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13th September 1875.

Read the following papers :—

No. 269. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 27th April 1875, No. 944.

ABSTRACT.—*Local Funds, Budgets.*—Orders passed on Proceedings of Board of Revenue reviewing the report of the President on the assets, allotments, and expenditure of the local funds of the Madura and Dindigul Circles in 1873-74 and for the current year up to October 1874.

No. 270. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 8th July 1875, No. 1,449.

ABSTRACT.—*Local Funds, Works.*—Proceedings, Public Works Department, reporting on the short outlay on works in the Madura District, communicated to the Board of Revenue.

No. 271. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, dated 14th April 1875, No. 1,018.

ABSTRACT.—*Establishment.*—Passing orders on letter from the District Engineer, Madura, bringing to notice the requirements of the executive branch of the district and applying for additional aid.

No. 271-A. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, dated 13th May 1875, No. 1,365.

ABSTRACT.—*Establishment.*—Passing orders on the statement forwarded by the District Engineer, Madura, showing the present and proposed allotment of upper and lower subordinates as required by Government.

No. 271-B. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 6th August 1875, No. 1,608.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th May 1875, No. 1,432.

From W. McQUHAE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Shembaganur, 29th April 1875, No. 54.

I HAVE the honor to submit copy of a resolution passed by the Local Fund Board of Madura Circle at a meeting held on the 15th March last, and of a letter from the District Engineer, dated 17th March 1875, No. 5,169, complaining of the insufficiency of the staff of the Public Works Department in this district. The Local Fund money is not spent, and the District Engineer complains of want of Overseers.

From Lieut.-Col. J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to W. McQUHAE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Madura Circle, dated 17th March 1875, No. 5,169.

WITH reference to the Madura Local Fund Board's meeting of the 15th instant, when it was resolved to request you to be good enough to address the Government on the insufficiency of the Imperial establishment allowed for this district, I have the honor to bring the following facts to your notice in support of their resolution.

2. In this district, for an area of 8,789½ square miles, only eight Imperial Fund Overseers are allowed, and *one* of these must always remain at Paumben on special duty.

3. In the Cuddapah District, for an area of 8,050 square miles, twelve Imperial Fund Overseers are allowed.

4. In Salem, for an area of 7,604 square miles, ten are allowed.

5. In Bellary, sixteen are allowed, for an area of 11,182 square miles.

6. And in the Kistna, thirteen are allowed, for an area of only 7,783 square miles.

7. It will thus be seen, I trust, how insufficiently this district is provided with even the Overseer class of subordinates. There are no executive officers in it now at all, and only one Assistant Engineer and two upper subordinates; but as the works extend now a much larger area than above noted in other districts generally, the inadequacy of the means allowed for supervision are painfully apparent, and it is no wonder that so many complaints are made of insufficient or unsatisfactory progress with works.

8. As far as I can ascertain, it has never been the practice with the Range Officers here to check or measure their works in progress, and though I have insisted on this being done, I am satisfied that with such large areas to attend to, this duty can only be discharged in a very perfunctory manner.

9. Under these circumstances, I trust you will be good enough to address the Government in this matter, as they have lately disallowed even the additional Local Fund Overseer recommended by the Board for entertainment.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Extract from Proceedings of Local Fund Board.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. There have been repeated complaints of short expenditure by, and inefficiency of, the Public Works Department establishments in the Madura District, and the cause apparently is the weakness of the staff. The result is accumulation of Local Fund balances, on which subject the Board have specially reported to Government (Proceedings, No. 655, dated 19th March 1875). The Local Boards pay large sums for Public Works Department establishment, and are entitled to efficient agency.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

TRANSFERRED *to the Public Works Department for consideration and issue of the necessary orders, with reference to G. O., dated 27th April 1875, No. 944.*

2. The Board of Revenue have since the receipt of these proceedings been furnished with the Chief Engineer's memorandum, dated 3rd July 1875, No. 164 (G. O., 8th July 1875, No. 1,449).

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES MACLEAN,
Ag. Under Secy.,
for *Offg. Chief Sec*

No. 271-C. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 24th August 1875, No. 1,712.

Read the following papers:—

From Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 21st July 1875, No. 1,524.

WITH reference to G. O., No. 1,365, of the 13th May 1875, I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to obtain the early orders of Government, in the Financial Department, for the entertainment of additional Local Fund Sub-Overseers, 1st grade, as there is only one of this class available for the six Government taluqs in this district, and his services are required in the Peracolum taluq, the largest in the Presidency; both Local Fund Boards have brought the matter to the notice of the Government and complained of the insufficient establishment now allotted to this district, but up to this time no further assistance has been afforded, on the contrary, by Mr. Baker's transfer to Tanjore, an upper subordinate has been taken away from the district.

No. 347.

TRANSFERRED to the Financial Department, in continuation of Proceedings, No. 1,365, 13th May 1875.

OOTACAMUND, *6th August* 1875.

(Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Offg. Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th August 1875.

From W. McQUHAE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madura, 26th July 1875, No. 86.

I HAVE the honor to submit a copy of resolution, No. 128 of 1875, passed by the Madura Board. If the District Engineer is wrong in saying that the present establishment is insufficient, I submit that his error should be pointed out; but it is very hard on the Board to threaten to cut down allotments to their circle, because the money is not spent, and at the same time to give no distinct order on the complaint that the existing establishment is insufficient. With reference to paragraph 3 of G. O., dated 13th May 1875, No. 1,365, I have the honor to observe that the devotion of the services of an Imperial Overseer to a Municipal work must have been for a very brief time. The Commissioners are quite prepared to pay for work done for them, but practically nothing has yet been done in connexion with the Water-supply Project.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to the Government order quoted.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

From Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 9th August 1875, No. 1,841.

I HAVE the honor to bring to your notice that, in reference to paragraph 3 of his letter, No. 64, of 23rd May 1875, recorded in the Revenue Board's Proceedings,* No. 1,975, of 13th ultimo, the President, Local Fund Boards, was requested by me to state in what instances he considered that I had failed to comply with the requisitions of the Local Fund Boards. The enclosed is a true extract of the President's reply, which I beg to submit for the information of Government.

One extract of the President's letter, No. 431, of 4th August 1875.
* Communicated to Government, Financial Department.

Extract of a letter from W. McQUHAE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, dated Madura, 4th August 1875, No. 431.

WITH reference to your letter of the 31st July 1875, No. 1,653, I have the honor to observe that the paragraph you refer to contains a strong but well-founded complaint against the system under which the balances of Local Funds have accumulated since the year 1871. I am not aware that the District Engineer was ever called upon to account for these accumulations by Government who alone can decide upon the adequacy of the establishment placed at his disposal. In the time of your predecessor, there was, I believe, a never-ending fight between the Boards and District Engineer. Now the Madura Board has given up discussing unpleasant questions and no one does so but the Dindigul Vice-President. My contention is that the District Engineer should be responsible to Government, not to the Local Boards who have no authority over him and who have no power to increase his establishment or to decide on the adequacy of reasons given for failure to utilize grants. My remarks refer to a period of four years, but chiefly to the period during which these balances accumulated. Your attention to the requisitions of the Boards was not in my mind at all, neither can it afford much satisfaction to the Boards now after our money has been taken away from us.

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No. 402.

TRANSFERRED to the Financial Department with reference to the letter quoted by the District Engineer.

OOTACAMUND,
13*th August* 1875.

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, *Major, R.E.,*
Offg. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

THE question as to whether any increase is necessary in the Public Works Establishment to enable it to meet the demands of Local Fund Boards, is one which must be considered and determined in the Public Works Department.

2. The G. O. in this department, No. 98, dated 21st January 1875, expressly states that the charge of 25 per cent. is to include the cost of the Local Fund Petty Establishments, which practically makes them part of the Public Works

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Establishment; any increase, therefore, must fall on Provincial, and not on Local, Funds.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES MACLEAN,
Ag. Under Secy.,
for *Offg. Chief Secy.*

No. 272. ORDER THEREON, 13th September 1875, No. 2,619.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 15-A.

To the Public Works Department it appeared that paragraph 1 of the Financial order quoted in that of 24th August, and which directed that no steps be taken for the amalgamation of the Local Fund Petty Establishment with the General Public Works Establishment, left the appointment of Local Fund Overseers with the Local Fund Boards as before. And accordingly the second Public Works order above quoted referred the entertainment of Local Fund subordinates in taluqs where they did not exist to the Financial Department, and papers subsequently received were similarly transferred.

2. The District Engineer of Madura is now authorized to entertain a Sub-Overseer for each of the six taluqs of the district, two of each grade, in addition to the Sub-Overseers employed in Zemindaries, but inclusive of the Sub-Overseer employed in Pereacolum taluq.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Madura.
" [redacted]
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Financial Department.
[redacted]

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Local Funds—Budgets.

No. 271. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th March 1875, No. 655:—

Read the following letters:—

From W. McQUHAE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura District, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madura, 25th November 1874, No. 128.

WITH reference to G. O., dated 22nd September 1874, No. 1,593, Financial Department, I have the honor to submit two statements showing the assets, allotments, and expenditure of Local Funds in the Madura Circle for 1873-74 and for the current year up to date.

2. Want of allotments has not been a cause of short expenditure on any work. The Department Public Works had more funds than they could utilize.

3. The annexed memorandum shows that the opening balance of the year exceeded the estimate by Rupees 72,575, while there was an increase in the estimated receipts under nearly every head amounting to Rupees 50,024 as already explained in the Annual Report. Out of the sum of Rupees 1,22,599 thus unexpectedly placed at their disposal, the Local Fund Board were unable to allot Rupees 87,395 within the year.

4. It will be seen from the following statement that the funds available up to the end of 1874-75 have already been fully allotted:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Actual receipts of 1873-74 including the previous year's balances.	3,99,779	3	5
Estimated receipts of 1874-75	2,10,700	0	0
Total...	6,10,479	3	5
Deduct balances expected to remain at the close of 1874-75 as entered in the Budget of 1875-76	28,000	0	0
Total Assets...	5,82,479	3	5
Allotment for 1873-74	3,12,384	14	3
Do. for 1874-75	2,69,351	3	1
Total...	5,81,736	1	4
Balance...	743	2	1

5. The expenditure of 1873-74, Rupees 2,57,587, fell short of the allotment by Rupees 54,797. The amount unexpended under Grant I. was Rupees 48,867, the whole of which was placed at the disposal of the Department Public Works. The other important allotments not fully utilized are as follows:—

	Rs.
Results Grant	1,996
Diet of patients	556
Contribution to Madura Municipality for the Civil Dispensary	1,900

The last-named sum was not paid with reference to G. O., dated 29th May 1872, No. 705, Financial Department, and the other two items were incorrectly estimated.

6. It is impossible at present to tell exactly what the expenditure in 1874-75 will be, but I believe the balances will be fully utilized within that year.

7. The report for the Dindigul Circle will be sent separately.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Memorandum.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 and 3.—Statements.

From the same officer, dated 15th December 1874, No. 136.

WITH reference to the concluding paragraph of my letter, dated 25th November 1874, No. 128, I have the honor to submit the report* of the Vice-President, Local Fund Board, Dindigul Circle, with two enclosures, furnishing the information required by Government regarding the assets, allotments, and expenditure for 1873-74 and for the current year up to October 1874.

* Dated 10th December 1874, No. 149.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From H. W. BLISS, Esq., Vice-President of the Local Fund Board, Dindigul Circle, to W. McQUHAE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura District, dated 10th December 1874, No. 149.

I HAVE the honor to reply to your letter, dated the 14th ultimo, without number, and calling for the report desired by Government in paragraph 2 of their Proceedings, No. 1,593, dated 22nd September 1874.

2. The information required as to the assets, allotments, and expenditure of the Local Funds of the Dindigul Circle for 1873-74 is contained in the report for that year and accompanying accounts passed by the Local Fund Board in their Proceedings, No. 110, of the 15th August last, from which I will make such extracts as appear necessary for the information of Government.

3. The assets of 1873-74 were—

	Rs.	Rs.
1. Balance—		
Road Fund ...	78,550	
Endowment Fund ...	5,818	
General Fund ...	4,914	89,282
2. Allotments from General Revenues—		
Provincial Fund ...	44,970	
Special Fund ...	12,836	57,806
3. Rates and Taxes ...		85,332
5. Contributions from other Circles and Municipalities—		
From Dindigul Municipality for share of Educational Inspectorate.		42
6. Endowments and Donations ...		3,433
7. Miscellaneous ...		1,306
Total...		2,37,266

4. The allotments and expenditure of that year were—

	Allotment. Rs.	Expenditure. Rs.	Per cent. Rs.
GRANT I.—*Public Works*—			
New Works—			
Communications...	77,459	55,540	71·7
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	7,960	1,643	20·6
Repairs—			
Communications	51,185	49,118	95·9
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	3,933	3,380	85·9
			Difference.
Establishments—			
Department Public Works Supervision ...	25,510	27,866	+ 2,356
Petty Establishments...	1,570	2,187	+ 617
Charges in connection with Tolls and Ferries	450	33	— 417
Tools and Plant	1,000	679	— 321
Contingencies	250	...	— 250
Road Fund Reserve	11,970	...	—11,970
Total Grant I...	1,81,287	1,40,446	...
GRANT II.—*Education*—			
Inspection	2,870	2,289	— 581
Results Grants	6,450	3,970	— 2,480
Miscellaneous...	1,500	173	— 1,327
Total Grant II...	10,820	6,432	...
GRANT III.—*Sanitary Services.*—	3,890	3,557	— 333
Hospitals and Dispensaries	3,230	1,769	— 1,461
Vaccine Establishment			
Sanitary Establishment and Cleansing Tanks and Wells	1,500	316	— 1,184
	...	180	+ 180
Markets	4,100	2,920	— 1,180
Choultries	130	37	— 93
Public Bungalows			
Miscellaneous—			
Contributions to other Circles, &c.—			
To Rev. E. Chester's Dispensary at Dindigul	1,430	1,137	— 293
Total Grant III...	14,280	9,916	...
GRANT IV.—*Miscellaneous*	1,230	1,369	+ 139
Miscellaneous Debt Accounts	...	13	+ 13
Grand Total...	2,07,617	1,58,176	...
General Reserve...	1,660	...	— 1,660
Balances—	1,060	63,584	+ 62,524
Road Fund	2,150	5,911	+ 3,761
Endowment Fund	...	9,595	+ 9,595
General Fund...			
	2,12,487	2,37,266	...

5. Government remark that the great increase in the unexpended balances in the Circle is most unsatisfactory. This is no doubt the case if the opening and closing balances of 1872-73 are compared, but in 1873-74 it was the other way. The closing balance was less than the opening by Rupees 10,192.

6. To show how the totals of allotments and expenditure on "Public Works—New Works" in 1873-74 above given is arrived at, I enclose a statement showing the allotments made to each

work in the Budget, or subsequently, as also the dates on which the estimates for each work were called for, submitted and sanctioned, and the work begun.

7. The expenditure in 1873-74 upon repairs was less than the allotment, but not by so large a sum as to require any particular explanation.

8. The report for 1873-74 contains the following remarks on the remaining items under Grant I., which appear to call for notice :—

"21. The share of contribution to the cost of Department Public Works General Establishment was Rupees 27,866 against an estimate of Rupees 25,510. This makes the actual cost of supervision just 26·4 per cent. on the expenditure by the department. It is explained, however, that of this sum of Rupees 27,866, Rupees 1,649-8-2 are charged on account of the year 1872-73, having been omitted (how it is not stated) to be charged in that year. Deducting this sum, therefore, the charge for the year under report is Rupees 26,217, or 24·86 per cent. on the expenditure by the department, and adding the same sum to the preceding year's charge, it becomes Rupees 22,234, or 27·93 per cent. on the expenditure by the Department Public Works in 1872-73.

"22. In their report for 1872-73 (paragraph 23, which is quoted in the margin) the Local Fund Board protested against the high charge for supervision (Rupees 20,584, or 25·9 per cent.) there shown, which is now considerably increased as shown above. Of that protest no notice has been taken, but the Local Fund Board feel bound to renew it and to press it upon the attention of Government. It is not, in their opinion, just that they should be charged for such services as the Department Public Works General Establishment performs for them more than five-sixths (so far as they can calculate) of the total cost of that portion of that establishment which is employed in the Circle.

"23. The charge for Petty Establishment was Rupees 2,187, or Rupees 617 in excess of the Budget provision. Of this sum, Rupees 346 is stated to be on account of Petty Establishment for 1872-73, but omitted (how it is not stated) to be charged in that year. The overcharge for the year under report is thus reduced to Rupees 271, and that for the preceding year increased to Rupees 1,323 (*vide* paragraph 24 of the Local Fund Report for 1872-73 marginally quoted).

"27. The entry of Rupees 33 only, as paid to the establishment maintained for the collection of tolls at the Andipatti Pass, is manifestly inaccurate, the sum actually paid having been about Rupees 40 *per mensem* during the year. The Local Fund Board are charged considerable sums as contributions towards the expense of Offices of Account in Madras, and think that in return those offices should be efficient and should furnish correct accounts, which at present is very far from being the case."

"23. The share of contribution to the cost of Department Public Works General Establishment was Rupees 20,584 as against an estimate of Rupees 24,940. This makes the actual cost of supervision just 25·9 per cent. on the expenditure, which, in the opinion of the Local Fund Board, cannot be accepted as satisfactory. They are fully aware that in this country supervision, to be effective, must be European and highly paid; but when they find that it costs here more than five times as much per cent. as similar professional services do in Ireland, a poor country and not unfairly comparable with a well-to-do Indian district, they consider it too costly and capable of considerable reduction."

"24. The expenditure on Petty Establishment was Rupees 2,547, or Rupees 977 in excess of the Budget provision. The Local Fund Board have requested, in separate proceedings, that they may be informed of the reason of this. They now desire to draw the attention of Government to the fact that the Controller of Public Works Accounts seems to have passed this expenditure in excess of the estimate without comment. They consider that this is an irregularity which should not be permitted."

9. Upon educational expenditure the Local Fund Board remarked, in their report for 1873-74, as follows :—

"29. One Deputy Inspector and two Inspecting Schoolmasters were employed in the Circle during the year. The subjoined statement (here omitted) of schools under inspection and examined shows that but little progress has been made as compared with the preceding year. This is due to the fact that education seems to have been falling back rather than advancing in the Pulni Taluq, and has remained almost stationary in the taluqs of Dindigul and Tirumangalam. Only in the Periyacolam Taluq does any considerable advance appear to have taken place.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 27th April 1875.

What is the reason of this unsatisfactory state of things it is difficult to say. The annual report of the Deputy Inspector of Schools is most meagre, and gives the Local Fund Board no information. They find, however, that the Deputy Inspector only spent 82 days, or about a quarter of the working days of the year, in inspecting schools, and contented himself with spending ·47 (or less than half) of a day in the inspection of each school he did inspect, and are of opinion that the perfunctory manner in which this officer has evidently discharged his very important duties is the most probable cause of the little progress education has made during the year.

"30. The cost of inspection was only Rupees 2,289 against an estimate of Rupees 2,870, owing to the Deputy Inspector having been paid at a lower rate than was provided in the Budget."

10. The Local Fund Board made the following remarks upon vaccination in their report for 1873-74 :—

"40. One Circle Superintendent of Vaccination, four first-class vaccinators on salaries of Rupees 18, and six second-class vaccinators on salaries of Rupees 10 were employed in the Circle during the year under report. The total expenditure incurred under this head was Rupees 1,769 against an estimate of Rupees 3,230. The difference is due to the Circle Superintendent of Vaccination having drawn only acting pay for a considerable time, to the many vacancies in the staff of vaccinators which from time to time have occurred, and to the debiting of the pay of the Hospital Assistant at Kodaikanal to Grant III. (*a*) instead of to this head, under which he was budgeted for.

"41. Excluding Dindigul Municipality, the number of cases of vaccination in the Circle during the year was 6,492, of which 5,505 were reported to be successful, 370 unsuccessful, and 617 unknown. The number of successful cases in the two preceding years was 9,822 and 11,445 respectively. The average cost of each case was 4¼ Annas, as against nearly 3¼ and 2½ Annas in the two preceding years.

"42. The figures above given show a progressive and most serious falling off in the efficiency of the Vaccination Department in the Circle, due, so far as the Local Fund Board can tell, to the following causes :—

"1*st*.—The way in which the staff of vaccinators has been changed in apparently the most causeless manner. At the beginning of the year there were some ten men in the Circle, many of whom had been doing duty here for a considerable time, and of course knew, and were known by, the people. No sooner had the year commenced, however, when the scheme of the Local Fund Board for the improvement of vaccination in the Circle had to be brought into effect, than the General Superintendent removed several of the old hands and sent others from distant districts, some of whom remain, while others have resigned or have been transferred elsewhere. For a great part of the year the staff has thus consisted of new hands, and has besides rarely been at its full strength. Many of the hands have also several times been moved within the Circle during the year without apparent reason. The state of the department in the Circle has, in fact, been one of entire disorganization throughout the year in consequence of constant changes, which still continue. The Local Fund Board cannot understand why well could not have been let alone, and the men who were in the Circle at the beginning of the year left here after the formation of each Circle of the district into a separate vaccination charge, an administrative change which need in no way have affected the working hands of the department.

"2*ndly*.—The inefficiency of the Circle Superintendent of Vaccination, who is apparently a most unintelligent and ill-educated man, hardly fit for a 15 Rupees Gumastah's post, much less for a well-paid post at the head of a department whose operations extend over about 4,000 square miles, and affect nearly a million of people."

11. Other items of expenditure in 1873-74 appear to require no special remarks.

12. The assets of the current year up to 31st October are as under, including seven-twelfths of the allotment made by Government from Provincial Funds and actual collections in all other cases:—

1. Balances—	Rs.	Rs.
Road Fund	63,584	
Endowment Fund	5,911	
General Fund	9,595	
		79,090
2. Allotment from General Revenues—		
Provincial Fund	26,233	
Special Fund	9,710	
		35,943
3. Rates and Taxes		65,187
5. Contributions from other Circles and Municipalities—		
From Dindigul Municipality for share of Educational Inspectorate...		543
6. Endowments and Donations		2,956
7. Miscellaneous		1,045
Total...		1,84,764

13. The expenditure of the current year up to 31st October is as follows:—

	Allotment.	Expenditure.		Per cent.
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.
Grant I.—*Public Works*—				
New Works—				
Communications	78,947	*a*13,868		17·6
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	15,243	*a*279		1·8
Repairs—				
Communications	46,870	*a*23,442		50·1
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	5,288	*a*1,373		25·9
Establishments—				Difference.
Public Works Department Supervision ...	24,870	*b*14,707	—	10,163
Petty Establishment	1,570	*b*917	—	653
Charges in connection with Tolls and Ferries.	500	*a*235	—	265
Charges for taking traffic accounts in the Circle	750	*a*130	—	620
Tools and Plant	1,100	*a*1,253	+	153
Contingencies	200	*a*12	—	188
Road Fund Reserve	11,170	...	—	11,170
Total Grant I...	1,86,508	56,216		...
Grant II.—*Education*—				
Inspection	1,150	606	—	544
Results Grants	5,150	1,236	—	3,914
Miscellaneous	200	144	—	56
Total Grant II...	6,500	1,986		...
Grant III.—*Sanitary Services*—				
Hospitals and Dispensaries...	5,040	3,547	—	1,493
Vaccine Establishment...	3,170	1,707	—	1,463
Sanitary Establishment and Cleansing Tanks and Wells...	2,500	334	—	2,166
Markets	...	...		...
Choultries, &c....	3,970	1,867	—	2,103
Public Bungalows	50	40	—	10
Miscellaneous...	1,740	684	—	1,056
Contributions to other Circles, &c....	...	...		...
Total Grant III...	16,470	8,179		...
Grant IV.—*Miscellaneous*	1,580	939	—	641
Miscellaneous Debt Accounts	...	106	+	106
Total...	2,11,058	67,426		...

	Allotment.	Expenditure.	Difference.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
General Reserve...	280	...	— 280
Balances—			
Road Fund	3,240	...	...
Endowment Fund	900	...	...
General Fund...	...	...	...
	4,140	1,17,338	+1,13,172
Grand Total...	2,15,478	1,84,764	...

14. In the above statement the items marked *a* are taken from the monthly progress reports, and are subject to correction on audit by the Controller of Public Works Accounts, and the items marked *b* are seven-twelfths of the budget allotment. Other expenditure is shown according to the treasury accounts.

15. I enclose a general statement of new works for the current year in the same form as that for 1873-74.

16. No other items of expenditure for 1874-75 appear to require particular remark except the following:—

Result Grants.—At the meeting of November 19th grants, amounting to Rs. 1,094-12-0, were made. This raises the expenditure under this head to Rupees 2,330 in eight months, but result grants are always more largely earned and paid in the latter than in the former months of the year.

Cleansing Tanks and Wells.—Work is going on in many places, but is not yet paid for.

Enclosures Nos. 2 and 3.—Statements.

In G. O., 22nd September 1874, No. 1,593, Financial Department, Government, remarking that the great increase in the Local Fund balances of the Madura and Dindigul Circles was most unsatisfactory, called for a special report on the assets, allotments, and expenditure for 1873-74 and for the current year up to date. The above letters will be submitted to Government with reference to this Order.

2. *Madura.*—The estimates and actuals for the two years are shown below :—

—	1873-74.		1874-75.	
	Estimate.	Actuals.	Estimate.	Actuals (6 months).
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Opening balance	72,000	1,44,575	42,300	1,42,192
Receipts	2,05,180	2,55,204	2,10,700	1,32,587
	2,77,180	3,99,779	2,53,000	2,74,779
Expenditure	2,70,720	2,57,587	2,37,110	72,472
Balance...	6,460	1,42,192	15,890	2,02,307

If the receipts and expenditure during the second half of the year are in the same proportion as in the first, the balance at the close will be Rupees 2,62,422.

But no payments had up to September been made for Public Works Department Supervision.

3. The President, in paragraph 4 of his letter, shows that the assets, except the balance taken to the Budget of 1875-76, have been allotted for expenditure; but he takes the estimate of receipts for the current year, *viz.*, Rupees 2,10,700. The actuals, however, appear to indicate that the receipts will reach Rupees 2,65,000. The actuals for 1873-74 were Rupees 2,55,204. Further, the expenditure out of the allotment for works in 1873-74 was only 78·5 per cent.; and at this rate out of the allotment of Rupees 1,79,363 for works in the current year only Rupees 1,40,800 will be spent, and the charge for Public Works Department Supervision will be Rupees 35,200 against Rupees 38,060 allotted. Hence, independently of savings on the other grants, there will probably be Rupees 95,723 unspent, besides the balance of Rupees 28,000, at the close of 1874-75.

	RS.
Excess receipts	54,300
Short outlay	41,423
Total...	95,723

4. *Dindigul.*—The following are the figures for the Dindigul Circle:—

—	1873-74.		1874-75.	
	Estimate.	Actuals.	Estimate.	Actuals (7 months).
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Opening balance	23,270	89,282	33,250	79,090
Receipts	1,48,760	1,47,984	1,44,300	1,05,674
	1,72,030	2,37,266	1,77,550	1,84,764
Expenditure	1,67,160	1,58,176	1,73,130	67,426
Balance...	4,870	79,090	4,420	1,17,338

5. The allotment for 1873-74 amounted to Rupees 2,07,617, and only Rupees 1,58,176 were expended. The allotment for 1874-75 is Rupees 2,11,058, and the amount of expenditure due for seven months is Rupees 1,23,117. The actual expenditure was only Rupees 67,426. If receipts and expenditure proceed in the same proportion as in the first seven months, there will be a balance of Rupees 1,44,814 at the end of 1875-76. The balance taken to the Budget of 1875-76 is Rupees 21,000.

6. The allotment for works in 1873-74 was Rupees 1,40,537, and the outlay Rupees 1,09,681, or 77·9 per cent. Thus three-fourths of the short outlay in that year falls under this head. The allotment for 1874-75 for works is Rupees 1,46,348, and if only the same proportion as in 1873-74 is spent, Rupees 28,870 will be added to the balance at the end of the year.

7. The Vice-President points out that the balances did not increase in the year 1873; and, besides the short outlay and inefficiency of the Public Works Department, the Local Board complain of perfunctory work by the Educational and Vaccine Departments.

8. It appears to the Board of Revenue that the Local Boards have not shown any backwardness or want of energy in proposing allotments, and they entertain

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no doubt that the allotments proposed might have been usefully expended, and are in no way in excess of the legitimate requirements of the Circles. The main cause of the accumulation of balances is the short outlay by the Public Works Department, which is most unsatisfactory, but is beyond the control of the Local Fund Boards. The enclosures to the Dindigul report show considerable ground for the complaints which have been made against the Public Works Department. The Local Board of the Madura Circle is, however, open to a charge of inaccuracy in estimate, which might probably have been avoided.

9. Both Local Boards should at once make a careful estimate of the amount of balances which will be at their credit in April next, and should lose no time in submitting Supplemental Budgets if necessary, providing for the utilization of the Surplus Funds which will probably be at their disposal in 1875-76.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 272. ORDER THEREON, 27th April 1875, No. 944.

The Government agree with the Board of Revenue in considering that the main cause of the accumulation of balances is the short outlay by the Officers of the Public Works Establishment, and the Chief Engineer will be called on to submit an early report on the subject in view to its being decided whether the proper remedy is to strengthen the establishment of the district, or merely to insist on a more efficient discharge of their duty on the part of the members of the existing establishment.

2. In reviewing the budget estimates for the current year, the Government passed the usual grant for roads from Provincial Funds on the understanding that the opening balances had been fairly calculated at Rupees 28,000 for the Madura Circle and Rupees 21,000 for Dindigul. From the Proceedings above recorded, it now appears that the probable balances are Rupees 1,23,723 and Rupees 1,44,814 respectively. As it is exceedingly improbable that it will be found practicable to spend those large accumulations in addition to the revenues of the current year, and as money is urgently required in other parts of the Presidency, the Government resolve to reduce the grants, as marginally shown, to the amounts allowed on account of establishment charges in G.O., dated 15th January 1872, No. 30, *viz.*, Rupees 10,850 to the Madura Circle and Rupees 6,970 to Dindigul.

	RS.
Madura.	
Budget grant...	36,850
Reduced grant	10,850
Saving ...	26,000
Dindigul.	
Budget grant...	44,970
Reduced grant	6,970
Saving ...	38,000

3. The saving of Rupees 64,000 thus effected will be distributed in separate orders in the form of special grants for specific works and not as permanent

additions to the ordinary grants of other circles, so that the reductions now made need not necessarily be repeated in the budgets for 1876-77.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Madura.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Board of Revenue, with enclosures.
,, Accountant-General.
,, Sanitary Commissioner.
,, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
,, Director of Public Instruction.
,, President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura.

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Madura.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated April 27th.

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G.O., 27th April 1875, No. 944.

APRIL.
Nos. 271-272.

Local Funds, Budgets.—Orders passed on Proceedings, Board of Revenue, reviewing the report of the President on the assets, allotments, and expenditure of the local funds of the Madura and Dindigul Circles in 1873-74 and for the current year up to October 1874.

No 269 — G. A. No. 2619 Dated 12th Oct. 1875

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Local Funds—Works.

No. 66. Read the following:—

No. 164.

MEMORANDUM.

In G.O., No. 944, dated 27th April 1875, the Chief Engineer is called upon to report on the short outlay on Local Fund works in the Madura District.

2. The figures given by the President, Local Fund Boards, seem to show the expenditure against the original Budget allotments. The following statement, compiled from the available reports, gives, it is believed, a more accurate view of the subject:—

Madura Circle, 1873-74.

	New Works, Communications.	Repairs, Communications.
	RS.	RS.
Total of allotments	1,21,762	74,275
Expenditure	83,389	67,068
	or 68·4 per cent.	or 90·2 per cent.

Dindigul Circle, 1873-74.

Total of allotments	80,142	53,723
Expenditure	54,589	46,660
	or 68·1 per cent.	or 86·8 per cent.

Short expenditure being in

	RS.
Madura Circle	45,580
Dindigul do.	32,616

3. The Public Works establishment in the district at the commencement of the year 1873-74 consisted of one Superintending Engineer, one Executive Engineer, three Assistant Engineers, and one Supervisor: one of the Assistant Engineers was, however, employed on special duty. This establishment was unavoidably reduced before the end of December 1873 by one Assistant Engineer and before the close of the official year further reduced by one Assistant Engineer, an additional Supervisor only being available to fill the vacancy. The changes that thus occurred no doubt delayed work, and in the best working months of the year the establishment was undoubtedly short-handed. To this cause the short expenditure is in part due.

Executive Establishment, 1st January 1875.
One Executive Engineer.
„ Assistant Engineer.
„ Sub-Engineer.
„ Supervisor.

4. A further reason for short expenditure appears to be the delay in conveying to the Local Fund Board the sanction of the Revenue Board to the proposed Budget. The Revenue Board's Order sanctioning the Budget for 1873-74 is dated 30th June 1873. Three of the best working months in the year had thus elapsed before the Superintending Engineer received sanction for the works to be carried out during the year.

5. It is observed that the balances at the close of the official year 1874-75 were expected to be much smaller than at the commencement of the year.

OOTACAMUND,
3rd July 1875.

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Major, R.E.,
Offg. Chief Engineer.

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Transferred to the Financial Department with reference to paragraph 1 of the Orders in that department, No. 944, dated 27th April 1875.

OOTACAMUND,
3rd July 1875.

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Major, R.E.,
Offg. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 67. ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1875, No. 1449.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue with reference to G.O., dated 27th April 1875, No. 944.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

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The BOARD of REVENUE,
&c., &c.,

Dated July, 8th.

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G.O., 8th July 1875, No. 1449.

JULY.
Nos. 66 67.

Local Funds—Works.—Proceedings, Public Works Department, reporting on the short outlay on works in the Madura District, communicated to the Board of Revenue.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
14th April 1875.

No. 330. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 15th March 1875, No. 5,139:—

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge receipt of G. O., of the 11th March 1875, No. 85, and to request the following circumstances may be submitted for the consideration of the Government.

2. At present there are no Executive Engineers at all in this district, only one Assistant Engineer, one Sub-Engineer, and one Supervisor, whereas formerly three Executive Engineers were allowed besides the usual number of Upper Subordinates. On Lieutenant Greer obtaining an exchange the officer who took his place was sent to another district.

3. Formerly the arrangements here were to have an Overseer for the Madura taluq and one for the Palace and town works. I have arranged for one man to do both these duties with the assistance of a Local Fund Overseer, but with both these fully employed in the Ramnad and Shevagunga Zemindaries, I have no means of assisting the Madura Overseer, and there yet remains the Meylur taluq with only one Imperial Fund Overseer in it. Under these circumstances, I addressed the President to obtain the services of another Local Fund Overseer, and the Madura Board fully supported my application as they are well aware of the wants of the district, I trusted this would have been favorably considered by the Government.

4. The extra Overseer for general duties cannot always be available for the Madura and Meylur taluqs, where the additional assistance is required, and now by Mr. Hawksworth's transfer without any one being sent to relieve him, I am obliged to place an Overseer in charge of a large sub-division and take this man away from Madura to do his best in Pereacolum, though he has had little or no experience in the department for all practical purposes. The Overseer employed at Paumben is of no use to the district for the general duties of a taluq; he must remain at his work, for he could not reach any parts of the district to be of any use in time without neglecting the important work he has in hand.

5. I am most anxious not to increase the cost of establishment in this district before the works are sufficiently well in hand to show fair progress, but the means allowed me are so totally inadequate for any useful purpose I trust the Government will be pleased to reconsider this matter, as I am sure the grants cannot be usefully employed without an increase of supervision, and as it is I find money has been spent for a long time for which it could be difficult, if not impossible, to show any useful work. I wish, then, to prevent matters getting worse, and clear up arrears, but this is hardly possible in one of the largest districts of the Presidency without one officer of any standing to assist me and with a staff of Upper Subordinates who do not appear to have had any very good training, and excepting two or three of the Overseers these even require to be taught the elementary working of the department.

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No. 331. ORDER THEREON, 14th April 1875, No. 1,018.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 28.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has in another order posted Major Law to the vacant post of Special Officer attached to the Madura District, with reference especially to the work of laying out approaches to the Pulney Hills, but his services will also be available for any duty of a similar nature for which his peculiar experience may fit him.

2. The full complement of the District Engineering staff will be made up by the posting of Mr. L. W. Paynter to the district on his return from furlough; when the District Engineer will re-arrange the charges so that the ranges and sub-divisions shall be held by officers of the Engineer and Upper Subordinate Establishments respectively.

3. The District Engineer does not appear to have laid the requirements of the district clearly before Government as regards Overseers and Sub-Overseers, and will submit a tabular form showing the allotment of Upper and Lower Subordinates to each taluq.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Trichinopoly.
" " Madura.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER, TRICHINOPOLY,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated April 14th

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G. O., 14th April 1875, No. 1,018.

APRIL.

Nos. 330-331

Establishment.—Passing orders on letter from the District Engineer, Madura, bringing to notice the requirements of the executive branch of the district and applying for additional aid.

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13th May 1875.

No. 293. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 27th April 1875, No. 301:—

ADVERTING to paragraph 3 of G. O., No. 1,018, of the 14th instant, I have the honor to submit the accompanying statement showing the present and proposed allotment of upper and lower subordinates for each taluq and sub-division in the Madura District. The area of the district is about 9,000 square miles, and the number of Imperial Fund Overseers allowed for it is seven, omitting the one at Paumben on special duties; in other districts having areas of only 7 or 8,000 square miles, 10 or 12 Overseers are allowed for exactly similar duties; in this district we have but three Local Fund Overseers, whereas in the Godavery District there is one for each taluq; and when an additional hand was applied for here to assist the Palace Overseer, it was disallowed, although it was understood the Palace Overseer was sent here for this special work, and it is quite impossible for him to attend to taluq work if the palace and town works are to go on.

Statement showing the present allotment of Upper and Lower Subordinates in the Madura District.

Nature of Charge.	Name.	Rank.	How employed.
Madura Range ...	N. Mooneapah Pillay ...	Sub-Engineer ...	In charge of the Madura Range.
Zemindari Sub-division of the Madura Range.	Mr. J. F. Potter ...	Supervisor, 1st grade.	In charge of the Zemindari Sub-division, consisting of the Ramnad and Shevagungah Zemindaries.
Paumben	Mr. J. Fonseca ...	Overseer, 2nd grade.	In charge of operations, Paumben.
Madura Taluq ...	G. M. Soobroyaloo Naidoo.	Do. do. ...	In charge of Palace Town and Taluq charge.
Meylur Taluq ...	R. Nagalingum Pillay...	Do. do. ...	In charge of Meylur Taluq.
Pulney	Mr. E. M. Gill ...	Do. 3rd grade.	In charge of Pulney Taluq.
Pereacolum	E. R. Soobroya Iyer, B.A. and B.C.E.	Do. 1st grade.	In charge of Pereacolum Taluq.
Tiroomungalum Taluq.	M. Chinnasamy Pillay.	Do. 2nd grade.	In charge of Tiroomungalum Taluq.
Dindigul	C. Mooroogesa Moodelliar.	Do. 3rd grade.	In charge of Dindigul Taluq.
	T. B. Ramasamy Naidoo.	Extra Overseer, 3rd grade.	On Special duty, water-supply project, Madura.
Shevagungah Zemindari.	T. Manikum Moodelliar.	L. F. Sub-Overseer, 1st grade.	In charge of Shevagungah Zemindari.
Ramnad do. ...	Coopposamy Naidoo ...	Do. do. ...	In charge of Ramnad Zemindari.
	T. Soonder Row ...	Do. do. ...	Employed in the Pereacolum Taluq to assist Overseer Soobroya Iyer, B.A. and B.C.E.

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Statement showing the proposed allotment of Upper and Lower Subordinates in the Madura District.

Nature of Charge.	Name.	Rank.	How proposed to be employed.
	N. Mooneapah Pillay ...	Sub-Engineer ...	In charge of Sub-division, and will be decided upon the receipt of orders upon his letter, No. 269, 25th April 1875.
	Mr. J. F. Potter ...	Supervisor, 1st grade.	Do. do.
	Mr. J. Fonseca ...	Overseer, 2nd grade.	Paumben works.
	G. M. Soobroyaloo Naidoo.	Do. do. ...	In charge of a taluq.
	R. Nagalingum Pillay...	Do. do. ...	Do.
	Mr. E. M. Gill	Do. 3rd grade.	Do.
	E. R. Soobroya Iyer, B.A. and B.C.E.	Do. 1st grade.	Do.
	M. Chinnasamy Pillay.	Do. 2nd grade.	Do.
	C. Mooroogesa Moodelliar.	Do. 3rd grade.	Do.
	T. B. Ramasamy Naidoo.	Extra Overseer, 3rd grade.	On special duty for water-supply project, Madura.
	T. Manikum Moodelliar.	L. F. Sub-Overseer, 1st grade.	Shevagungah Zemindari.
	Coopoosamy Naidoo ..	Do. do. ...	Ramnad do.
	T. Soonder Row ...	Do. do. ...	Goodaloor ghaut work and South Pereacolum.

(Signed) J. F. FISCHER, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
District Engineer, Madura.

No. 294.

ORDER THEREON; 13th May 1875, No. 1,365.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 28.

TRANSFERRED to the Financial Department.

2. There appear to be no Local Fund Sub-Overseers entertained in any but the Pereacolum Taluq, and only one for each of the extensive Zemindaries of Shevagungah and Ramnad.

3. The District Engineer is not justified in having devoted the services of an Overseer of the Imperial Establishment to a Municipal work, such as the Madura Water-Supply Project. It must be undertaken by special agency paid for by the Municipality.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Major, R.E.,
Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Financial Department.
" District Engineer, Madura.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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To

THE FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

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G. O., 13th May 1875. No. 1,365.

MAY.

Nos. 293-294

4 Establishment. Passing orders on the Statement forwarded by the District Engineer, Madura, showing the present and proposed establishment of upper and lower subordinates for the Madura Local Fund Works, and submitted by Government.

Encl. 2 to G.O. dated 13th Sept. 1875

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 6th August 1875.

Local Funds—Establishments.

No. 31. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th May 1875, No. 1432:—

Read the following letter from W. McQUHAE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Shembaganur, 29th April 1875, No. 54:—

I HAVE the honor to submit copy of a resolution passed by the Local Fund Board of Madura Circle at a meeting held on the 15th March last, and of a letter from the District Engineer, dated 17th March 1875, No. 5,169, complaining of the insufficiency of the staff of the Public Works Department in this district. The Local Fund money is not spent, and the District Engineer complains of want of Overseers.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to W. McQUHAE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Madura Circle, dated 17th March 1875, No. 5,169.

WITH reference to the Madura Local Fund Board's meeting of the 15th instant, when it was resolved to request you to be good enough to address the Government on the insufficiency of the Imperial establishment allowed for this district, I have the honor to bring the following facts to your notice in support of their resolution.

2. In this district for an area of 8,789½ square miles, only eight Imperial Fund Overseers are allowed, and *one* of these must always remain at Paumben on special duty.

3. In the Cuddapah District for an area of 8,050 square miles, twelve Imperial Fund Overseers are allowed.

4. In Salem for an area of 7,604 square miles, ten are allowed.

5. In Bellary, sixteen are allowed for an area of 11,182 square miles.

6. And in the Kistna, thirteen are allowed for an area of only 7,783 square miles.

7. It will thus be seen, I trust, how insufficiently this district is provided with even the overseer class of subordinates. There are no executive officers in it now at all, and only one Assistant Engineer and two upper subordinates; but as the works extend now a much larger area than above noted in other districts generally, the inadequacy of the means allowed for supervision are painfully apparent, and it is no wonder that so many complaints are made of insufficient or unsatisfactory progress with works.

8. As far as I can ascertain, it has never been the practice with the Range Officers here to check or measure their works in progress, and though I have insisted on this being done, I am satisfied that with such large areas to attend to, this duty can only be discharged in a very perfunctory manner.

9. Under these circumstances, I trust you will be good enough to address the Government in this matter, as they have lately disallowed even the additional Local Fund Overseer recommended by the Board for entertainment.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. McQUHAE,
President.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Extract from Proceedings of Local Fund Board.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. There have been repeated complaints of short expenditure by, and inefficiency of, the Public Works Department establishments, in the Madura District,

and the cause apparently is the weakness of the staff. The result is accumulation of Local Fund balances, on which subject the Board have specially reported to Government (Proceedings, No. 655, dated 19th March 1875). The Local Boards pay large sums for Public Works Department establishment, and are entitled to efficient agency.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 32. ORDER THEREON, 6th August 1875, No. 1608.

Transferred to the Public Works Department for consideration and issue of the necessary orders, with reference to G.O., dated 27th April 1875, No 944.

2. The Board of Revenue have since the receipt of these Proceedings been furnished with the Chief Engineer's Memorandum, dated 3rd July 1875, No. 164 (G.O., 8th July 1875, No. 1449).

(True Extract.)

Chas. S. Bracken
for Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department. ✓
" Board of Revenue.

Local Funds—Establishment.

Read the following papers:—

No. 159. From Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 21st July 1875, No. 1524.

With reference to G.O., No. 1365, of the 13th May 1875, I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to obtain the early orders of Government, in the Financial Department, for the entertainment of additional Local Fund Sub-Overseers, 1st grade, as there is only one of this class available for the six Government taluqs in this district, and his services are required in the Pereacolom Taluq, the largest in the Presidency; both Local Fund Boards have brought the matter to the notice of the Government and complained of the insufficient establishment now allotted to this district, but up to this time no further assistance has been afforded, on the contrary, by Mr. Baker's transfer to Tanjore, an upper subordinate has been taken away from the district.

No. 347.

Transferred to the Financial Department, in continuation of Proceedings, No. 1365, 13th May 1875.

OOTACAMUND, (Signed) J. MULLINS, R.E., Lieut.-Colonel,
6th August 1875. *Offg. Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.*

No. 160. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th August 1875.

Read the following letter from W. McQUHAE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madura, 26th July 1875, No. 86:—

I have the honor to submit a copy of Resolution, No. 128 of 1875, passed by the Madura Board. If the District Engineer is wrong in saying that the present establishment is insufficient, I submit that his error should be pointed out; but it is very hard on the Board to threaten to cut down allotments to their circle, because the money is not spent, and at the same time to give no distinct order on the complaint that the existing establishment is insufficient. With reference to paragraph 3 of G.O., dated 13th May 1875, No. 1365, I have the honor to observe that the devotion of the services of an Imperial Overseer to a Municipal work must have been for a very brief time. The Commissioners are quite prepared to pay for work done for them, but practically nothing has yet been done in connexion with the Water-supply project.

Submitted to Government with reference to the Government Order quoted.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 161. From Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort St. George, dated Madura, 9th August 1875, No. 1841.

I have the honor to bring to your notice that, in reference to paragraph 3 of his letter, No. 64, of 23rd May 1875, recorded in the Revenue Board's Proceedings,* No. 1975, of 13th ultimo, the President, Local Fund Boards, was requested by me to state in what instances he considered that I had failed to comply with the requisitions of the Local Fund Boards. The enclosed is a true extract of the President's reply, which I beg to submit for the information of Government.

Enclosure 1.
One extract of the President's letter, No. 431, of 4th August 1875.

* Communicated to Government, Financial Department.

Extract of a letter from W. McQUHAE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, dated Madura, 4th August 1875, No. 431.

With reference to your letter of the 31st July 1875, No. 1653, I have the honor to observe that the paragraph you refer to contains a strong but well-founded complaint against the system under which the balances of Local Funds have accumulated since the year 1871. I am not aware that the District Engineer was ever called upon to account for those accumulations by Government who alone can decide upon the adequacy of the establishment placed at his disposal. In the time of your predecessor, there was, I believe, a never-ending fight between the Boards and District Engineer. Now, the Madura Board has given up discussing unpleasant questions and no one does so but the Dindigul Vice-President. My contention is that the District Engineer should be responsible to Government, not to the Local Boards who have no authority over him and who have no power to increase his establishment or to decide on the adequacy of reasons given for failure to utilize grants. My remarks refer to a period of four years, but chiefly to the period during which these balances accumulated. Your attention to the requisitions of the Boards was not in my mind at all, neither can it afford much satisfaction to the Boards now after our money has been taken away from us.

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No. 402.

Transferred to the Financial Department with reference to the letter quoted by the District Engineer.

OOTACAMUND,
13*th August* 1875.

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Major, R.E.,
Offg. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 162. ORDER THEREON, 24th August 1875, No. 1712.

The question as to whether any increase is necessary in the Public Works Establishment to enable it to meet the demands of Local Fund Boards, is one which must be considered and determined in the Public Works Department.

2. The G.O., in this Department, No. 98, dated 21st January 1875, expressly states that the charge of 25 per cent. is to include the cost of the Local Fund

Petty Establishments, which practically makes them part of the Public Works Establishment; any increase, therefore, must fall on Provincial and not on Local Funds.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

The Public Works Department.
Board of Revenue.
Accountant-General.

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Local Funds, Establishments.—The questi[illegible] as to whether any increase of the Public Wor[illegible] Department is necessary to meet the demands [illegible] Local Fund Boards, ordered to be considered in t[illegible] Public Works Department, with reference to t[illegible] complaint of the insufficiency of the establishme[illegible] made by the Madura Board.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 13th Sept 1875

Read again the following

Pro: Finl. Dept. — (H.E. No. 944 d/ 27th April 1875,
— do — (" — " 1449 " 8th July ")
Pro: Public Works Dept. (" — " 1018 " 14th April ")
— do — (" — " 1365 " 13th May ")

Read also the following

Pro: Finl. Dept. — (H.E. No. 1608 d/ 6th Augt. 1875,
— do — (" — " 1712 " 24th — " — ")

To the Public Works Dept. it appear d that para 1 of the Financial order quoted in that of 24th August, and which directed that

that no steps be taken for the amalgamation of the Local Fund Petty Estabt. with the General Public Works Estabt., left the appointment of Local Fund Overseers with the Local Fund Boards as before. And accordingly the 2nd Public Works order above quoted referred the entertainment of Local Fund Subordinates in Talugs where they did not exist to the Financial Deptt.; and papers subsequently received were similarly

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2. The District Engineer of Madura is now authorized to entertain a Sub Overseer for each of the 6 Talugs of the District, 2 of each grade, in addition to the Sub Overseers employed in Zemindaries, but inclusive of the ~~Imperial~~ Sub Overseer employed in Periacolum Talug.

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