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Local Funds.

No. 244. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th February 1875, No. 399 :—

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(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. T. LONGLEY,
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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
23rd April 1875.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 245. Order thereon, 23rd April 1875, No. 917.

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(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Govt. of [1875] Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

The BOARD of REVENUE,

&c., &c.,

Dated April, 23rd.

Issued

Read.

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G.O., 23rd April 1875, No. 917.

APRIL.

Nos. 244-245.

Local Funds.—Application of the Oossoor Local Fund Board for an increase to their grant from Provincial Funds not complied with; and the reason why it is not open to the Local Fund Board to make appropriations from the one-third land-

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Memoranda called for in the letter of the Secretary of Each

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The Expenditure on Roads.

Roads in the year 1870-71 from Imperial funds in the Coorg Range which is conterminous with the Circle, was Rs 12,70,3[illegible] but the average expenditure of the three years 1868-69, 1869-70, 1870-71 was Rs 16,445.

It therefore appears that the Coorg Board, though they have put the matter in a somewhat exaggerated form, are correct in saying that the Provincial Grant is not equivalent to the previous Imperial Expenditure on Roads in the Circle.

It is submitted, however that this fact is not in itself a sufficient ground for a claim to an increase for two reasons.

1) The total Provincial Grant is not nearly equal to the previous Imperial Expenditure on Roads.

2.) The previous Imperial Expenditure on roads in a given Circles has never been

x Vide Memo from Controller put up

been recognised as the sole basis of the distribution of the grant between the various circles.

With reference to the first point:—

H.E. the Governor remarks that it has always been represented to him that the 12 lacs or thereabouts were given in compensation for the transfer to Local Fund Boards of the charge for maintaining Imperial roads and that the 12 lacs were about equal to that charge. This representation was probably a rough statement of the fact that the Imperial grant assigned for roads at the time of the decentralization scheme was about 12 lacs, and that nearly 12 lacs are accordingly given to Local Funds on account of roads.

The amount assigned

to Madras
assigned, at the time of the decentralization scheme however was very much less than the usual allotment for Imperial road-work, as it was based on the allotment of Rs 12,00,000 in the budget for 1870/71 which, in the case of Madras, had been reduced to the lowest possible amount in an endeavour to meet a call for economy made by the Govt of India.

The Actual Expenditure on roads from Imperial funds in preceding years had been much greater thus:—

1867-68 — Rs 24,12,680.
1868-69 — " — 20,17,540
1869-70 — " — 14,83,700.

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Average Rs 19,71,300.

and this it must be remembered was exclusive of Establishments which were provided for separately.

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The Provincial grant to Local Fund Boards for roads in 1875-76. is Rupees 11,40,000 inclusive of establishment and taking the establishment portion at Rupees 3,00,000, as given in G.O. dated 15 January 1872 No 30 the grant for works is only Rupees 8,40,000 against Rupees 19,71,300 the average expenditure in the three years preceding the decentralization order.

To turn to the second point it appears that when the system of Provincial grants to Local Funds was first introduced it was laid down in para 9 of

× para 9 runs as follows
"In allotting the lump" "grants-in-aid from Provincial funds to the several."

of G.O. dated 7 June 1871 N° 210 that the first point looked to was the solvency of the Local Funds, and that the amount of additional charges thrown on these funds was only the second consideration - In G.O. dated 15 January 1872 N° 30 some modifications were made on the grounds that experience showed that revision was needed, and the subsequent practice has been to keep the grants as far as possible as originally distributed, but to increase them in circles in which urgent want of funds is shown and to reduce them where the money is

"several Districts, the "Govt have looked in "the first place to the "solvency of the Local "Funds ---- and in "the second to the "amount of the charges for communications "which ---- have "been added to the "Road fund budgets "of the several Districts"

Note

It is believed that Sir Alexander Arbuthnott went very carefully into the education in connection with the original distribution but there are no details on record -

is not spent - 15√

It is submitted that as pointed out by the Board of Revenue this Circle has no more claims to an increased grant for roads than many others -

The Oopoor school scheme was sanctioned in G.O. dated 13 August 1874 N° [illegible] after the abolition of the house tax

If the original draft is otherwise approved as far as can be added pointing out that the Board are not at liberty to assign more than 1/3rd of the Local cess to Roads until Education has been fully provided for

provided for—

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to spend under
head Roads grants
& Salem Exciting
& to Retaining a
corresponding amt. from
Local Rds. D.F.

On the explanation I have
urged the D.P.S.O. with
the addition here proposed.
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Insurance both
Provincial Grants
Circ.

went round in
circulation

Circ. for general
info. Councils in
Council as formerly
directed or such
orders as may
be determined
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the D.P.S.O. with
proposed addition
C 10/4
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Salem d. 7 Board

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compensation for the Transfer &
L. J. Roads maintaining
of the charge for Imperial Roads,
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was that the 12 lacs were
about equal to that charge.
If so, it now appears that
Salem cannot have received
its due proportion of the
allotment: for Salem has
received (under the superior
of maintenance of these Imperial
roads in Salem
works has increased since
the change: for Salem expends

on the roads formerly
maintained from Imperial
funds out of Rs 11000, about
it receives as a grant per
Provincial, but Rs 20,000.
The inference is that too much
has been given elsewhere, and
too little to Salem - and the balance
ought to be redressed.
Again, the Vice Pres! speaks of
a scheme of Education approved
by the Govt but which cannot
be carried out without funds;
but the House has been

I think it will be better to discuss this question in Council when the information required by His Excellency - vide his note - can be furnished -

R I Ellis

been abolished - It was a reserve considered by Govt. when the house-tax was levied, and provided funds were forthcoming by means of the house-tax? If so, it will have received said sum Govt. was as provided in the G.O. abolishing the house-tax. Govt. we cannot increase the grant on this account.

The Vice-President says that it is open to the Board to apply more than the 2/3 of land cess to Roads (but that they are unwilling to do it). This is not open to the Board. The G.O. abolishing the House Tax distinctly prohibited it for the future: and the Natives entitled to the relief on these papers.

C-10/2

Increase to the Provincial Grant of the Coxsoos each on account of Education or Roads.

Council

P. 23 Apr. 1915 Sess.

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N° 485 - H.

W. Stevenson Prov. Sec.

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Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following ~~letter~~ Report

Reading of the Board of Revenue dated 19 February 1875 No 399-

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with the addition proposed in the Minute of the Senior Member of Council

Nos 44.

Finl. 1875. Despatch
Local Finl.
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 19TH FEBRUARY 1875, No. 399.

Despd - 26th May 75. Encl. 2 Sets

No 485-

Received 27 February 75-

FEBRUARY.
No. 399.

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I submit that this matter requires full consideration -

The L.F. Board practically say that if are unable to carry on Public works in accordance with the wishes of the Council - & that education is most seriously crippled. The Board mean complete stoppage of course on works

Claim on Prov. Funds can be settled ought or not & consider what can be done by Education with reference to Roads -

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to para 8 of the
Acting Vice Presi-
dents letter, that
under G.O. dated
28th March 1873 No
426, it is not open
to the Local Fund
Board to make
appropriations from
the 1/3rd Land Cess
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To Board of Revenue
Public Works Dept
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Finance

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Govt. of {1875} Madras.

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Nos. 244-245.

Local Funds. Appn. of the Bd. of Pow. L.F. Bd. for an increase to their grant from Prov.l funds not complied with; & the reason why it is not open to the L.F. Bd. to make appropriations from the L.F. land rets to the Road fund, pointed out.