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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th May 1867.*

No. 373. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 10th May 1867, No. 1,067 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue :—

(Here enter 15th January 1867, Mo. 274.)

Local Funds, No. 2.	
Account.	

Receipts, 1864-65	...	...	Rupees 5,44,175
Do. 1865-66	...	...	„ 6,53,354

1. These Proceedings contain the Board's report on Local Funds for 1865-66.

2. *District Road Fund*.— The income of District Road Fund amounted to Rupees 6,53,354, or Rupees 1,09,179 more than in 1864-65.

3. The increase resulted chiefly from Fishery Rents, which were credited to the Fund for the first time in 1864-65; from the Road Cess, which was collected throughout the whole of the district of Trichinopoly, where the new Settlement was completed, and which was imposed for the first time in Coimbatore on the reduced assessment of old well lands; from the augmented surplus of the Pound Fund; from the realization of outstanding Grass Rents in the Godavery District; and from the receipt for a full year, instead of a portion of a year, of the income from Palmyra Rents in Salem, and from the per-centage on Escheat sales in Malabar.

4. The Road Cess was newly introduced into two districts, Madura and Kurnool, but the sum collected in Madura was very small, and nearly the whole of that collected in Kurnool was carelessly credited to Imperial Revenue, and has now to be refunded.

5. The Government observe, with satisfaction, that the contributions by private individuals in aid of public works increased from Rupees 7,864 to Rupees 14,154. The Tanjore, Cuddapah, Godavery, Malabar, and South Arcot Districts were those in which the largest sums were thus collected. The Collector of North Arcot estimates that upwards of Rupees 3,000 were contributed *in labour* for clearing away prickly-pear in his district.

6. The balance at the credit of the District Road Fund on the 1st May 1865 amounted to Rupees 3,50,066, and the current income of Rupees 6,53,354 being added to it, made up a total of Rupees 10,03,420 available for expenditure. The charges upon this sum, during the year, for purposes other than actual construction, which are detailed by the Board, amounted to Rupees 1,02,101, so that Rupees 9,01,319 remained available for roads and communications. The amount expended was Rupees 4,64,429, or only 51½ per cent.

7. This result, though better than that of the preceding year, is still far from satisfactory; but the Government will not add anything to the remarks made on the subject in their Order on the Board's Report for 1864-65. During the current year the necessity of creating employment for the distressed during a season of great scarcity has probably caused an extraordinary expenditure from Local Funds, and the District Officers have now sufficient experience of their fluctuations to be able to estimate more accurately the amount which will be at their disposal, and to frame their Budgets so as to use it to the best advantage.

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8. The available funds were most fully employed during the year in South Arcot, Kurnool, and Malabar. An improvement is observable in the Tinnevely and Godavery Districts. The Cuddapah, Madras, Madura, Salem, Trichinopoly, and Kistna Districts still show badly. The Collector of Vizagapatam seems to have done almost nothing with the amount at his disposal, which was, however, but small. The Government trust that the report which has been called for by the Board, will show that Mr. Carmichael's omission either to act on the sanction accorded to his estimate for the road from Narasapatam to Golconda, or to apply for sanction on account of other works, was the result of some mistake.

9. The Government have considered the point raised in paragraph 24 of the Board's Proceedings, and concur with them in opinion that the cost of supervision by the Department of Public Works should be calculated with reference to the sums actually expended by them, and be charged in the accounts for the last month of the official year. This course will be followed in future.

10. *Pound Fund.*—The receipts 1864-65 Rupees 1,52,212
1865-66 „ 1,65,759 from the Pound Fund amounted to Rupees 1,65,759, being Rupees 13,547 more than in the preceding year. The balance on the 1st May 1865 was Rupees 1,14,206.

11. The expenditure on Pounds was Rupees 58,698, and Rupees 1,04,132 were transferred to the District Road Fund, so that the balance in hand at the end of the year was Rupees 1,17,135. The Board observe that Rupees 80,979 of this sum was to be transferred to the District Road Fund in the year 1866-67. The Government note that in Coimbatore Rupees 7,138 was retained in deposit, whilst the total expenses of the year 1865-66 were only Rupees 2,941, and that the balances in many other districts seem to be unnecessarily large. They concur with the Board in considering that provision for working the Pound Act effectually should be made before calculating the surplus for transfer, but the Act has been in force since 1857, and the Collectors should now be in a position to estimate the expenses under it with accuracy.

12. *Jungle Conservancy Fund.*—The Jungle Conservancy Fund produced Rupees 94,349, and the balance at the beginning of the year was Rupees 94,529. Of this, Rupees 56,662 was spent, or only sixty per cent. of the sum in deposit, on the 1st May 1865. In proportion to the amount available, this expenditure is even more unsatisfactory than that of the preceding year. The Board are of opinion, however, that Collectors are beginning to take a greater interest in the Fund, and that their inaction is to be ascribed in part to the unpropitious character of the season. The Government hope that the observations made on this subject in G. O. 21st August 1866, No. 2,155, have by this time produced the desired effect. The Godavery, North Arcot, Nellore, Cuddapah, Madura, and Tinnevely Districts are conspicuous for the use made by the District Officers of the Fund. Very little was done in any of the other districts.

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sources to Rupees 2,800. Adding the Government grant, Rupees 18,773, and the sum in hand at the beginning of the year, Rupees 9,980, and deducting the charges for establishment, viz., Rupees 15,396, and for contingencies (including Repairs) Rupees 4,832, there remained a balance of Rupees 23,066. The effect of the alteration of the rates of fees, and of the reduction in the number of Bungalows, is shown in the increased receipts and diminished cost of establishment, but the system is still far from being self-supporting.

14. The recommendation of the Board in paragraph 68, with regard to Bungalows in South Canara, is accepted.

15. *Endowment Fund.*—The report on the Endowment Fund appears to be tolerably complete, but the Board do not speak with certainty when they say that Chuttrums endowed by Government are to be found only in eleven of the nineteen districts. They should satisfy themselves on this point. The financial condition of the chuttrums appears to be prosperous, and the balances in Tanjore, Tinnevely, and Madura are very large. It is undesirable that a larger surplus than is really required for contingencies should

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be kept in deposit, and the Government request the Board to consider whether any portion of the accumulation may be utilized without violating the intention of the original endowments.

16. There are eight Lungerkhanas in six districts. The number of individuals relieved in Kurnool and at Sholingur is not specified, but the total number relieved at Lungerkhanas, throughout the Presidency, may be calculated at 197,839. The cost of relief, exclusive of furniture for the Infirmary at Nellore, but inclusive of establishment, &c., was Rupees 13,138, and the balance in hand at the end of the year was Rupees 4,971.

17. Comparing these transactions with those of the preceding year, it appears that whilst the recipients were less by about 1,000, the expense, owing probably to the rise in prices, was greater by about Rupees 700.

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No. 374. ORDER THEREON, 16th May 1867, No. 1,477.

LOCAL FUNDS, No. 31.
Account.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineers and the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R.
Secretary to Government.

To Superintending Engineers.
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10th May 1867.

No. 171. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue:—

Submitting report on the operations of Local Funds during 1865-66. (Here enter 15th January 1867, No. 274.)

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[Signature]

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with a copy of G. O. No. 727.
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„ the Accountant General.

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