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Local Fund—Establishment.

Read the following paper:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th September 1881, No. 2046 [Current No. 2778].

Read—the following letter from G. D. LEMAN, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Ganjam District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board of the Chicacole Circle at a Meeting held at Chicacole on 17th January 1881.

1. Read again Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 1,426, dated 29th September 1880, and the President's footnote thereon, remitting for further consideration the question regarding the employment of a Local Fund Engineer for supervising the Local Fund works in the Chicacole Circle.

Read also the Board's Resolution No. 1, dated 20th December 1880.

The Board are of opinion that, considering that all the roads in the estate belong to the estate and not to the Local Fund Board, and that there is an Engineer and sufficient establishment to supervise their maintenance, it would, as long as the estate is under the Court of Wards, be better for the Board to disconnect themselves with the Parlákimedi Estate so far as the details of the expenditure on roads are concerned. It is proposed that a lump sum, varying in amount according as funds are available, be given every year by the Board to the Court of Wards for the improvement of the communications in the estate, and that it be left entirely to the Court to determine how that money shall be spent, provided that it be utilized for communications only. This arrangement will not, of course, prevent application being made to the Local Fund Board for any further contribution in case necessity for the same should arise.

For the rest of the circle, viz., the Chicacole Taluk, the Board propose the following establishment, amounting in the year to Rs. 6,660, which they think will be quite sufficient at present for the 182 miles in the taluk:—

Items.	Monthly Amount.	Yearly Amount.	Items.	Monthly Amount.	Yearly Amount.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
1 Supervisor, at Rs. 100 + 30 travelling allowance	130	1,560	2 Sub-Overseers, 2nd Grade, Rs. 25+10.	70	840
1 Accountant and Draughtsman, at Rs. 25 + 10 travelling allowance	35	420	2 Sub-Overseers, 3rd Grade, Rs. 20+10.	60	720
1 Writer, at Rs. 15 + 10	25	300	6 Lascars, at Rs. 6 each	36	432
2 Lascars, at Rs. 6 each	12	144	Pensionary Allowance	87	1,044
2 Sub-Overseers, 1st Grade, at Rs. 35+15.	100	1,200			
			Total	555	6,660

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. J. KNOX,
Vice-President, L. F. Board,
Chicacole Circle.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From C. J. KNOX, Esq., Vice-President of the Local Fund Board, Chicacole Circle, to the President of the Local Fund Boards, Ganjam District, dated Bhyri, 28th January 1881, No. 16.

WITH reference to the Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 1,426, dated 29th September 1880, and subsequent papers on the subject of the revision of the Local Fund Road Establishment, I have the honor to forward an extract from the Proceedings of the Circle Board passed at a meeting held on the 17th instant.

2. The question appears to have been confused by calling the roads in the Parlákimedi Estate Local Fund Roads. They are not really such because they are not the property of the Board, the land through which they run not having been acquired from the proprietor. The exact state of the case appears to be that as the estate has been included in the Local Fund Circle, and as the Zemindar pays a certain sum in the shape of land-cess, the Local Fund Board allot a certain portion of this sum for the improvement of the estate roads.

3. No doubt if the Zemindar managed his own estate, the Local Fund Board would have to see that the money given was properly spent, and for this purpose would be obliged, to a certain extent, to supervise the expenditure. But as things are now, there is a competent Engineer and establishment maintained, and their work is scrutinized by the Court of Wards acting through its agents. The Board, therefore, have every guarantee that the money will be laid out to the best advantage for the purpose for which it was given, and no good end would be gained by any further supervision on their part.

4. The Estate Engineer will then have to confine his attention to his own proper work, part of which is the supervision of the work on the roads lying within the estate. The Board having given their yearly contribution for roads to the estate, would leave it to the Court of Wards to settle the details of the expenditure and the supervision of the work, and direct their attention only to the roads in the circle lying outside the estate.

5. The Board think that if this scheme be adopted it will put an end to all confusion, and they recommend that it be brought into force from the 1st April next. If it be approved, the Budget for 1881-82 will have to be revised in two particulars—(1) the details of the estate roads should be excluded and the lump sum given as contribution put in instead, and (2) the amount entered for road establishment for the rest of the circle will have to be altered.

6. I request that the matter may be decided as soon as possible, so that if approved the new establishment may be organized and things put into working order before the beginning of the next year.

Letter—dated 10th March 1881, No. 583.

I HAVE the honor to submit the enclosed for the consideration of the Board of Revenue.

2. The question of the maintenance of the roads situated in Parlákimedi Estate has been considered in a new light by the Local Fund Board, Chicacole Circle. The roads in question are in the Zemindar's land, were mostly constructed from the Zemindar's funds, and were never formally made over to the Local Fund Board by the Court of Wards acting on behalf of the Zemindar, and I presume that the Court do not desire to make them over. In such circumstances it seems to me that the Court will hardly reject the proposal of the Local Fund Board to hand over to them a contribution for the upkeep of the Zemindar's road by the Zemindar's Engineer.

3. Moreover, in my view it must entail an unnecessary waste of time and labor to have a special officer to look after the roads while there is a person already employed competent to do so, and who can do so without any extra trouble in the process of doing his ordinary estate work. The amount of contribution to be paid need hardly be decided on till the Court's decision is known, but it will probably be the ordinary Local Fund grant *plus* the pay of a small establishment and that of a proportion of the Overseer's, &c., pay.

4. Mr. Jennings is now receiving, under Court of Wards' Proceedings, dated 3rd November 1879, No. 3,103, and 7th April 1880, Miscellaneous No. 3,792, Rs. 100 a-month for looking after these roads. The sanction having been granted at the time when it was supposed that these were absolutely Local Fund works, I do not suppose that the Court will now stop this payment, and I think that the Local Fund Board may be asked to pay it.

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Resolution—

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government with reference to paragraph 3 of their Order, dated 26th May 1881, No. 927, and paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd July 1881, No. 1,461.

2. The Chicacole Circle Board propose the following scale of the Engineering Establishment to look after the works in the circle, excluding the roads in the Parlákimedi Estate:—

	Per Month.
1 Supervisor	Rs. 100
Travelling allowance	30
1 Accountant and Draughtsman	25
Travelling allowance	10
1 Writer	15
Travelling allowance	10
2 Lascars, at Rs. 6 each	12
2 Sub-Overseers, 1st Grade, at Rs. 35 each	70
Travelling allowance to do. at Rs. 15 each	30
2 Sub-Overseers, 2nd Grade, at Rs. 25 each	50
Travelling allowance to do. at Rs. 10 each	20
2 Sub-Overseers, 3rd Grade, at Rs. 20 each	40
Travelling allowance to do. at Rs. 10 each	20
6 Lascars, at Rs. 6 each	36
	468 × 12 = 5,616

The provision in the current year's budget for the establishment is Rs. 6,230, or Rs. 614 more than the cost of the proposed establishment.

3. The Circle Board are for entrusting the charge of the Local Fund Roads in the Kimedi Estate to the Engineer attached to the estate, but the Court of Wards have decided upon relieving that officer from the extra work which has not been efficiently performed by him. It now rests with the Local Board to make their own arrangements for the upkeep of the roads in question. The President will report upon this point.

4. Meanwhile the Board recommend that the establishment as now proposed, costing Rs. 348 per mensem, be sanctioned subject to any addition that may be deemed necessary for the supervision of the estate roads. The travelling allowances to the establishment will, of course, be regulated in accordance with the rules of the Public Works Code.

5. The Local Fund Engineering Establishment for the Chatrapur Circle was sanctioned in G.O., Financial Department, dated 9th January 1880, No. 48.

(True Copies and Extract.)

C. D. MACLEAN,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

ORDER THEREON, 18th October 1881, No. 2007.

Sanctioned on the understanding expressed in paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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