishment for the Local Fund Board must await discussion along with the other replies to the general reference made in Government Order, dated 19th January 1875, No. 82.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

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

Exd J. H. Burns.

Govt. of [illegible] 1875 Madras.

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To

The BOARD OF REVENUE.

&c. &c.

Dated April 2nd

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G.O., 2nd April 1875, No. 713.

APRIL.

Nos. 32-33.

Local Funds—Roads.—Certain correspondence regarding delays in the preparation of estimates by the Department of Public Works to receive immediate consideration in that Department, but concurrence expressed in opinion of the Board of Revenue that the proposals of the President for the organization of a separate Public Works Establishment for the Chingleput Local Fund Board must await discussion together with the other replies to the general reference made in Government Order, dated 9th January 1875, No. 82.

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SAIDAPET, 19th September 1874.

No. 84.

From R. W. BARLOW, Esq.,
President of the Local Fund Boards, Chingleput District,

To J. GROSE, Esq.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

I HAVE the honor to submit my report on the operation of the Local Funds of the Saidapet Circle for 1873-74.

2. The house-tax was abolished during the year; and the transactions of the Union Fund appertaining to education, were consequently incorporated with the General Fund.

3. No change has occurred in the constitution of the Board; fifteen Meetings were held, thirteen of which were ordinary and two special; and the average attendance was five, three official and two non-official, out of five of the former and eight of the latter.

4. BALANCES.—There was only a deficit balance at the beginning of the year—Rupees 25,833 under Road Fund, and Rupees 1,807 under General Funds. This is due, in the former case, to a large debit balance under Canal Funds having been wrongly credited to that fund, and in the latter, to the charges having exceeded the receipts.

5. STATEMENT No. 1.—*Receipts.*—The receipts of the year amounted to Rupees 1,61,467, which is Rupees 3,163 less than the estimate.

6. ALLOTMENT FROM GENERAL REVENUE, PROVINCIAL FUNDS.—While the Provincial grants for roads and general purposes were the same as in the previous year, the assignment for education (Rupees 3,300) was increased, first, by Rupees 230, and afterwards by the amount (Rupees 8,470) estimated to be expended from house-tax, which impost had been ordered to be abolished.

7. SPECIAL FUND.—A large sum was required to be reserved this year for the construction of substantial pounds at important places, and so only Rupees 174, against an estimate of Rupees 430, were transferred as surplus from Pound Fund.

8. The income from avenues was more than treble the amount estimated, due to a portion of the trees blown down by the gale of 1872 having been sold this year, and also to a large quantity of clippings having been sold.

9. The rent from fisheries was estimated at Rupees 700, but only Rupees 426 were realized. The sum of Rupees 606 under "Miscellaneous" is made up of Rupees 558, being the moiety of interest on certain Government Promissory Notes, purchased from the late Surplus Pagoda Fund and credited to this Circle, and of Rupees 48 from the renting out and sale of manure on Government waste lands.

10. LAND-CESS.—The collections on account of road and land cesses exceed the estimate by Rupees 1,283, and the receipts of last year by Rupees 6,835.

11. TOLLS.—When the toll was first introduced on the Northern Trunk Road, the revenue from that source was estimated at Rupees 10,000; and this was cut down to half the amount on the removal of the toll-bar to the frontier of the district, which was done to restrict its operation only to carts entering the Circle; but only Rupees 1,671 were realized during the year.

12. HOUSE-TAX.—The house-tax imposed in the Saidapet Union, for 1871-72 and 1872-73, was only commenced to be collected this year, and a sum of Rupees 1,128 was got in.

13. FEES IN SCHOOLS.—There were a large number of admissions into the Saidapet High and Primary Schools, which raised the amount estimated on account of fees from Rupees 2,700 to Rupees 2,871.

14. CONTRIBUTION FROM OTHER CIRCLES.—From the tolls levied on the Western and Southern Trunk Roads, the Chingleput Circle contributed, according to the arrangement made, Rupees 2,422 against an estimate of Rupees 2,940; but nothing was credited as contribution for the Training School, as the establishment of the same was postponed *sine die*.

15. SALE OF BOOKS, ETC.—The estimate of Rupees 1,200 on account of sale of books was high, for only Rupees 380 were realized from that source; and no interest was drawn on account

of Petrus Uscan's Charity Fund, as there was no necessity for any expenditure. The financial condition of this charity is noticed under Endowment Funds.

16. Public Bungalows.—Only two Travellers' Bungalows are maintained in this Circle—one at the Red Hills, and one at Gummidipundy. In the former, no fees are collected as it is a private charity, and in the latter, only Rupees 32 were realized against an estimate of Rupees 70.

17. The other items of receipts call for no remarks.

18. Expenditure—*Statement No.* 2.—After deducting the large *minus* balance of Rupees 27,590, the assets available for expenditure was Rupees 1,33,877, while the sum actually expended was Rupees 1,72,989 against an allotment of Rupees 1,48,080 (exclusive of Reserve) in the Budget, raised afterwards to Rupees 1,66,060.

19. The difference between the allotments on the one hand, and that between the allotment and expenditure on the other, are explained under the respective funds.

20. Road Fund—*Statements Nos.* 3, 4, *and* 5.—The receipts of this fund aggregated Rupees 1,29,423; deducting from this the deficit balance of Rupees 25,833 the amount at disposal was only Rupees 1,03,590, or Rupees 47,608 less than the sum spent; and even after taking to credit the amount (Rupees 39,850) wrongly debited to this fund in the accounts of 1872-73, and refunded since in 1874-75, there still remains a deficit of Rupees 7,758 to be made good, which is owing not only to available assets having been fully utilized, but also to a larger amount than that entered in the Budget on account of Public Works supervision having been debited by the Controller, and to Rupees 926 expended last year on account of compensation for lands taken up for the Cuddapah road having been adjusted by him during the year. Measures will be adopted for placing the fund in a solvent condition, either by an appropriation from the Reserve or by hereafter proposing reductions, if necessary.

21. Communications, New Works.—Of the five roads which were in progress in 1872-73, the road from Sathiavedu to Koveraipet having been completed, Rupees 18,000 were provided in the Budget for the three marginal roads, and Rupees 1,878, from the Road Fund Reserve, for the completion of the road from Uthukottah to Trunk Road No. I. included in the list of Incomplete works; of these allotments, Rupees 18,813 were expended.

	Rs.
1. Road from Trivatore bridge over Northern Canal to Ponneri	8,000
2. Road from Ponneri to Pulicat	4,000
3. Do. from Velliyoor to Trunk Road No. I. on the 12th mile	6,000
Total...	18,000

22. There has been no extension on any of these lines; but the work done consisted, as in the previous year, of throwing up embankments, gravelling portions already laid, building bridges, tunnels, etc. The actual progress of each of them, from the commencement up to date, is given in the remark column of Statement No. 4.

23. The following three new roads, aggregating about three miles in all, and two bridges, the estimates of which amount to Rupees 6,700, were undertaken during the year:—

	Rs.
1. Road from Papanchavady to Tiruvamur	910
2. Do. from Siruniyam village to Nulloor	1,450
3. Do. from the boundary between North Arcot and Chingleput Districts to join the road from Sathiavedu to Koveraipet ...	1,640
4. A bridge of three vents on the 21st mile of Northern Trunk Road...	2,240
5. Do. of one arch on the road from Coonoor to Madras	460

With the exception of the road from Papanchavady to Tiruvamur, which was provided for in the Budget and on which only Rupees 610 were spent, the rest were completed at a cost of Rupees 5,362. Of these latter, the first two were undertaken from the Reserve, and the third by a transfer from the maintenance grant for the Northern Trunk Road. The bridge on the Coonoor road was sanctioned from the Road Fund Reserve of 1872-73 in Board's Proceedings, dated 27th March 1873, Miscellaneous No. 1,880; but owing to the late date of sanction, the work was taken in hand and completed during the year under report, but without a fresh assignment of funds having been obtained, as should have been done.

24. Communications—*Repairs.*—A provision of Rupees 75,610 was made for the maintenance of 260 miles of road. Deducting from this Rupees 2,240 transferred from the maintenance grant for the Northern Trunk Road, for the construction of a bridge on the 21st mile of the same road as stated in the preceding paragraph, and adding to the balance Rupees 11,196 sanctioned in the Board's Proceedings, No. 1,787, dated 13th July 1874, on account of the expenditure incurred for repairing certain roads in No. 1 Range damaged by the rains of 1872-73, the final allotment for repair of roads was Rupees 84,566; but it will be seen that the amount expended (Rupees 87,616) exceeds even this enhanced grant by Rupees 3,050, the cause of which was as follows—

(*a.*) In their Proceedings, Miscellaneous Nos. 1,495 and 1,903, dated 5th and 19th March 1874, respectively, the Board of Revenue sanctioned a transfer of Rupees 2,040 from the maintenance grant for the Southern Trunk Road, Rupees 1,760 for remetalling the first two miles of the road from Poonamallee to Avady, and Rupees 280 for repairing the tunnels, etc., on the road from Cunniah Chetty's Paper mills. Notwithstanding these transfers, almost the whole of the original allotment was appropriated on the Southern Trunk Road.

(*b*) A sum of Rupees 650 was sanctioned in 1872-73, from the maintenance allowance for the Northern Trunk Road, for the repair of the marginal roads damaged by the rains. Even here, owing to the late date of sanction, nothing could be done within the year, and consequently Rupees 646 were spent in the following year without any fresh allotment.

	Rs.
1. Road from Poodoovoil to Arnee	200
2 Do. from Ponneri to Punjetti on Trunk Road No. I.	300
3. Do. from Choonambookoiam to Trunk Road No. I.	150
Total...	650

(*c.*) An estimate of Rupees 6,220 was sanctioned in the Board's Proceedings, No. 2,172, dated 9th November 1872, for the repair of the road from Codambakam to Coonathoor, of which Rupees 4,800 were utilized within the year (1872-73), and the balance in 1873-74. This, however, has been since sanctioned in the Board's Proceedings, No. 4,628, dated 10th July 1874. There has also been an excess expenditure of Rupees 200 on this road, and the District Engineer will be requested to state the authority under which this was incurred.

(*d.*) With Rupees 460 alluded to in paragraph 23, the Board of Revenue sanctioned Rupees 85 for the repair of a bridge on the Coonoor Road, of which Rupees 82 were spent in 1873-74, also without reallotment of funds.

The total of all this expenditure amounts to Rupees 4,244, and is reduced to Rupees 3,050 by deducting therefrom the savings (Rupees 1,194) on the allotment for ordinary repairs.

25. The repairs to the roads which were damaged by the rains of 1872-73 were completed during the year, and the roads in the Circle are generally in good order, though in some cases special repairs are needed; arrangements are being made to supply these defects.

26. The Committee of the Board, appointed to consider the maintenance allowance for the communications in the Circle, concluded their inquiries, and the result was reported to the Board in my No. 36, dated 24th April 1874, printed in Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd May 1874, No. 1,215.

27. At the suggestion of the District Engineer, the lamps on the Marmalong bridge were supplanted by others of Silber's Patent. The number of lights was also increased from eight to twelve, and the bridge is now excellently lighted. These cost Rupees 423, shown under "Advances Recoverable."

28. A sum of Rupees 262 was expended for lighting the bridge. From the statement this will, however, appear to amount to Rupees 325, due to the Controller having made certain over-debits to this head, which he has subsequently recovered.

29. Public Works Supervision, etc.—The figures of the Controller of Public Works Accounts have been adopted as regards Petty Establishment, Public Works supervision, and Tools and Plant; and a rateable distribution has been made between Road and General Funds of the charges on account of the last two items with reference to the expenditure, while, as regards the general management, the cost was distributed in proportion to the receipts.

30. Endowment Fund—*Statement No.* 6.—The only endowed institution under the charge of this Board is the Petrus Uscan's charity for the maintenance of the Marmalong bridge and of the steps leading up to Saint Thomas' Great Mount. I annex a Memorandum showing the financial condition of the fund on the 31st March 1874 :—

				Rs.	A.	P.
Original Endowment in Government Securities...				5,005	8	0
Interest of the principal amount in Government Securities ...				3,500	0	0
Amount of interest drawn on the above and remaining in cash on the 31st March 1874 ...	1,124	3	9			
Deduct Income-tax	3	5	0			
				1,120	14	9
Balance...				9,626	6	9

Of the cash, Rupees 1,071-7-1 are at the Madras Bank, and Rupees 49-7-8 at the District Treasury.

31. The Vicar of Saint Thomas' Mount has addressed the Board of Revenue regarding the repairs required for the steps, etc., and the District Engineer has furnished an estimate, amounting to Rupees 370 for this purpose. After reserving the amount required for these repairs, steps will be taken for investing the balance in Government Securities.

32. General Fund—*Statement No.* 7.—There was a deficit balance of Rupees 1,807 at the beginning of the year, excluding which, the assets amounted to Rupees 30,238, while the expenditure was only Rupees 21,790, leaving a large balance of Rupees 8,447 against Rupees 80 in the Budget, due to the arrangements decided on for the establishment of schools not having been carried into effect until late in the year.

33. Public Works.—No educational works were undertaken this year; but the Saidapet Primary School, which was in progress, was completed with Rupees 1,066, and a sum of Rupees 50 was laid out on the annual repairs to the High School building. An expenditure of Rupees 19 was also incurred in restoring the parapet wall of the well within the compound of the Primary School.

34. The Traveller's Bungalow at Gummidipundy was repaired at a cost of Rupees 60.

35. Avenues.—About the middle of the year, the management of the avenues was transferred to the Public Works Department. The allotment for this purpose, Rupees 1,000, was fully utilised, Rupees 179 by the Revenue Department, and Rupees 821 by the Department of Public Works. The state of the avenues, as now existing, is given in the subjoined abstract :—

Roads.	Number of Trees planted before the avenues were transferred to P. W. D.	Number of Trees planted by P. W. D.	Number of Trees now living.
Northern Trunk Road	1,884	2,897	4,781
Southern do.	4,677	...	4,670
Western do.	1,303	...	1,296
All other roads	4,923	5,078	9,910
Total...	12,787	7,975	20,657

36. Schools.—In addition to the schools at Saidapet, seven schools were established towards the close of the year at the places noted in the margin.

Parithipat, Vellavedu, Aminjikaray, Tiruvattur, Pakam, Siruvallur, and Tripassore.

I enclose a copy of the report of the Committee appointed for the management of the Saidapet Schools. It is gratifying to find that the schools have made satisfactory progress, and sustained their former character for efficiency. On

7. The other classes of the school were examined by the Head Master with the assistance of the subordinate teachers, and the results, explained in paragraphs 5 and 6 of his report, are on the whole creditable to the Head Master and the subordinate teachers.

8. The Committee are glad to observe that the writing of the boys of the High School has greatly improved.

9. The thanks of the Committee are due to the gentlemen who assisted in conducting the December examination.

Mr. E. Thompson.
P. Runganada Moodeliar.
Mr. C. C. Flanagan.
C. Nagogi Row
Srinivasa Ragavachariar.
Rajagopal Pillay.
Ramanja Suri.

10. The new house for the Primary School was completed during the year, and the school was removed into it in October 1873.

11. The physical education of the boys has received great attention during the year, and the sports held in the school compound in March last proved very successful. Lady Hobart distributed the prizes. The money required for the prizes was raised by subscriptions.

(Signed) S. VIJIA RAGAVULU CHETTY,
" S. RAMACHENDRA NAIDU,
" P. VIJIA RUNGA MOODELY,
" M. RAJAGOPAUL PILLAY,

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
President.

Enclosure No. 2.

Annual Report of C. V. Parvaty Nurdany Ammall's Poor Out-door Civil Dispensary at Saidapet for the year 1873-74.

Remained	24
Admitted	7,446
Total	7,470
Discharged	7,431
Died...	1
Remaining...	38

1. Observations.—This is the fifth annual Report of the Poor Out-door Civil Dispensary at Saidapet. Saidapet is one of the taluq stations in the Chingleput District, and is bounded on the north by Codumbakum, south by Vallachery, east by Adyar, and west by Egotthangal. The taluq consists of 257 villages with an area of 335 square miles; the estimate population of Sydapet with its suburbs is said to be 9,000.

2. The rains during the year have not been copious, and the water supply is consequently scanty. Cultivation is not altogether in a satisfactory state, and there has been a sudden rise in the prices of grains. Public health is generally good.

3. There is no epidemic of any kind during the year with the exception of prevalence of small-pox of mild type.

4. The number of admissions during this year is 7,446, showing an increase of 1,962 than the preceding year, which is attributable to the prevalence of sore-eyes and fevers. The average daily number of sick is 47·46, showing an increase of nine above the number in the preceding year.

5. The principal diseases which have come under treatment are fevers, rheumatisms, venereal diseases, diseases of nervous system, eye and ear diseases, diseases of lungs and stomach, urinary and generative diseases, skin and accidental diseases. Out of 7,470 cases of various diseases, 7,431 were cured and discharged, 1 proved fatal from burns and scalds, and 38 remaining on the 31st March 1874.

6. The Hospital is still located in the same building, as the new one which was under execution is nearly completed.

7. The salary of the Medical subordinate, menial servants, and contingent charges, together with annual supply of European medicines, etc., received from the Medical stores, amounting to Rupees 999-7-6, are solely defrayed from Local Fund Board ; the increase of Rupees 212-4-2 to that of the last year is owing to the increased salary of the Medical subordinate, attached to the institution. There is no funded capital to the credit of the institution with the exception of Rupees 10, given as a permanent advance for contingent charges.

8. Since the Local Fund Act came into force, two country carts and Conservancy Establishment, employed for the removal of the rubbish and filth from the streets daily, and the provision is made for the proper drainage of the town during the rains.

SAIDAPET,
1st April 1874.

(Signed) C. PEDDANNAH,
No. 477, 1st Class Hospital Assistant,
In charge of Civil Dispensary,
Saidapet.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
President.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

No. 560.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 9th March 1875.

Read the following letters :—

From R. W. BARLOW, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Chingleput District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 8th February 1875, No. 15.

I HAVE the honor, with reference to the enclosed Resolution, No. 14, of the Local Fund Board of the Chingleput Circle, dated 17th December 1874, to forward, for the orders of Government, the correspondence as per margin, and to observe that the District Engineer was written to three times, on the first occasion as far back as 27th October 1873, about the estimate for the road from Stripermatur to Trivellore Railway Station, and twice, on the 30th June and 16th October 1874, regarding the roads from 41st milestone on Southern Trunk Road to Tetry, and from Wallajabad to Vendalore on the Southern Trunk Road.

To District Engineer, Chingleput, 27th October 1873, No. 371.
To District Engineer, Chingleput, 30th June 1874, No. 257.
To District Engineer, Chingleput, 30th June 1874, No. 258.
From Vice-President, Chingleput Circle, 8th October 1874, No. 284.
To District Engineer, 16th Oct. 1874, No. 444.
To Vice-President, Chingleput Circle, 21st Oct. 1874, No. 459.
Extract from a letter from the Vice-President, Chingleput Circle, 12th Nov. 1874, No. 342.
From District Engineer, 14th Nov. 1874, No. 2,844.
From District Engineer, 10th December 1874, No. 3,218.
From District Engineer, 11th December 1874, No. 3,234.
To District Engineer, 18th Dec. 1874, No. 595.
From Vice-President, Chingleput Circle, 13th January 1875, No. 34.

* On the 10th and 11th December 1874.

2. It will be seen, from the correspondence enclosed, that the District Engineer has since forwarded* estimates for the first two roads; but, as they were not countersigned, or indeed approved of by that officer, they were returned to him in view to the omission being supplied, and this has not yet been done.

3. I forward the correspondence as I have, I believe, no option in the face of the resolution, the more so as I am of opinion that the Circle Board has grave ground for dissatisfaction ; but I think the real remedy lies in having a separate agency for the execution of Local Fund Works directly under the control of the Circle Boards, and I am addressing the Board specially on this subject with reference to a recent resolution.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Extract from Proceedings of Local Fund Board.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Copies of Correspondence.

From R. W. BARLOW, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Chingleput District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Carunguly, 17th February 1875, No. 21.

ADVERTING to my No. 15, dated 8th instant, I have the honor to forward, for the orders of Government, copy of a letter and its enclosure from the Vice-President of the Chingleput Circle, dated 11th ultimo, No. 18, from which it will be seen that the members of the Circle Board desire to sever their connection altogether with the Department Public Works, and to have a separate small establishment under their own control.

2. It is needless for me to recapitulate the causes that have led to this conclusion. They are put forcibly and clearly in the correspondence forwarded. It is sufficient to remark that, subsequent to the resolution, I visited Chingleput and took the opportunity of conversing on the subject with several of the leading members of that Board. There can be no question as to the earnestness of their views on the subject, and I am of opinion that, under all the circumstances, their wishes may, with advantage, be complied with.

3. Should the Government sanction the proposal, I shall move the Sydapet Board to adopt similar arrangements. The relations of that Board with the Department Public Works are not, I am glad to say, the same as those described by Mr. Crole as subsisting at Chingleput, though there have not been wanting unpleasantnesses, more especially as regards the transfer of some of the roads from Department Public Works to "Other Agency," and delays have occurred in submitting estimates and in the execution of new works. I might instance the proposed road from Sathiaved to Thadai *via* Kambakam, the estimate for which was called for as far back as March 1874, and Rupees 3,000 allotted for the current year now drawing to its close, but which has not yet been submitted complete.

4. Apart, however, from the relationship between the Boards and the Department Public Works, the present system is in itself costly, and I consider unworkable. Most of the road maintenance works require little or no engineering skill, while even the construction of an ordinary line is within the capacity of a Supervisor; yet we are paying the enormous sums of Rupees 30,720 and Rupees 17,990 in the Sydapet and Chingleput Circles, respectively, for supervision by highly-skilled Engineers, while the sum spent on New Works in 1873-74 was only Rupees 24,798 and Rupees 26,435. These charges too, high as they are, do not include salary, &c., of the Petty Establishment of Overseers and Maistries, which are debited to Local Funds. A small separate establishment would not only be cheaper, but having only Local Fund Work to do, and responsible directly to the President, the delays, &c., now complained of would for the most part cease.

5. The Board are aware that, in order to economise and save the 25 per cent. for Department Public Works Supervision, the Sydapet Board some time since had four roads, above alluded to, transferred to "Other Agency," and employed contractors. Though, out of deference to some of the leading members of the Board, I acquiesced in the experiment and the employment of contractors, my own opinion has been for a long time that a separate establishment, working directly under the Board or Revenue Department, would be eventually necessary.

6. I may mention here that the first four miles of the Western Trunk Road, recently handed over by the Department Public Works to "Other Agency," for the reconstruction of which an estimate for Rupees 14,700 was prepared by the District Engineer in October last, and which was almost impassable in places, was put into fair passable, though not perfect, order in December and January last out of the maintenance grant of Rupees 2,132 for the current year by the late Acting Tahsildar of Sydapet, Srinivassa Rao, and heavy expenditure thus staved off for several years to come.

7. Of the two schemes suggested in the papers under reference, I prefer the one sketched by the Vice-President, *viz.*, one Supervisor on Rupees 175 per month at the Local Fund Board's head-quarters, with an office establishment to be provided by strengthening that of the Local Fund Board already existing; three Overseers, one to each Tahsildar, with the necessary staff of Maistries. The pay of this establishment will be little if compared with the sums hitherto expended for Department Public Works Supervision, and a large amount will become annually available for the construction of some of the more urgently needed of the projected lines.

8. With reference to paragraphs 18, 19, and 20 of the Vice-President's letter, I hardly deem it advisable to complicate the present question by discussing whether, with a somewhat stronger establishment, a portion of the charge for which would have to be debited to Imperial Funds, the Revenue Department might not supervise the execution of all ordinary repairs not requiring engineering skill, though I am strongly of opinion that, if such works could be entrusted to a good Tahsildar, assisted by a competent establishment, the result would be great economy with efficient and more prompt repairs.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From C. S. CROLE, Esq., Vice-President of the Local Fund Board, Chingleput Circle, to R. W. BARLOW, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Chingleput District, dated Carunguly, 11th January 1875, No. 18.

I HAVE the honor to forward, for your information and for eventual submission to Government, through the Revenue Board, for early orders, an extract from the Proceedings of this Circle Board at a meeting held on the 17th ultimo. These papers speak for themselves.

2. The point on which a decision is sought is a change of agency in executing Local Fund works. My own opinion has for some time been that a considerable modification in the present system is required.

3. The present Department Public Works Agency has been tried. The various Local Fund reports, the Proceedings of this Board, and the state of the works show that it has been found grievously wanting.

4. The crying want of this Circle is roads, not Trunk roads. We have two very expensive lines of that description. What is required is a system of cheap useful cross-roads for the special benefit of the rate-payers in the Circle. Since the institution of this Circle Board in 1871,

although every possible means has been tried by it for this end, not a single mile of new road of any description has been opened by the Department Public Works.

5. This lamentable result has been caused by no want of funds. Ever since the Board was a Board, we have closed each year with large balances as follows :—

	Rs.
1871-72	7,820
1872-73	58,812
1873-74	71,280
1874-75	40,000 probably.

When the Board was formed, the balance was Rupees 1,340 only. It is clear that no stone should be left unturned to prevent this from becoming chronic.

6. We cannot get estimates from the Department Public Works. When we do get them, the works do not progress. Result—

(1.) No new roads as shown above.

(2.) Reduction by Government of the Provincial Grant. This stood for the above years as under:—

	Rs.
1871-72	58,220
1872-73	70,580
1873-74	70,580
1874-75	58,580

7. The decrease in the Government grant is a most unmerited hardship, for it is equivalent to the diversion of the Road Cess from the improvement of the internal communications of the Circle to objects for which Government had, for the two previous years, confessed its responsibility. Moreover, if the gloomy anticipations (justified by the last Progress Report) of continued short expenditure be fulfilled, this retrenchment will have done little or no good, because the current year will, in all probability, close with nearly as large a balance as ever.

8. This is no fault of the Board. The Native members especially have done their thankless work well, undeterred alike by want of co-operation, by active opposition, and by the bad effect of the great delays, inseparable from the complicated machinery, created by the Act and Rules. They have displayed the deepest interest in the improvement of the communications of the Circle, and have given me great assistance by their advice when privately consulted. Had an agency been at its disposal, able and willing to respond with heartiness and alacrity to the calls of the Board, and to co-operate with it cordially, I am certain that it would not have fallen to my lot to-day to report failure.

9. Leaving out of sight for a moment the incongruous nature of the duties imposed on the Department Public Works as noticed in paragraph 19 of this letter, there are two other elements at work conducing to the collapse of the present system—(1) The Department Public Works, for reasons which it is unnecessary to detail in this place, are in very bad odor with all classes of natives; (2) I do not wish to make sweeping charges, but the impression on my mind is that certain members of that department are (perhaps as a consequence of their knowledge of the state of public feeling) not capable of working harmoniously with a Native Board, whose legal position they do not seem quite to comprehend. The history of the relations between this Board and the present District Engineer may be exceptional. I trust it is. But it none the less justifies my contention.

10. The extract forwarded shows how the Board consider the difficulty may be overcome. They advocate the appointment of a special Native Engineer, on a salary not exceeding Rs. 450, immediately responsible to themselves.

11. I have given the subject long and anxious consideration, and am of opinion that a slightly different plan holds out prospects of at least equal success. This consists of the execution of all Local Fund works by other agency, *viz.*, the Revenue Department. The latter works well with the Board, and, possessing great influence in the Circle, is likewise interested in its welfare after a way not to be expected of a purely professional department. It has besides proved its capacity by last year executing the only completed work that the Circle has ever had, while this year it has got well through with another road (thirteen miles in length), that from Carunguly to Tirukalikundram. This likewise promises to be the only completed work of its year.

12. The establishment required would be (1) a Supervisor (if possible a Native) at the Local Fund Board's head-quarters; (2) three Overseers, one to each Tahsildar.

13. A slight increase to the provision for Petty Establishment, which now provides for two Local Fund Overseers, is all that would be required to meet the second charge.

14. In regard to the Supervisor, his pay would be Rupees 175 × 12 = Rupees 2,100 per annum. His office establishment should be supplied by increase to that of the Local Fund Board.

15. This question of cost brings me to a part of the pith and marrow of the late resolution of the Board. During the current year we provided for the enormous sum of Rupees 23,330 for Department Public Works supervision, and budgeted for Rupees 2,900 for Overseers, &c.; besides, I confess to having been always unable to see the reason for fixing 26 per cent. as the percentage upon which the former charge is calculated. Not half of the money can possibly be required for our share of an Executive and District Engineer. Moreover, by G. O., dated 14th October 1874, No. 328, Public Works Department, the charge, when work is done for Municipalities, where the works are incomparably smaller, is only 15 per cent. One main object of the Resolution under report is to get quit of this heavy and, as I respectfully submit, unnecessary charge, and to apply the funds so liberated to the more legitimate purpose of making roads.

16. Under my plan, although works would be designed and executed by the Vice-President with the aid of the Revenue Department, the granting of completion certificates would fall upon the present Department Public Works staff. One per cent. on the expenditure would be ample remuneration for this.

17. The only difficulty I foresee is the competition for labor likely to arise by two departments working over the same area. This, however, is much more specious than real. The Revenue Department is even more closely concerned in the proper condition of irrigation works than of roads, and it would not be difficult to take effectual steps to prevent any clashing.

18. The Tahsildars of Conjeveram and Madurantakum, both most efficient officers, are not only willing, but anxious to undertake the charge of roads, as well as ordinary irrigation repairs, *if the proper establishment* of Overseers, &c., *is given to them.* With the communications in the state shown by the figures given above, and the tanks and channels of the sub-division in ruins, it seems tolerably certain that the Government will be compelled to have recourse to that expedient sooner or later.

19. The present system of estimate-making, the execution, and the passing of works being centred in one department, even were it as strong as it is under-officered, being unsound in principle, is sufficient of itself to account for a state of things which, although prominently brought to notice by the Local Fund Board in regard to roads, is none the less a true description of the manner in which irrigation works are neglected.

20. Being much struck with the described past as compared with the then existing condition of the Trichinopoly District, I made certain recommendations, in effect the same as are submitted now, and the Secretary of State, in reiteration of paragraph 4 of a despatch to the Government of Madras, dated the 19th March 1868, was thereon pleased to suggest the transfer of all minor irrigation works and roads to the care of the Revenue officers of districts—(*Vide* paragraph 3 of a despatch, dated 23rd July 1868, No. 34.) The original proposition was, however, lost amid the mass of intricate discussion which arose during the progress of the Public Works

Commission, which was thereupon appointed, and was consequently abortive. I would strongly advocate a fair trial being given to that system now, seeing that circumstances have forced the question into prominence once more.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
President.

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

With the first of the foregoing letters the President of the Local Fund Board, Chingleput Circle, submits, at the instance of the Circle Board, for transmission to Government, certain resolutions of the Board and correspondence with the District Engineer regarding delays in the preparation of estimates by the Public Works Department.

2. The chief complaint appears to be regarding the road from Stripermatur to Trivellore, which has been entered in every Budget since the Local Fund organization has been introduced, and for which estimates have been repeatedly called for, but in vain. The District Engineer at last sent up, but without countersignature, estimates prepared by the Range Officer. These the President has very properly returned, and there seems to be no prospect of the desired estimates being obtained.

3. There have long been complaints of this kind in the Chingleput District. The Board of the Chingleput Circle, one of the most energetic in the Presidency and of the most anxious to do justice to the interests entrusted to it, is forced to see its unutilized balances accumulating, and is driven to ask that it may be permitted to spend money without sanctioned estimate.

4. In a resolution sanctioning a small grant for taking sections and preparing plans for two roads, of which the road above referred to is one, they request the President to bring Colonel Moberly's conduct to the notice of Government and record their opinion that his delay in this and similar matters is simply paralyzing the work in the Circle.

5. The correspondence will be forwarded for the orders of Government.

6. The second letter read above will also be laid before Government as showing in strong light the state of affairs in the Chingleput Circle and the feeling of the members of the Local Fund Board on the subject of the working of the Public Works Department as at present constituted. The President forwards a resolution of the Board containing proposals for the organization of a separate staff to be entirely under the orders of the Local Fund Board, and a letter from the Vice-President making some alternative and larger proposals.

7. It is unnecessary that the Board should at the present time discuss these proposals in detail. In G. O., No. 82, dated 19th January 1875, Government directed the Board to call for report from all local Boards and Municipalities as to the possibility of organizing some separate establishment for the execution of works under them; but the Board, before communicating the Government Order, ventured to ask Government to give greater precision to the reference (Board's Proceedings, dated 13th February 1875, Miscellaneous No. 1,138), and the proposals now made can be discussed hereafter in connection with this general reference.

(True Copies and Extract.)

H L Stokes
Acting Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department,
with copy of correspondence and two extracts
from Proceedings of Local Fund Boards

Copy to the President of the Local Fund Boards, Chingleput District.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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Roads—in Chingleput Circle.—Letters from President of Local Fund Board, submitting Circle Board's resolutions regarding delays in the preparation of estimates for certain — by the Public Works Department and containing proposals for the organization of a separate staff to be entirely under the orders of the Local Fund Board, submitted for the orders of Government with remarks.

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The correspondence noted in the margin of the Board of Revenue will be found in the Public Works Department Proceedings noted in the margin of the Board of Revenue Proceedings noted in the margin.

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Local Funds — Roads

Certain correspondence regarding delays in the preparation of estimates by the P. W. to receive immediate consideration in that Dept, but concurrence expressed in opinion of the Bd. of Revn that the proposals of the Presd. for the organization of a separate P. W. Estabt for the Chingleput L. F. Bd must await discussion together with the other refers to the genl refcs made in G. O. of 19th Jany 1875. No. 82