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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 27th September 1869.

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ABSTRACT.—*Local Funds.*—Passing orders on Board's Proceedings on the Administration Reports during 1867-68.

ORDERED that the above Proceedings be communicated to all Collectors for

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 5th October 1869.

No. 87. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department :—

Local Funds Report.—Proposal of the Board of Revenue to alter the date prescribed for its submission from 31st July to 31st August, approved. (Here enter 27th September 1869, No. 2,663.)

No. 88. ORDER THEREON, 5th October 1869, No. 3,215.

LOCAL FUNDS, No. 9.
Account.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

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5. As regards charges for constructing village-tanks and wells, the Board resolve to call the attention of Government to the Proceedings of Government, dated 20th June 1859, No. 813, Revenue Department. Provision for such charges has always been made in the Road Fund Budgets, and an account of similar

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To

Dated October, 5th.

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G. O., 5th October 1869, No. 3,215

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2. *Paragraph* 1.—The Board submit that the 31st July is too early a date for their reports. The reports from the Collectors are due on the 31st May, but in practice, all the District Reports are never received by that date; for instance, the report from Malabar for the past year reached this office only on the 13th August, though it was over-due by more than two months, and repeated reminders had been sent to the Collector. Supposing, however, that the punctual submission of the Collectors' reports can be enforced, the Board will still require at least three months to examine and review each report and the several detailed accounts received with it, to get the reports printed, and to draw up their general reports and statements. The Board request therefore that the prescribed date may be changed from the 31st July to the 31st August.

3. *Paragraph* 4.—The attention of the Collectors of the six districts noted in the margin, is drawn to the remarks of Government in paragraph 4 of the order, regarding the small expenditure from the District Road Fund. In three of these districts,* the Board observe that in 1868-69 large sums have again been left unexpended. They will submit immediate explanation.

Godavery. Trichinopoly. Cuddapah.
Tanjore. Vizagapatam. Kurnool.

	Balance at the end of 1868-69.
	Rs.
* Godavery	2,27,652
Kurnool	1,22,258
Tanjore	3,36,249

4. *Paragraph* 5.—As regards the expenditure on chuttrums from the District Road Fund, it is observed that the expenditure of Rupees 7,283 in the repair of the chuttrums in the Coimbatore District was incurred with the permission both of the Board and of Government. In the original Budget for 1867-68 the Collector provided a sum of Rupees 1,158 for this purpose, and it was admitted by the Board and sanctioned by Government. In his Supplemental Budget an additional Rupees 6,000 was allotted for the same purpose. In paragraph 10 of the Collector's letter, dated 12th June 1867, No. 134, giving cover to the Supplemental Budget, he stated that many of the Native Chuttrums under the management of Government officials were in very bad order, and should be repaired for the convenience of travellers; and argued that they were a legitimate object for outlay from the Road Cess collections. The Board passed the item after due consideration, and the Government sanctioned it, as will be seen from their order of the 9th September 1867, No. 2,111.

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expenditure has been given in all the Annual Reports without attracting any unfavourable notice. In paragraph 27 of the Government order, Revenue Department, dated 23rd November 1866, No. 3,213, reviewing the Local Fund Budget for 1867-68, it is ruled that "the assignments for tanks and wells and eradicating "prickly pear must be contingent on the "people interested in these works, con-"tributing an equal sum." The sums which are devoted to these purposes, are not derived from the Road Cess, but from miscellaneous sources, such as Surplus Pound Fund, Fishery Rents, Avenue Rents, etc. In the year under review the receipts from these items amounted to Rupees 3,64,901. That the Government have regarded them as a proper source for such expenditure, is evident from Government order, dated 22nd August 1867, No. 1,966, paragraph 2.

Classed under Miscellaneous Public Improvements of the Road Fund.

6. *Paragraph* 6.—Adverting to paragraph 6 the Board observe that in several cases the differences between the accounts of the Collectors and those of the Controller were due to the fact that the cost of Petty Establishment was included in the latter statements, but omitted in the former, probably because it was not mentioned in the Progress Reports furnished by the Range Officers on which the Collectors' statements are based. In South Arcot the cost of tools and plant was omitted in the Controller's statement, apparently by oversight. The Collectors are not in a position to explain the differences satisfactorily, because they ... how the figures entered in the Controller's statement are arrived at. ... are compelled to trust to the statements of Range Officers, in which alterations may be made by the Controller; but the Controller of Public Works Accounts can no doubt furnish the information required by Government, and the Board accordingly request him, in communication with the Collectors or the Officers of Public Works Departme... if necessary, to ascertain the causes of the differences noticed in paragraph 33 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 15th April 1869, No. 2,553, already communicated to him, and report the result to the Board, with any suggestions he can make for avoiding similar differences in future.

Districts.	Available funds.	Expenditure.	Percentage.
	Rs.	Rs.	
1. Ganjam ...	761	.....	.....
2. Vizagapatam.	2,917	.....	.....
3. Godavery ...	4,450	1,628	36·5
4. Kistna. ...	32,957	20,414	61·9
5. Nellore. ...	74,853	31,942	42·6
6. Cuddapah ...	8,816	2,465	27·9
7. Bellary ...	18,587	6,711	36·1
8. Kurnool ...	13,228	3,161	23·8
9. Madras ...	7,568	1,389	18·3
10. North Arcot.	14,683	12,518	85·2
11. South Arcot.	21,608	9,006	41·2
12. Tanjore ...	2,306	2,306	100
13. Trichinopoly.	6,389	3,435	53·7
14. Madura ...	7,873	2,714	34·4
15. Tinnevelly ...	16,342	12,736	77·9
16. Coimbatore ..	5,566	3,583	64 3
17. Salem... ...	67,751	26,379	38·9
18. South Canara.	5,501	4,041	73·4

7. *Paragraph* 8.—With reference to paragraph 8 the Board resolve to draw the particular attention of all Collectors to the remarks of Government with regard to the expenditure of the Jungle Conservancy Fund, which is not in proportion to the available assets. The Board regret to observe that, notwithstanding their repeated orders on the subject, no improvement has taken place in many of the districts. The transactions of 1868-69 entered in the margin show that the expenditure is still very small, and that large amounts are being left unutilized.

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8. *Paragraph* 10.—With reference to paragraph 10 the Board observe that the only thing which can be said of the causes other than the length of the year which contributed to the increase in the Pound Fund is, that a larger number of cattle were impounded and sold than usual. The item is of a necessarily fluctuating character.

9. *Paragraph* 11.—The particular attention of the Collectors of the four districts noted in the margin is requested to paragraph 11 of the order, and they will be desired to explain why no transfer was made to the District Road Fund from the Pound Fund, although there were large surpluses. It is observed from the Accounts of 1868-69, now under examination, that no portion of the Pound Fund has been transferred during the year in North Arcot, which is one of those enumerated above, and in many of the other districts no mention is made of the amount which may be transferred from large unappropriated balances. In future reports the sums available for transfer to the District Road Fund should invariably be specified.

Nellore. Kurnool. North Arcot. Malabar.

10. *Paragraph* 13.—The instructions in paragraph 13, regarding the utilization of the surplus of the Bungalow Fund, have been anticipated. Full information has been received from all districts, and the question as to what funds are required and as to how they are to be applied, will soon be disposed of.

11. *Paragraph* 20.—The subject of the Process Service Fund has been discussed in the letter noted in the margin.

5th August 1869, No. 5,747.

12. *Paragraph* 23.—The Board will endeavour to meet the wishes of Government in condensing the Annual Report for 1868-69.

No. 407. ORDER THEREON, 27th September 1869, No. 2,663.

Local Funds, No. 9.
Accounts.

THE proposal of the Board of Revenue to alter the date prescribed for the submission of the Local Funds Report to Government from 31st July to 31st August, is approved.

2. With reference to paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Board's Proceedings, the Government need only remark that their order referred to does not absolutely prohibit expenditure from District Road Fund on chuttrums and village tanks and wells. It requires an explanation in the Annual Report of large sums spent on Miscellaneous Public Improvements from the District Road Fund, and lays down the principle that the charges connected with district roads ought to constitute the

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chief expenditure from that Fund, and that a portion of it may be diverted to other improvements only when such a course is unavoidable.

(True Extract.)

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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No 4092.
REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 27th.

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Local Fund Report.—Proposal of the Board of Revenue, to alter the date prescribed for its submission from 31st July to 31st August, approved.

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Dated &c., &c., &c.

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G. O. 5th Octr 1869, No 3218.

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Funds Reports & Est. from 31st
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