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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th April 1881, *No.* 650 [*Current No.* 1153].

ABSTRACT.—Requesting sanction of Government to the contribution by Chittoor Circle Board of cost of upkeep of portions of Local Fund roads in Chingleput Circle passing through North Arcot District.

ORDER THEREON, 15th June 1881, No. 1089.

Sanction is accorded to the proposal contained in paragraph 5 of the Board's Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

C. G. MASTER,
Offg. Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue, with enclosures returned.
" Accountant-General, with copy of Revenue Board's Proceedings.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Local Fund Roads.—The contribution by the Chittoor Circle Board, beginning with the year 1881-82, of the cost of upkeep of those portions of certain roads constructed by the Chingleput Local Fund Board which run through the North Arcot District, sanctioned.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 12th April 1881.

Read the following letter from J. F. PRICE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Chingleput District, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Pondavakam, 8th March 1881, No. 99-E :—

I HAVE the honor to submit for orders the correspondence which has taken place between myself and the Collector and President of the Local Fund Boards, North Arcot District, regarding the maintenance of certain roads which pass through the Chittoor Local Fund Circle.

2. From the enclosed plan, it will be seen that portions of the four marginally-noted roads, which form Items 7, 9, 11 and 12 of Part II of the Local Fund Budget for 1880-81, lie in the North Arcot District, although their maintenance has hitherto been a charge on the Local Funds of this district.

1. Road from Kavarapet on the 25th mile of the Northern Trunk Road to Sathiaved.
2. Road from the Cortelliar bridge on the 26th mile of the Northern Trunk Road towards Puthur Railway Station *vid* Nagalapuram.
3. Road from Thada to Sathiaved.
4. Road from Sathiaved *vid* Tiruvallúr and Poonamallee to St. Thomas' Mount.

3. I enclose a statement showing the proportionate expenditure incurred on them since the Local Fund Act was brought into operation. The total outlay up to 1879-80 is calculated at Rs. 19,259, and the grant for 1880-81 estimated at Rs. 2,056.

4. While preparing, in 1879, the Local Fund Budget of the *amalgamated* Chingleput Circle for 1880-81, my attention was drawn to the designation of the roads in the district (*vide* paragraph 15 of my letter to Board, No. 66, dated 30th September 1879); and in reclassifying them the propriety of maintaining, from the funds of this Circle, certain sections of the above-mentioned roads suggested itself to me. I immediately called for statistics, and on the 26th November 1879 the matter was laid before the Local Board. Their resolution was, in the accompanying copy of my letter, No. 746, dated 23rd December 1879, communicated to Mr. Whiteside whose reply, No. 61, dated 12th February 1880, is enclosed. The subject of this communication was considered by the Chingleput Board and a second reference made on the 22nd September last. The further views thereupon of the Chittoor Board were communicated in the President's letter, No. 1,083, dated 10th November 1880 (copy enclosed).

5. The Board will observe from the above that while finally acquiescing in the reasonableness of contributing to the upkeep of the portions of the four roads lying within their limits, and that only from 1881-82, the Chittoor Board object to give retrospective effect to their views on the following grounds :—

(1.) That the roads in question were constructed without any reference to them.

(2.) That they were originally intended for the convenience of the Chingleput District, and that the benefit which the North Arcot District derives therefrom is infinitesimal.

(3.) That since the constitution of the Local Fund Boards, their consent was never obtained to the maintenance of these roads.

6. The Chingleput Board have carefully considered each item of objection, and on the 18th ultimo passed the following resolution :—

" Read letter from the President of the Local Fund Boards, North Arcot, No. 1,083, dated 10th November 1880, stating, in reference to the Circle Board's Resolution, No. 1, dated 5th

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August 1880, that the Chittoor Local Fund Board have agreed to provide for the maintenance of the portions of the roads which run through the North Arcot District only from 1881-82.

(1.) The Board cannot agree to the proposal made by the Chittoor Local Fund Board.

(2.) They observe that three out of the four roads in regard to which they claim payment on account of maintenance allotments in past years were constructed some years before the Local Fund Act came into force. The argument that they were made without reference to the Chittoor Local Fund Board is therefore an entirely fallacious one.

(3.) They further cannot admit that the roads were opened to meet the requirements of the Chingleput District alone or anything like it, the real fact being that far more traffic belonging to the North Arcot District passes over certainly the Negalapuram road, than to and from Chingleput.

(4.) Resolved that the case be laid before the Board of Revenue for orders with the expression of the opinion that the Local Fund Board consider themselves entitled to a refund of allotments spent since the introduction of the Local Fund Act upon the roads in regard to which they make claim."

7. In reply to objection (1), I would refer the Board to paragraph 2 of their Proceedings, No. 3,931, dated 23rd August 1877, printed in G.O., No. 2,621, dated 1st September 1877. It will be seen from it that, excepting the road from Thada to Sathiaved, which was undertaken* as a famine relief-work, the remaining three were projected long before Act IV of 1871 was brought into force. I fail, therefore, to see the force of the argument that the roads were constructed without any reference to a body which had then no existence.

*1. Board's Proceedings, No. 159, dated 15th January 1877.

2. Paragraph 2 of this office letter printed in Board's Proceedings, No. 2,402, dated 26th May 1877.

8. As regards the second objection, I beg to state that far more traffic passes along the Nagalapuram road from Tirupati, Kalahasti, and other places in the North Arcot District than from the Chingleput District. This communication is the main line leading to Cuddapah, and is an important Railway feeder crossing the north-western branch at Puthur. The continuation of this road, in the other district, was approved of and carried out by the Chittoor Circle Board in connection with the question of the general scheme of communications in the Presidency. I would refer the Board to the statement made in paragraph 7 of my predecessor's letter, recorded in Board's Proceedings, No. 988, dated 13th June 1872.

This I consider a sufficient proof that the roads to which others are only branches were not intended solely for the requirements of this district. Even supposing it was, the claim now put forward is only for their maintenance and not for the cost of original construction. The joint interest of the two districts in opening the jungle tracts of the country round Kalahasti, &c., Zemindaris has also been recognized in paragraph 3 of Board's Proceedings, No. 925, dated 20th April 1874, in which the Collectors of both districts were directed to settle compensation claims.

9. The third objection, I submit, is no valid ground for refusing to pay the amount spent, apparently through ignorance, from the funds of this circle. The propriety of claiming a contribution did not evidently suggest itself to the late Saidápet Board in the same manner as no Land Cess was, through an oversight, levied in this district from the Railway Companies. Nevertheless, the liability of the Chittoor Local Fund Board for a proportionate cost of the repair grant remains unaffected in the same manner as that of the Railway Companies, from whom the cess was ordered to be demanded retrospectively (*vide* G.O., Revenue Department, No. 1,857, dated 11th September 1879). The Land Cess levied during the last ten years from the Zemindari tracts through which the sections of the roads in question run was credited to the funds of the Chittoor Circle; and it seems but fair that a portion of this should be devoted to the purpose for which it was raised.

10. I would therefore request that the Chittoor Board be called upon to refund the expenditure incurred from 1871-72 to 1880-81, and that the payment of the contribution which they have promised to make from 1881-82 be sanctioned under Section 27 of the Local Fund Act, and the necessary entries made in the respective budgets now before Government.

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ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 to 4.—Copies of correspondence between President, Local Fund Board, Chinglept Circle, and President, Local Fund Boards, North Arcot District.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 5 and 6.—Extracts from Proceedings of Local Fund Board, Chingleput Circle.

ENCLOSURE No. 7.—Statement.

ENCLOSURE No. 8.—Plan.

CERTAIN roads constructed in part and hitherto maintained by the Chingleput Local Fund Board are found to run through portions of the adjacent district of North Arcot. The Chingleput Board now claim from the Chittoor Board payment in arrears of the cost of maintenance of these portions incurred since 1871.

2. The Chittoor Board refuse to pay arrears on the ground that the roads were not constructed under their authority; that the money hitherto spent was laid out not under their orders; and that the benefit which the Chittoor Circle derives from the roads is infinitesimal. They are, however, willing to make for the future a contribution equal to the cost of the upkeep of such portions as pass through the North Arcot District.

3. The Chingleput Board are not satisfied with this, and ask that the Chittoor Board be made to refund arrears. They request that sanction for the proposed contribution for 1881-82 be accorded.

4. The Chittoor Board appear to the Revenue Board to have behaved with sufficient liberality in offering to pay the future cost of maintenance, and it seems unreasonable for the Chingleput Board to expect a refund of money which, for whatever purpose, was laid out by them without any reference to the Chittoor Board. Had the latter been consulted they might have demurred to carry out these works on the ground that they required their money for works of greater importance to their circle.

5. To the contribution for the future, beginning with the year 1881-82, the sanction of Government is requested.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department,
with eight original enclosures to be returned.
" President, Local Fund Boards, Chingleput District.
Copy to President, Local Fund Boards, North Arcot District.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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