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*Public Works*  
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
3rd October 1862.*

No. 45. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 25th September 1862, No. 2,093:—

Referring for the opinion and remarks of the Board of Revenue and Accountant General, letter from the Chief Engineer suggesting that Grass Funds should be included under the head of Local Funds. (Vide Revenue Proceedings, 25th September 1862, Nos. 490-491.)

No. 46. ORDER THEREON, 3rd October 1862, No. 2,368.

Communicated to the Chief Engineer for information.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,  
*Secretary to Government.*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Communicating for consideration Chief Engineer's letter, suggesting that the collections from grass rents should like all other local collections appear under the one head of Account, viz., "local funds." (Here enter 15th August 1862, No. 1,947.)

ORDER THEREON, 25th September 1862, No. 2093.

1. In a letter recorded in the foregoing Proceedings the Chief Engineer proposes to credit the grass rents of the Godavery and other Districts to the local funds.
2. In the Godavery District a grass fund has been in existence for several years. At first it was kept up as a separate fund, but subsequently under the Orders of Government it has been brought to account as an item of extra Revenue. The chief collections under this head appear to be the sale proceeds of grass on canal banks, and the rent of pasture lands. It is understood that collections of a similar nature are made in other Districts, but the Government are not aware of their extent, nor is it clear under what head they are credited.
3. As observed by the District Engineer, the item of "grass rents" appears in the Board's reports on the local funds as a source of income. Its amount is very trifling, but it is desirable that Government should be told in what Districts the rents have been realized and of what they consist.
4. An application has recently been made in the Department Public Works to the Government of India for fuller information as to the sources of the local funds in the other Presidencies. The Government are fully sensible of the advantage of increasing the local funds by every legitimate means. They resolve, therefore, to refer the Chief Engineer's letter to the Board of Revenue and Accountant General for their opinion and remarks. The Board will avail themselves of the same opportunity to furnish the information called for in paragraphs 2 and 3 *supra*.

(True Extract.)

*M. A. S. S. S.*

Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.

" Board of Revenue,  
" Accountant General,

} with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 1,947.

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