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READ—the following paper :—

From G. W. FAWCETT, Esq., President, District Board, Chingleput, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Saidápet, 14th July 1886, No. 690-L.F.

I have the honor to submit my report on the operations of Local Funds in this district for 1885-86, together with the statements prepared in the forms prescribed in the new rules circulated with G.O., No. 741 L.F., dated 18th September 1885. The report was passed by the district board at a meeting held on the 13th instant.

2. *General.*—The principal event of the year under review was the introduction of the new Local Boards Act, V of 1884. The taluk boards and panchayats proposed did not begin work in the year, and the district board continued to administer all the funds of the district.

3. *Receipts—Statement I-A.*—The balance at the beginning of the year, excluding the Local Fund Engineer's cheques, amounted to Rs. 47,197, as advised by the Accountant-General, against the estimate of Rs. 62,580, and the actuals of Rs. 64,261 of the previous year. The decrease in both cases occurred chiefly under Land Cess, due to the suspension of collections in 1884-85 in villages affected by floods.

4. The receipts under the several heads amounted to Rs. 2,25,843, against Rs. 1,93,550 estimated for, and against Rs. 2,03,060 realized in 1884-85. The excess in both cases was the result of prompt collection, including the collection of the sum just mentioned as held under suspension in the previous year.

5. *Cess on land.*—It will be observed from the accompanying statement, No. VII, showing the demand, collection and balance of land-cess, that the arrears balance on the 1st April 1885 was Rs. 37,525, against Rs. 24,939 on the corresponding day of the previous year. The increase was due to the suspension of collections already referred to. The current demand amounted to Rs. 1,50,820, or nearly the same as the actuals of 1884-85, Rs. 1,51,065. The collections were, arrears Rs. 36,825, and current Rs. 1,38,727, or a total of Rs. 1,75,552, against the budget and revised estimates of Rs. 1,40,000 and Rs. 1,66,000, respectively, and against Rs. 1,41,470, the actuals of the previous year. Rs. 378 of the arrears were written off the accounts as irrecoverable, under the sanction of the Board of Revenue accorded in their proceedings noted in the margin, and the arrear balance left outstanding on the 31st March was only Rs. 578. It belongs to 1884-85. The current balance left outstanding on the 31st March was Rs. 11,837, or about 8 per cent. of the demand. The greater part of it has since been collected.

	RS.
Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 6549, dated 18th July 1885	31
Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 8366, dated 10th September 1885	60
Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 9937, dated 4th November 1885	3
Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 1006, dated 6th February 1886	284
Total ..	378

6. *Tolls—Statement V.*—The toll-gates were the same as in the previous year, viz., five, at (1) Red Hills, (2) Maduravoyal, (3) Vandalúr, (4) North bank of the Pálár, and (5) Porur. All were leased out. The revenue estimated for from these gates was Rs. 37,000, but the actual collections amounted * to only Rs. 32,661. The following statement shows the collections from each gate and the percentage of the receipts to the cost of annual maintenance of the road on which it stands:—

* Includes license fees, Rs. 246.

Name of toll-gate.	Road on which located.	Budget estimate.	Amount of lease.	Collections including arrears.	Cost of maintenance of the road.	Percentage of the receipts to the cost of the maintenance of the road.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1. Red Hills	Northern trunk road.	15,100	13,260	14,521	12,000	121
2. Maduranoyal	Western trunk road.	12,000	8,990	8,241	12,500	66
3. Vandalúr	Southern trunk road.	4,500	4,600	4,977	19,150	37
4. North bank of the Pálár.	Do. ..	2,400	2,065	2,128		
5. Porur	Road from atyavedu to St. Thomas' Mount.	3,000	2,780	2,548	5,100	50
	Total ..	37,000	31,695	32,415	..	..

7. *Miscellaneous items.*—Below are details of miscellaneous items of receipt required by paragraph 91 of the rules:—

Head of Account and figure in Statement I-A.					Particulars of miscellaneous receipts.	Amount.		
					2. *Education.*			
		Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
1	(*b*) Contribution from municipality.	170	0	0	By the Conjeeveram Municipality for the Chingleput Normal School.	*170	0	0
2	(*e*) Miscellaneous.	46	5	9	Sale-proceeds of old materials belonging to the Saidápet Primary School re-roofed during the year.	35	3	0
					Rent of cattle-stand attached to the Saidápet Primary School.	10	0	0
					Sale-proceeds of withered trees of the Saidápet Primary School.	1	2	9
					Total ..	46	5	9
					3. *Medical.*			
3	(*e*) Contributions from municipalities.	60	0	0	By the Conjeeveram Municipality on account of the pay of the Deputy Inspector of Vaccination, Chingleput range.	†60	0	0

* G.O., dated 12th January 1885, No. 60, Financial.
† G.O., ,, 30th October 1885, Mis. No. 742 M., Financial.

Head of Account and figure in Statement I-A.					Particulars of miscellaneous receipts.	Amount.		
		Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
4	(*e*) Miscellaneous.	111	9	4	Excess value of medicines refunded by the Military Department.	65	12	7
					House-rent paid by the Hospital Assistants of Tiruvallúr and Nágalápuram for occupying a portion of the dispensary building.	27	8	0
					Sale of unserviceable articles, &c., belonging to dispensaries.	18	4	9
					Total ..	111	9	4
					5. *Miscellaneous.*			
5	Sundry receipts..	619	8	7	Refund of the unexpended balance of the amount advanced to tahsildars in 1884-85 on account of cholera charges.	30	5	0
					Rent and sale of manure of cart-stands and of conservancy sweepings.	588	13	3
					Sale of trees within the compound of the Gummidipundi bungalow.	0	1	4
					Recovery of insufficient postage paid in 1884-85.	0	5	0
					Total ..	619	8	7
					6. *Public Works.*			
6	(*d*) Contribution from other district funds.	2,056	0	0	By the North Arcot Local Fund Board for the maintenance of certain roads about Maderpakam.	2,056	0	0
7	(*f*) Miscellaneous.	86	2	3	Unexpended balance refunded by the Local Fund Engineer.	4	12	3
					Fines	12	0	0
					Recovery of the value of tools, &c., lost ..	19	6	0
					Recovery from Provincial funds of travelling allowance drawn by the Local Fund Engineer when employed on Government duty in April 1884.	15	0	0
					Supervision charge for the execution of civil works by the Local Fund Engineering agency.	30	0	0
					Receipts realized by the Public Works Department on account of Local Funds.	5	0	0
					Total ..	86	2	3
8	Miscellaneous debt accounts.	7	4	0	Cooly for bringing cheque books from Messrs. Vest and Co., recovered from the Local Fund Engineer.	0	4	0
					Recovery of the advance to the head master of the Saidápet Primary School for payment of house-rent.	7	0	0
					Total ..	7	4	0

8. *Choultry Rents—Statement VIII.*—The receipts under this head are made up of the income derived from the inam lands belonging to the Local Fund chattram at Chingleput and of the rents of bazaars and manyam lands of the late Venkataranga Pillai's chattram at Sríperumbudur, transferred to the Chingleput chattram. The amount credited during the year under report was Rs. 215, but the collections entered in Statement No. VIII were only Rs. 203. The amount collected in the year was really Rs. 203; Rs. 74 of it were credited by mistake to Land Revenue, and the error

has not yet been adjusted. It will be adjusted in the current year. That would reduce the figure to Rs. 129. The difference between this and the Rs. 215 in Statement I-A is Rs. 86, wrongly credited to Land Revenue in the previous year, and adjusted in the year under report.

9. The variations under the remaining heads of receipts are fully explained in Statement I-A, and call for no remark.

10. *Expenditure—Statement I-B.*—The amount originally proposed for expenditure in the budget was Rs. 2,35,670, exclusive of the reserves. Rs. 5,270 was subsequently sanctioned as noted below, and the total provision for expenditure was therefore Rs. 2,40,940 :—

Source from which sanctioned.	Government Order.	Amount.
		RS.
1. Road fund reserve.. ..	G.O., Financial Department, dated 9th July 1885, No. 432 L.F.	1,021
Do. do.	G.O., Financial Department, dated 17th November 1885, Mis. No. 1060 L.F.	1,130
	Total ..	2,151
3. General fund reserve ..	G.O., Financial Department, dated 15th May 1885, Mis. No. 164 L.F.	576
4. Do. do. ..	G.O., Financial Department, dated 3rd June 1885, No. 252 L.F.	240
5. Do. do. ..	G.O., Financial Department, dated 29th June 1885, Mis. No. 386 L.F.	147
6. Do. do. ..	G.O., Financial Department, dated 13th July 1885, No. 459 L.F.	730
7. Do. do. ..	G.O., Financial Department, dated 22nd July 1885, No. 492 L.F.	150
8. Do. do. ..	G.O., Financial Department, dated 21st August 1885, No. 641 L.F.	940
9. Do. do. ..	G.O., Financial Department, dated 27th October 1885, Mis. No. 961 L.F.	60
10. Do. do. ..	G.O., Financial Department, dated 27th November 1885, No. 1109 L.F.	32
	Total ..	2,875
11. Balance	G.O., Financial Department, dated 25th June 1885, Mis. No. 368 L.F.	240
	Grand Total ..	5,266
	or in round numbers ..	5,270

Allotments under some heads were found inadequate, and they were supplemented by transfers from grants for other items (*vide* G.O., Mis. No. 1060 L.F., dated 17th November 1885) as follows :—

Heads under which allotments were found inadequate.	Amount required.	Heads from which transfer was made.	Amount transferred.
Grant II.—Education.	RS.	*Grant II.—Education.*	RS.
(*a*) Inspection	470	(*b*) Normal schools—	
(*b*) Normal schools—		Salaries and Stipends	450
(3) Servants	5	(*d*) Elementary schools	10
		(*g*) Miscellaneous	5

Heads under which allotments were found inadequate.	Amount required.	Heads from which transfer was made.	Amount transferred.
Grant III.—Medical Services, &c.	RS.	*Grant III.—Medical Services, &c.*	RS.
(*a*) (10) Zillah Surgeon's establishment.	50	(*a*) Hospitals and Dispensaries ..	780
(*b*) Vaccination	300	(*g*) Contribution to Provincial services.	180
(*c*) Sanitation	770		
(*g*) (6) Lunatics	780		
Grant IV.—Miscellaneous.		*Grant IV.—Miscellaneous.*	
(*d*) Contingencies	520	(*a*) Controlling establishments at the Presidency.	280
(*f*) Refunds	50	(*b*) Establishment in the Collector's office.	200
Total ..	2,945		
Deduct—			
Amount sanctioned from the reserve.	1,040		
Net amount provided from other sources.	1,905	Total amount transferred ..	1,905

The total charges during the year aggregated Rs. 2,32,480, or Rs. 8,460 less than the final allotment, the decrease occurring chiefly in the provisions for special repairs to roads, result grants, and the cost of medicines and surgical apparatus supplied from the Medical Store depôt. This last is explained in the remarks column of Statement I-B. The expenditure showed an increase of Rs. 12,360 over the actuals of the previous year, principally in consequence of larger outlay for special repairs to roads damaged by the heavy rains of 1884-85.

11. *Statement III—Grant I, Public Works, New Works—Communications.*—A sum of Rs. 12,480 was provided under this head in the sanctioned budget for 1885-86, but could not be utilized in this direction, as it was all wanted for the repair of the monsoon damages of the previous year. A subsequent allotment of Rs. 248 was made to finish two incomplete works, viz., (1) restoring the old road between Perambúr and Peralur, and (2) improving the road between Kuvam and Perambakkam, both village roads : *vide* G.O., dated 9th July 1885, No. 432 L.F., Financial. The latter was completed at a cost of Rs. 196. This with Rs. 95 paid for compensation for quarry lands for roads in Tiruvallúr taluk raised the total outlay on new works of communications to Rs. 291.

12. *Civil Buildings.*—The only work of this class sanctioned in the budget was the improvement to the soldiers' shed attached to the travellers' bungalow at Chingleput to converting it into an office and store-room for the Engineering Sub-division. The work was not carried out, as it was thought the Executive Engineer, Chingleput division, would transfer the buildings lately occupied by the Chingleput post office, which would serve the purpose equally well. The only expenditure incurred under this head was Rs. 934—the cost of the addition of two rooms to the Saidápet Primary School-house.

13. *Repairs—Communications.*—The budget allotment was Rs. 1,12,140, classified as under :—

	RS.
Ordinary maintenance to roads	92,910
Special repairs to three roads	18,870
Lighting the Marmalong bridge	300
Repairs to toll-sheds	60
Total ..	1,12,140

Rs. 13,250 were, with Government sanction, transferred, to supplement this allotment, from the grant for new works and the road fund reserve, in order to meet the unexpected extra expenditure caused by flood damages in November 1884. Thus, the final allotment was Rs. 1,25,390. Rs. 1,23,750, or more than 98 per cent. of this, were expended. Rs. 2,056 of this amount was, as usual, contributed by the District Board of North Arcot for the upkeep of certain roads passing through parts of that district next the Tiruvallúr taluk.

14. *Village Roads.*—The allotment for new village roads was, with the allotment for other new roads, as mentioned in paragraph 11 above, appropriated for monsoon damages. The only work carried out was the completion of the road noticed already from Kuvam to Perambakkam, $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles in length, with an outlay of Rs. 196.

15. *Statement IV.*—This statement furnishes the road statistics for the district during the year under review. There is a slight variation in the mileage, as compared with the previous year's return, explained in the subjoined abstract :—

Particulars.	Number of miles maintained in		Difference.		Explanation of variation.
	1884-85.	1885-86.	Increase.	Decrease.	
Main roads	$652\frac{1}{4}$	$650\frac{3}{4}$	..	*$1\frac{1}{2}$	* Decrease due to the transfer of Bengali Bazaar road (a portion of the Southern Trunk Road) to the Cantonment Committee of St. Thomas' Mount in 1885-86.
Village roads	$29\frac{1}{2}$	$32\frac{1}{2}$	3†	..	† Increase due to the maintenance of a new line, "Sunnapagunta road," for which provision was for the first time made in the budget for 1885-86.

N.B.—The $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles of new village roads made in 1884-85, noted below, needed no repairs. Hence they are not included in the above abstract :—

	MILES.
(1) Road from Tinnanur Railway station to Tinnanur	2
(2) Road from Korattur Chattram to Tinnanur	$2\frac{1}{2}$
Total ..	$4\frac{1}{2}$

16. *General state of communications.*—The upkeep of the roads was well attended to, and those damaged by the November 1884 floods restored to order, so far as possible. Three of these roads, viz., (1) road from Kortalayár bridge to Puttur Railway station, (2) road from the Marmalong bridge to Pallikaranai, and (3) road from Tiruvettiyur bridge to Ponnéri, are still out of order. They will be repaired as funds are available. Six miles of the northern trunk road and half a mile of southern trunk road were recoated during the year, out of the mileage grants.

17. *Civil Buildings.*—The budget allotment was Rs. 800, as particularized below :—

	RS.
(1) School-houses	100
(2) Dispensaries	265
(3) Travellers' bungalows	285
(4) Chingleput chattram	150
Total ..	800

A further sum of Rs. 1,002 was sanctioned as follows :—

	RS.
(1) For repairing the steps leading to St. Thomas' Great Mount: G.O., dated 25th June 1885, Mis. No. 368 L.F., Financial ..	240
(2) For re-roofing the Saidápet Primary School-house : *vide* G.O., dated 13th July 1885, Mis. No. 459 L.F., Financial	730
(3) For repairing the Chingleput dispensary : G.O., dated 27th November 1885, Mis. No. 1109 L.F., Financial	32
Total ..	1,002

The total grant thus amounted to Rs. 1,802. Of this, only Rs. 1,470 were expended. The saving was due chiefly to no repairs having been found necessary either to the travellers' bungalows or the Local Fund chattram at Chingleput.

18. *Miscellaneous Public Improvements.*—The Rs. 3,000 provided under this head was solely for the improvement and maintenance of avenues. The whole amount was expended. The particulars of road avenues for the year under report are given in the following statement as directed in G.O., No. 154 L.F., Financial, dated 5th February 1886 :—

Length in miles of road avenues.	Number of trees in the avenues at the end of the previous year.	Number of trees planted during the year.	Number of trees perished during the year.	Total number of trees at the end of the year.	Remarks.
468	58,934 *	4,994	1,070	62,858 *	* The figures include trees planted from Provincial funds prior to the introduction of the Local Fund Act, not shown in the lists furnished by the Engineer in the previous years. Hence the large increase as compared with the figures of 1884-85.
Add— Number of plants in the nurseries ..	..	..	..	3,014	
				65,872	

The number of trees standing on the several roads on the 31st March 1886 is shown below :—

	Number of trees.
1. Northern trunk road	7,190
2. Southern do.	13,787
3. Western do.	11,094
4. Road from Sadras to Surappan's choultry	5,836
5. Do. Satyavedu *viâ* Tiruvallúr and Poonamallee to St. Thomas' Mount	4,580
6. Do. the Kortalayár bridge towards Puttur Railway station	1,959
7. Do. Kódambákam to Sríperumbudur	1,982
8. Do. Tiruvallúr Railway station to Sríperumbudur ..	1,859
9. Do. Cheyúr towards Wandiwash in North Arcot district..	2,640
10. Other roads	11,931
11. Nurseries	3,014
Total ..	65,872

The principal kinds of trees planted were káttuválai, margosa, banyan, arasan, eluppai, tamarind, cocoanut, mango, nagal, casuarina, rain tree. The money spent was on labor employed for watching, watering, planting and fencing.

19. *Engineering Establishment.*—All Local Fund works were, as usual, executed by the Local Fund Engineering agency. The expenditure under this head amounted to Rs. 21,655 against the estimate of Rs. 21,290. The increase occurred under travelling allowance and contingencies, as explained in the comparative statement. The proportion of the cost to the outlay on public works was about 17 per cent., as in last year, against 20 per cent., the maximum rate sanctioned, and 23, the Public Works Department supervision.

20. *Grant II, Education—Statements IX and X—Inspection.*—As in the previous year, there were six inspecting schoolmasters in the district, each in charge of a taluk. Five drew Rs. 35 each, and one, the man in Ponnéri taluk, Rs. 30. The particulars of work performed by those officers are given in the accompanying statement No. X. J. Seshaiyangar, inspecting schoolmaster, Ponnéri, was dismissed for misconduct, and no successor was appointed for about four months; hence the work turned out in the taluk was short.

An addition was introduced in the year in the matter of the inspecting schoolmaster's instruction of the teachers of results schools, viz., to collect the teachers for the purpose once or twice a month at convenient centres; besides instructing them on the occasion of visiting their school individually. It is doubtful whether the plan will be a success. There was some correspondence in the year between this office and the Inspector of Schools, Mr. Fowler, on the subject of the reorganization of the subordinate inspecting agency, as the means best calculated to improve the state of primary education in the district, with reference to G.O., No. 490 L.F., Financial, dated 20th July 1885. Mr. Fowler proposed to dispense with three of the inspecting schoolmasters and employ instead a third deputy inspector and three attenders, the attenders to do the mechanical part of the work. The Acting Director of Public Instruction, Mr. Duncan, approved of the principle of the proposal; but said it could not be carried out in the way proposed, because the cost of deputy inspectors is to be met from Provincial, and not from Local funds. Mr. Duncan was thereupon requested to provide for an additional deputy inspector from Provincial funds as promised on a former occasion by the permanent Director, Mr. Grigg, and provision will, it is hoped, be made in the educational budget for 1887-88.

The inspection charges amounted to Rs. 3,627, the proportion of which to the expenditure on results grants was about 30 per cent.—a very high proportion, due chiefly to the reduction in the outlay on results grants, only Rs. 11,902, explained in the comparative statement I-B.

21. *Training Schools.*—As in the previous year, there were two Local Fund Normal schools in the district, viz., one at Poonamallee and the other at Chingleput. Provision was made in the budget for 1885-86 for 51 stipendiary students on Rs. 5 each per mensem—30 for the former institution and 21 for the latter. The number admitted during the year was only 26 at Poonamallee and 19 at Chingleput. Eight other students were sent from the Conjeeveram Municipality for training at the Chingleput school. Thus the strength of the latter institution was 27. The subjoined abstract furnishes particulars regarding the progress, &c., of the students:—

Particulars.	Poonamallee school.	Chingleput school.	Remarks.
Number of students that went up for the Special Upper Primary examination held in December 1885.	24	22	* Nine in first class and two in the second class. † Ten in the first class and three in the second class.
Number passed	11*	13†	
Number of teachers that reverted to their old schools after training.	8	9	Of the 26 students admitted into the Poonamallee school, six were retained in the school till 31st March 1886, one was re-admitted, and the particulars regarding the remaining 19 are given in column 2.
Number that opened new schools.	4	3	
Number that took up posts as assistants in other schools.	3	2	
Number reported to remain unemployed.	4	3	Of the 27 scholars admitted into the Chingleput school, four withdrew in the middle of the year on account of illness and six were re-admitted, and particulars regarding the rest are given in column 3.

The results obtained were not as satisfactory as in the previous year. There were practising classes in both the institutions. The number of students at the Poonamallee school fell off from 62 on the 31st March 1885 to 39 on the corresponding day of 1885-86. The decrease is attributed to the opening of a rival school at that station. The attendance at the Chingleput school increased from 12 to 23, and it is expected that the strength of the classes will greatly improve when the institution is

removed to a building in the centre of the town now in course of construction, which the District Board have agreed to rent.

The total cost of both the institutions was Rs. 3,893, which gives on an average Rs. 73 per pupil trained. A grant of Rs. 1,657 was drawn from Provincial funds during the year under report, the particulars of which are as follows:—

	Poonamallee.	Chingleput.	Total.
Masters	210	238	448
Students	657	525	1,182
House-rent	..	10	10
Building	17	..	17
Total ..	884	773	1,657

22. *Secondary Schools—Salary System.*—The only school of this class which remained under the control of the Chingleput District Board was the lower middle class school at Poonamallee. This institution, originally maintained from Provincial funds, was, as stated in the last report, transferred to the Local Fund Board under G.O., Educational Department, dated 22nd June 1882, No. 103. The attendance of pupils on the 31st March 1886 was 39—the same as on the last day of the previous year. Seven boys went up for the Lower Fourth Comparative examination and all succeeded. The number that passed the school examinations and were promoted to the upper classes are shown below:—

	Number of pupils passed and promoted.
Third class	7
Second do.	7
First do.	5

The school was inspected during the year by the Inspector of Schools and his deputy, and the results are stated to have been satisfactory. A grant-in-aid of Rs. 583 (including arrears of previous year) was drawn from Provincial funds, which, added to Rs. 497, the receipts from school fees, made a total of Rs. 1,080. Deducting from this the expenditure of Rs. 871, a balance of Rs. 209 was left in favor of the institution.

A new middle-class school has recently been started at Poonamallee by the Church Mission. The place is not big enough for two schools, and the Local Fund school will be closed if it is found that the new school supplies its educational wants. The matter is now before the Saidápet Taluk Board.

23. *Elementary Schools—Salary System.*—The Local Fund Primary school at Saidápet was the only institution of this class maintained by the District Board. There were on the rolls 138 pupils on the last day of the year, against 161 on the 31st March 1885, the decrease being attributed to the opening of a rival school, and to the resolution of the District Board allowing grant to the second standard class in the results schools at the station. The Deputy Inspector of Schools, who inspected the institution during the year under report, states that the results of the examination were very fair. The following figures show the number of boys that passed and those promoted to the higher classes:—

	Number passed and promoted.
Fourth standard or second class	33
Third do. or first A and B	38
Second do. or preparatory A and B	44
First do. or preparatory C	27

A sum of Rs. 718 was drawn from Provincial funds on account of grant-in-aid for the undermentioned purposes, viz.:—

	Rs.
Results grants earned by the pupils of the fourth standard class ..	285
Building grant	428
House-rent grant	5
Total ..	718

24. *Combined System Schools.*—There were no combined system schools in the district.

25. *Grants-in-aid—Salary Grants.*—Rupees 80 was provided in the budget for 1885-86 for payment of salary grants to the primary classes of the Free Church Mission school at Wálajábád, but no expenditure was incurred as the manager of the school did not present bills for payment. His attention was drawn to the matter.

26. *Results Grants.*—There were, on the 31st March 1886, 443 results grant schools with 12,672 pupils against 434 with 10,922 pupils on the last day of the previous year. The increase of 1,750 in pupils is attributed—(1) to the fact of there being nine new schools, and (2) to allowing grants for infants. During the year under report, 380 schools with 8,586 pupils were examined, showing a falling off of 61 institutions and 885 pupils as compared with the figures of the preceding year. The causes for the decrease were as follows:—

(1) greater scrutiny exercised in the selection of schools for aid;
(2) many of the schools were closed before the date of examination, chiefly in the Ponnéri taluk (26 out of 53), where there was first an incompetent inspecting schoolmaster and then no successor was appointed for some time after his dismissal;
(3) some schools were not ready for examination; and
(4) some were amalgamated with others.

Full rates were allowed during the year under review, but the numbers had fallen so much that the grants, Rs. 11,902, fell short by Rs. 2,171 of the amount—Rs. 14,073—paid in the preceding year, when 15 per cent. less than the full rates were paid. All the schools examined drew the grants before 31st March 1886 with the exception of two, the Adambakam school in Saidápet taluk and the Suggu Palli school in Tiruvallúr taluk. The manager of the former drew his grant afterwards in April. The manager of the latter school has not drawn his grant. He lost his certifying memorandum and has not applied for a duplicate. The following figures show the number of boys passed under the first three standards:—

	Number passed.	
	1884-85.	1885-86.
First standard	1,822	1,719
Second do.	1,598	1,475
Third do.	1,191	1,158
Total ..	4,611	4,352

There was, it will be seen, a falling off in all these standards, and of over 5·6 per cent. on the whole.

27. *Grant III, Medical Services—Vaccination, &c., Statement XII.*—As in the previous year, there were twelve Local Fund dispensaries in the district. They are as follows:—

Taluk.	Town or village.
Chingleput	1. Chingleput.
	2. Tirupórúr.
Conjeeveram	3. Sríperumbudur.
Madurántakam	4. Madurántakam.
	5. Uttaranmerur.

Taluk.	Town or village.
Saidápet	6. Saidápet.
	7. Sembyam.
	8. Poonamallee.
Ponnéri	9. Ponnéri.
Tiruvallúr	10. Tiruvallúr.
	11. Satyavedu.
	12. Nágalápuram.

The Chingleput and Saidápet dispensaries are endowed institutions.

Chingleput.—This institution has an annual income of Rs. 1,127, derived from the following sources:—

	Rs.
(1) Interest on Rs. 3,000 invested in Government securities of 4½ per cent. loan for two half-years	135
(2) Interest on promissory notes purchased from the late surplus pagoda fund and credited to this dispensary	992
Total ..	1,127

The amount credited during the year was Rs. 1,165, made up of the abovementioned sum of Rs. 1,127 and of Rs. 38 realized from miscellaneous items, such as refund of the excess value of medicines, &c. The charges, both fixed and contingent, including public works, amounted to Rs. 3,164, which exceeded the receipts by Rs. 1,999. This was made good from the General Local Fund revenues. The hospital is situated in a suitable building built by public subscription. The hospital assistant's quarters and the scavenger's shed attached to the dispensary were repaired during the year at a cost of Rs. 182.

Saidápet.—To this institution are credited the rent of inam lands belonging to the Nandambakkam chattram and the tannipandal at Kódambákam. The receipts from this source during the year were Rs. 54, which, with Rs. 27 from the sale of medicines, &c., made a total of Rs. 81. The expenditure, including the cost of repairs executed to the dispensary building, amounted to Rs. 1,216, the excess, Rs. 1,135, having been met from the General funds.

In-patients were treated at the Chingleput dispensary alone. Copy of the report from the Acting District Medical and Sanitary officer is enclosed. It will be observed from it that there was an increase of 32 and 755 amongst in and out patients respectively as compared with the admissions of the previous year. The medical subordinates in charge of the several dispensaries are reported to have been punctual in their duties and attentive to patients. Their work was inspected by the District Surgeon from time to time and found satisfactory. The total cost of maintaining the Local Fund dispensaries amounted to Rs. 11,822. A sum of Rs. 1,400 was as usual contributed to the Conjeeveram Municipality for the upkeep of the hospital in that town.

28. *Midwives and Midwifery Pupils.*—There were five midwives employed at the beginning of the year, attached to the dispensaries at Chingleput, Saidápet, Ponnéri, Madurántakam and Sríperumbudur. A sixth was appointed to the Tiruvallúr dispensary in September last, and there is thus now one in each taluk of the district. They conducted 111 labor cases, against 61 in the preceding year. The increase is so far satisfactory. Too much cannot be hoped for at first. Provision was made in the budget for this year for stipends to midwifery pupils at the Madras Lying-in Hospital; but no candidates came forward. This is to be regretted, as we have still six dispensaries without midwives. Efforts will be made to get some this year.

29. *Vaccination, Statement XIII.*—As in the previous year, the district was divided into two ranges for purposes of vaccination, viz., Saidápet and Chingleput, the former comprising the Saidápet, Ponnéri and Tiruvallúr taluks of the principal division, and the latter the three sub-division taluks of Chingleput, Conjeeveram and

Receipts during the year.

	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Interest drawn on the principal amount	200	3	6			
Do. on the amount of interest accrued on the principal	140	0	0			
	340	3	6			
Deduct—						
Commission due to the Secretary, Bank of Madras, at 2½ per cent. for drawing interest	8	8	0			
Renewal fee	1	0	0			
	330	11	6			
Interest on the promissory notes purchased by the President, District Board, and remaining with the Accountant-General	135	0	0			
				465	11	6
Total, including balance ..				12,455	11	9

Expenditure during the year.

Incidental charge for the purchase of a promissory note for Rs. 1,500	21	0	0			
Cost of repairing the steps of St. Thomas' Great Mount including supervision charge	262	10	9			
				283	10	9

Balance at the end of the year.

In Government securities, as per last year's account ..	10,005	8	0			
Do. purchased during the year .	1,500	0	0			
In Savings Bank	391	9	0			
In cash in the district treasury	275	0	0			
				12,172	1	0

36. *Treasury transactions of the Fund.*—According to treasury accounts there was a balance of Rs. 1,093 in favor of this fund at the beginning of the year, which added to receipts, Rs. 966, made a total of Rs. 2,059. The charges for repairing the Mount steps together with the purchase of a promissory note as stated above amounted to Rs. 1,784, which left a balance of Rs. 275 at the close of the year.

37. *Grant IV, Miscellaneous.*—There was no change during the year under report in the establishments maintained for the general administration of Local Funds, except that the pay of the Local Fund auditor, now local audit clerk, was reduced from Rs. 75 to Rs. 50 under G.O., Financial Department, dated 10th March 1885, No. 514. The audit of Local Fund accounts is now conducted by the Treasury Deputy Collector, with the aid of the local audit clerk. The charges on account of the establishments maintained at the presidency and in the district amounted to Rs. 3,380; and Rs. 1,981 was spent in contingencies and miscellaneous charges including travelling allowance to non-official members. The half-yearly instalments of the principal and interest of the Kortalayár bridge loan, amounting to Rs. 15,255, were, as usual, paid during the year.

38. *Constitution and Meetings of the District Board.*—There were at the commencement of the year 22 members of the district board, 11 official and as many non-officials. The *personnel* was revised under G.O., dated 19th March 1885, No. 598, Financial, so as to answer the requirements of the Local Boards Act (V of 1884); and the board, at the close of the year, consisted of 24 members—6 officials

and 18 non-officials. A nominal list of the members of the district board is given in statement XVI. The number of meetings held during the year was 12, and the average attendance of the official and non-official gentlemen was 2 and 8 respectively against 5 and 3 of the previous year. The increase in the attendance of non-official members is satisfactory.

39. *Working of the new system.*—The new Act was in force; but there was little practical change, as taluk boards and panchayats had not come into existence; there is therefore nothing particular to remark. I was not in the district in any part of the year.

ENCLOSURES.

ANNUAL Concise Report on the Local Fund Dispensaries in the Chingleput District, 1885-86.

I have the honor to submit the usual concise report on the working of the Local Fund dispensaries in the district of Chingleput for the official year ending the 31st March 1886.

2. There are twelve dispensaries in the district, of which that of Chingleput is the only one where in-door patients are treated. No new dispensaries were opened in the year. The towns of Cheyúr and Pulicat, which were entered in the sanctioned list of dispensaries—*vide* Proceedings of the Revenue Board, No. 1427, dated 2nd June 1882—are still unprovided with the means of medical relief owing to want of funds at the disposal of the board. There are several other minor towns also in the district which have equal claims for a dispensary, but I fear nothing can be done in this direction until the funds improve.

3. The following table shows the localities occupied by these dispensaries:—

No.	Taluks.	Number in each.	Locality.	Remarks.
1	Saidápet	3	Saidápet	Out-patients.
			Poonamallee	Do.
			Sembyan	Do.
2	Chingleput ..	2	Chingleput	In and out patients.
			Tirupórúr	Out-patients.
3	Madurántakam ..	2	Madurántakam	Do.
			Uttramerur	Do.
4	Conjeeveram ..	1	Sríperumbudur	Do.
5	Tiruvallúr ..	3	Tiruvallúr	Do.
			Satyavedu	Do.
			Nagalapuram	Do.
6	Ponnéri	1	Ponnéri	Do.

4. The grades of medical officers holding independent charge of these dispensaries is shown in the subjoined table:—

Name of dispensary.	Officer in charge.
1. Chingleput	District Surgeon.
2. Saidápet	Civil Apothecary.
3. Tirupórúr	First-class Hospital Assistants.
4. Sríperumbudur	
5. Poonamallee	
6. Madurántakam	Second-class do.
7. Ponnéri	
8. Tiruvallúr	
9. Uttramerur	Third-class do.
10. Nagalapuram	
11. Satyavedu	
12. Sembyam	Pensioned do.

5. The following statement shows the class and condition of the buildings in which the dispensaries are held; eight of these are rented, being private property.

Dispensary.	Building.	Condition.
Saidápet	Local Fund property ..	Suitable, a latrine is to be added.
Poonamallee	Rented	Suitable.
Sembyam	Do.	Do. needs repair.
Chingleput	Local Fund property ..	Do. do.
Tirupórúr	Rented	Suitable.
Madurántakam	Old sub-jail building ..	Do.
Uttramerur	Rented	Do.
Sríperumbudur	Do.	Do.
Tiruvallúr	Do.	A building under construction.
Satyavedu	Do.	Suitable, but is a thatched house.
Nagalapuram	Old Registrar's office ..	Suitable.
Ponnéri	Old tannah	Needs improvement and additions.

The premises occupied by the Uttramerur dispensary having been found damp and unfit for use, the institution was transferred in the year to a house on a higher level as being more suitable. The dispensary at Sríperumbudur was also transferred to a new and commodious house on the northern road of the town. As regards the Madurántakam dispensary certain suggestions for improving it, so as to provide direct access from the road instead of through the taluk cutcherries enclosure, have been approved by the district board, and estimate for the alteration is now under preparation. The hospital at Chingleput requires a thorough repair and the doors and windows have to be repainted. I believe the estimate for this has been ordered, and I trust that the board will be pleased to sanction the repairs at an early date as the work has long since been put off. In regard to Ponnéri dispensary the building requires to be fitted with doors, &c., as without this the furniture, &c., is unsafe.

6. The medical subordinates in charge of these dispensaries have continued to be punctual in their duties and attentive to the patients. Their work was inspected without previous notice from time to time in the year, and found satisfactory.

7. In the subjoined tabular statement the total sick treated in each dispensary is compared with that of the previous year:—

Dispensaries.	In-patients.					Out-patients.						
	No. treated in 1884-85.	No. treated in 1885-86.	Discharged.	Died.	Remaining.	No. treated in 1884-85.	No. treated in 1885-86.	Discharged.	Died.	Remaining.	Increase.	Decrease.
Chingleput	380	412	364	27	21	9,098	9,955	9,908	16	31	857	..
Saidápet	..	..	..	..	..	10,340	9,761	9,727	6	28	..	579
Poonamallee	..	..	..	..	..	6,248	5,356	5,321	5	30	..	892
Sembyam	..	..	..	..	..	7,797	7,893	7,867	1	25	96	..
Tirupórúr	..	..	..	..	..	3,378	2,653	2,620	6	27	..	725
Madurántakam	..	..	..	..	..	5,896	6,799	6,741	11	47	903	..
Uttramerur	..	..	..	..	..	3,897	4,232	4,185	5	42	335	..
Sríperumbudur	..	..	..	..	..	5,579	5,295	5,252	11	32	..	284
Tiruvallúr	..	..	..	..	..	4,958	5,970	5,934	7	29	1,012	..
Satyavedu	..	..	..	..	..	4,170	3,645	3,612	4	29	..	525
Nagalapuram	..	..	..	..	..	3,302	3,946	3,925	1	20	644	..
Ponnéri	..	..	..	..	..	4,722	4,635	4,598	12	25	..	87
Total	380	412	364	27	21	69,385	70,140	69,690	85	365	3,847	3,092

8. It will be observed from the figures recorded above that there is a considerable increase in the admissions against Chingleput, Tiruvallúr, Madurántakam, and Nagalapuram dispensaries, while Tirupórúr, Saidápet, Satyavedu, and Sríperumbudur show a marked decrease. There is, however, an increase of 755 admissions in the aggregate number treated at the twelve dispensaries.

9. The most common diseases that came under treatment did not differ from those of the previous year. They were constipation, ear and eye diseases, dyspepsia, worms, itch, boils and abscess, eczema, fever, muscular rheumatism, and wounds and injuries.

10. The dispensary at Tiruvallúr was provided with a midwife in the year under report, so that there are at present six qualified midwives working at Chingleput, Saidápet, Madurántakam, Ponnéri, Sríperumbudur, and Tiruvallúr.

11. It is gratifying to observe that the public health of these towns in common with the rest of the district was very satisfactory throughout the year. The outbreak of cholera which raged in the previous year had ceased in March, and there has been no recurrence of the disease since.

Small-pox also had greatly subsided, and the year opened with very little of it in the district. Beyond a few small local and short-lived outbreaks the disease showed no tendency to reach epidemic proportions.

The outbreak of ague in the weaver villages near Conjeeveram, alluded to in last year's report, recurred in the rainy season to a small extent, but has now subsided. Certain villages near Ponnéri have experienced a similar outbreak during the latter half of 1885. These local outbreaks were due to wet and cold. The villages concerned were cleaned up and medical aid was afforded through hospital assistants.

12. The supply of medical stores and appliances to the dispensaries were carefully preserved and generally sufficient. The medical indent of each hospital is carefully scrutinized at the District Surgeon's office before submission to the district board.

Chingleput,
30*th April* 1886.

(Signed) T. RATHNAM MUDALIAR,
Acting District Surgeon, Chingleput.

Concise Report on the work performed by the Midwives attached to the Local Fund Dispensaries in the Chingleput district in 1885-86.

At the beginning of the year under report there were five midwives working at the dispensaries of Chingleput, Saidápet, Madurántakam, Sríperumbudur, and Ponnéri. A midwife has since been appointed to Tiruvallúr dispensary in September 1885. All these have had their training in the Madras Lying-in Hospital, and hold certificates of qualification.

2. The number of labor cases conducted by these midwives is shown in the subjoined table:—

Station.	In the dispensary.		In town or villages.		Total of 1885-86.
	1884-85.	1885-86.	1884-85.	1885-86.	
Chingleput	16	21	12	12	33
Saidápet	..	..	17	20	20
Madurántakam	..	..	7	11	11
Sríperumbudur	..	..	..	11	11
Ponnéri	..	..	9	25	25
Tiruvallúr	..	..	..	11	11
Total ..	16	21	45	90	111

3. The Chingleput dispensary having an in-door hospital attached to it with a midwifery ward, 21 labor cases were received into the institution for confinement and were attended by the midwife. Of these cases, 12 were natural labor, the rest being instrumental ones. In the other stations the cases conducted by the midwives were all at the houses of the patients in their respective towns and adjoining villages. The work turned out, though double of last year, is far from what may be expected from them. They have doubtless difficulties, as they have to compete with the country midwives who are long resident in these towns. But as they become better known their practice will increase. The Tiruvallúr midwife was appointed only seven months ago, but those at Sríperumbudur and Madurántakam are slow in acquiring practice.

4. In addition to their special work just alluded to, these midwives are employed in attending on female patients and assist the medical officers in charge in the general management of diseases peculiar to women. The midwife attached to Saidápet was also taught vaccination in the year. She operated on a few subjects under the supervision of the apothecary in charge of the dispensary. The other midwives are slow to learn this branch of practice, and they will be insisted upon doing something in this direction and extend their usefulness.

Chingleput,
30*th April* 1886.

(Signed) T. RATHNAM MUDALIAR,
Acting District Surgeon, Chingleput.

Concise Report on Vaccination by the Medical Subordinates of the Local Fund Dispensaries in the Chingleput District in 1885-86.

Vaccination was maintained as heretofore in each dispensary and the work performed by the several medical subordinates is shown in the table below, contrasted with the figures of the preceding year.

Dispensaries.	1884-85.	1885-86.	Increase.	Decrease.
Chingleput	116	103	..	13
Saidápet	439	298	..	141
Poonamallee	110	115	5	..
Sembyam	172	125	..	47
Tirupórúr	129	92	..	37
Madurántakam	234	183	..	51
Uttramerur	225	172	..	53
Sríperumbudur	138	69	..	69
Tiruvallúr	88	62	..	26
Satyavedu	72	129	57	..
Nagalapuram	70	128	58	..
Ponnéri	95	90	..	5
Total ..	1,888	1,566	120	442

In the year under reference 1,566 subjects were vaccinated by the medical subordinates against 1,888 in the previous year, showing a decrease of 322 cases, of which nearly half occurs at Saidápet. Most of the other dispensaries also show less work though to a much smaller extent. There are great difficulties yet in pushing on vaccination, a complaint which occurs also in the reports of the Deputy Inspectors of Vaccination. The hospital assistants, however, have been strictly warned to exert their best in extending vaccination.

2. The midwife attached to the Saidápet dispensary is now acquainted with vaccination and has assisted the apothecary in this respect whenever her other duties permitted.

CHINGLEPUT,
30*th April* 1886.

(Signed) T. RATHNAM MUDALIAR,
Acting District Surgeon, Chingleput.

ORDER—dated 13th September 1886, No. 1123 L.F., Financial.

The receipts and charges of the District Board of Chingleput for 1885-86 are compared below with the estimate of the year and the actuals of 1884-85 :—

RECEIPTS.

	Actuals, 1884-85.	Estimate, 1885-86.	Actuals, 1885-86.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Balance	64,261	62,580	47,197
1. Rates and Taxes—			
Cess on Land	1,41,470	1,40,000	1,75,552
Tolls	39,226	38,400	34,094
2. Education—			
School Fees	1,396	1,400	1,403
Other Items	513	330	522
3. Medical—			
Income from Endowments ..	53	60	53
Other Items	173	10	182
4. Interest—			
On Government Securities ..	1,526	1,530	2,093
On Arrears of Revenue	4,123	1,500	991
5. Miscellaneous—			
Choultry Rents	147	120	215
Other Items	6,835	5,110	5,481
6. Public Works	4,538	2,310	2,292
7. Contribution from Provincial Funds—			
Education	2,581	2,780	2,958
8. Contribution from Special Funds—			
Pound Fund	432	..	..
9. Miscellaneous Debt Accounts ..	46	..	7
Grand Total ..	2,67,320	2,56,130	2,73,040

CHARGES.

	Actuals, 1884-85.	Estimate, 1885-86.	Actuals, 1885-86.
GRANT I—	RS.	RS.	RS.
New Works—			
Communications	2,020	338	291
Buildings	494	1,140	934
Repairs—			
Communications	1,07,451	1,25,393	1,23,750
Buildings	323	1,802	1,470
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	2,996	3,000	3,000
Engineering Establishment ..	19,155	21,290	21,656
Tolls and Ferries	340	..	..
Tools and Plant	1,444	1,700	1,501
Contributions	40	..	..
Miscellaneous	40	..	..
GRANT II—			
Inspection	3,590	3,730	3,627
Training Schools	3,999	4,395	3,893
Local Fund Schools	2,476	2,490	2,447
Salary Grants	80	80	..
Results Grants	14,073	15,000	11,902
Miscellaneous	450	515	522
GRANT III—			
Hospitals and Dispensaries ..	15,130	12,770	12,214
Vaccination	5,870	6,147	5,687
Sanitation	11,132	10,446	10,194
Choultries	170	170	175
Travellers' Bungalows	541	420	424
Contributions	4,700	8,250	5,713
Miscellaneous	1,806	200	202
GRANT IV—			
Establishment, including Contingencies, Refunds, &c.	6,515	6,400	6,121
Repayment of Loan and Interest.	15,255	15,260	15,255
Miscellaneous Debt Accounts ..	33	..	1,507
Total Expenditure ..	2,20,123	2,40,936	2,32,485
Balance ..	47,197	15,194	40,555
Grand Total ..	2,67,320	2,56,130	2,73,040

2. In statement V, Rs. 246 are shown as "fees from compounding licenses." It should be stated whether the licenses were issued generally in respect of all the roads in the district or specially in respect of particular roads. In the latter case the amount should have been credited to the particular toll-gates concerned. In statement VI the rents of lands are shown as Rs. 268-5-8, whereas the amount given in column 7 of statement VIII is Rs. 256-1-1. The discrepancy should be explained.

3. The cost of the Local Fund Engineering establishment including contingencies exceeded the estimate by Rs. 366, which expenditure appears to have been incurred without the requisite allotment of funds. The cost of repairing roads, as given in statement IV, includes Rs. 56-8-0 spent in repairing toll-sheds. This statement refers to roads only, and should not include other expenditure classed under Communications.

In paragraph 26 of the report it is stated that 380 result grant schools with 8,586 pupils were examined, but according to statement X the numbers were 339 schools and 5,301 pupils. The discrepancies should be examined.

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the President, District Board, Chingleput.
" Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, through the Collector.
" Accountant-General.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
" Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.
" Revenue Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Public Works Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

6. *Tolls—Statement V.*—The toll-gates were the same as in the previous year, viz., five, at (1) Red Hills, (2) Maduravoyal, (3) Vandalúr, (4) North bank of the Pálár, and (5) Porur. All were leased out. The revenue estimated for from these gates was Rs. 37,000, but the actual collections amounted * to only Rs. 32,661. The following statement shows the collections from each gate and the percentage of the receipts to the cost of annual maintenance of the road on which it stands:—

* Includes license fees, Rs. 246.

Name of toll-gate.	Road on which located.	Budget estimate.	Amount of lease.	Collections including arrears.	Cost of maintenance of the road.	Percentage of the receipts to the cost of the maintenance of the road.
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	
1. Red Hills	Northern trunk road.	15,100	13,260	14,521	12,000	121
2. Maduranoyal	Western trunk road.	12,000	8,990	8,241	12,500	66
3. Vandalúr	Southern trunk road.	4,500	4,600	4,977	19,150	37
4. North bank of the Pálár.	Do. ..	2,400	2,065	2,128		
5. Porur	Road from atyavedu to St. Thomas' Mount.	3,000	2,780	2,548	5,100	50
	Total ..	37,000	31,695	32,415	..	..

7. *Miscellaneous items.*—Below are details of miscellaneous items of receipt required by paragraph 91 of the rules:—

Head of Account and figure in Statement I-A.			Particulars of miscellaneous receipts.	Amount.
	2. *Education.*			
		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.
1	(*b*) Contribution from municipality.	170 0 0	By the Conjeeveram Municipality for the Chingleput Normal School.	*170 0 0
2	(*e*) Miscellaneous.	46 5 9	Sale-proceeds of old materials belonging to the Saidápet Primary School re-roofed during the year.	35 3 0
			Rent of cattle-stand attached to the Saidápet Primary School.	10 0 0
			Sale-proceeds of withered trees of the Saidápet Primary School.	1 2 9
			Total ..	46 5 9
	3. *Medical.*			
3	(*c*) Contributions from municipalities.	60 0 0	By the Conjeeveram Municipality on account of the pay of the Deputy Inspector of Vaccination, Chingleput range.	†60 0 0

* G.O., dated 12th January 1885, No. 60, Financial.
† G.O., ,, 30th October 1885, Mis. No. 742 M., Financial.

Head of Account and figure in Statement I-A.			Particulars of miscellaneous receipts.	Amount.
		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.
4	(*e*) Miscellaneous.	111 9 4	Excess value of medicines refunded by the Military Department.	65 12 7
			House-rent paid by the Hospital Assistants of Tiruvallúr and Nágalápuram for occupying a portion of the dispensary building.	27 8 0
			Sale of unserviceable articles, &c., belonging to dispensaries.	18 4 9
			Total ..	111 9 4
	5. *Miscellaneous.*			
5	Sundry receipts..	619 8 7	Refund of the unexpended balance of the amount advanced to tahsildars in 1884-85 on account of cholera charges.	30 5 0
			Rent and sale of manure of cart-stands and of conservancy sweepings.	588 13 3
			Sale of trees within the compound of the Gummidipundi bungalow.	0 1 4
			Recovery of insufficient postage paid in 1884-85.	0 5 0
			Total ..	619 8 7
	6. *Public Works.*			
6	(*d*) Contribution from other district funds.	2,056 0 0	By the North Arcot Local Fund Board for the maintenance of certain roads about Maderpakam.	2,056 0 0
7	(*f*) Miscellaneous.	86 2 3	Unexpended balance refunded by the Local Fund Engineer.	4 12 3
			Fines	12 0 0
			Recovery of the value of tools, &c., lost ..	19 6 0
			Recovery from Provincial funds of travelling allowance drawn by the Local Fund Engineer when employed on Government duty in April 1884.	15 0 0
			Supervision charge for the execution of civil works by the Local Fund Engineering agency.	30 0 0
			Receipts realized by the Public Works Department on account of Local Funds.	5 0 0
			Total ..	86 2 3
8	Miscellaneous debt accounts.	7 4 0	Cooly for bringing cheque books from Messrs. Vest and Co., recovered from the Local Fund Engineer.	0 4 0
			Recovery of the advance to the head master of the Saidápet Primary School for payment of house-rent.	7 0 0
			Total ..	7 4 0

8. *Choultry Rents—Statement VIII.*—The receipts under this head are made up of the income derived from the inam lands belonging to the Local Fund chattram at Chingleput and of the rents of bazaars and manyam lands of the late Venkataranga Pillai's chattram at Sríperumbudur, transferred to the Chingleput chattram. The amount credited during the year under report was Rs. 215, but the collections entered in Statement No. VIII were only Rs. 203. The amount collected in the year was really Rs. 203; Rs. 74 of it were credited by mistake to Land Revenue, and the error

has not yet been adjusted. It will be adjusted in the current year. That would reduce the figure to Rs. 129. The difference between this and the Rs. 215 in Statement I-A is Rs. 86, wrongly credited to Land Revenue in the previous year, and adjusted in the year under report.

9. The variations under the remaining heads of receipts are fully explained in Statement I-A, and call for no remark.

10. *Expenditure—Statement I-B.*—The amount originally proposed for expenditure in the budget was Rs. 2,35,670, exclusive of the reserves. Rs. 5,270 was subsequently sanctioned as noted below, and the total provision for expenditure was therefore Rs. 2,40,940 :—

Source from which sanctioned.	Government Order.	Amount.
		RS.
1. Road fund reserve.. ..	G.O., Financial Department, dated 9th July 1885, No. 432 L.F.	1,021
Do. do.	G.O., Financial Department, dated 17th November 1885, Mis. No. 1060 L.F.	1,130
	Total ..	2,151
3. General fund reserve ..	G.O., Financial Department, dated 15th May 1885, Mis. No. 164 L.F.	576
4. Do. do. ..	G.O., Financial Department, dated 3rd June 1885, No. 252 L.F.	240
5. Do. do. ..	G.O., Financial Department, dated 29th June 1885, Mis. No. 386 L.F.	147
6. Do. do. ..	G.O., Financial Department, dated 13th July 1885, No. 459 L.F.	730
7. Do. do. ..	G.O., Financial Department, dated 22nd July 1885, No. 492 L.F.	150
8. Do. do. ..	G.O., Financial Department, dated 21st August 1885, No. 641 L.F.	940
9. Do. do. ..	G.O., Financial Department, dated 27th October 1885, Mis. No. 961 L.F.	60
10. Do. do. ..	G.O., Financial Department, dated 27th November 1885, No. 1109 L.F.	32
	Total ..	2,875
11. Balance	G.O., Financial Department, dated 25th June 1885, Mis. No. 368 L.F.	240
	Grand Total ..	5,266
	or in round numbers ..	5,270

Allotments under some heads were found inadequate, and they were supplemented by transfers from grants for other items (*vide* G.O., Mis. No. 1060 L.F., dated 17th November 1885) as follows :—

Heads under which allotments were found inadequate.	Amount required.	Heads from which transfer was made.	Amount transferred.
Grant II.—Education.	RS.	*Grant II.—Education.*	RS.
(*a*) Inspection	470	(*b*) Normal schools—	
(*b*) Normal schools—		Salaries and Stipends	450
(3) Servants	5	(*d*) Elementary schools	10
		(*g*) Miscellaneous	5

Heads under which allotments were found inadequate.	Amount required.	Heads from which transfer was made.	Amount transferred.
Grant III.—Medical Services, &c.	RS.	*Grant III.—Medical Services, &c.*	RS.
(*a*) (10) Zillah Surgeon's establishment.	50	(*a*) Hospitals and Dispensaries ..	780
(*b*) Vaccination	300	(*g*) Contribution to Provincial services.	180
(*c*) Sanitation	770		
(*g*) (6) Lunatics	780		
Grant IV.—Miscellaneous.		*Grant IV.—Miscellaneous.*	
(*d*) Contingencies	520	(*a*) Controlling establishments at the Presidency.	280
(*f*) Refunds	50	(*b*) Establishment in the Collector's office.	200
Total ..	2,945		
Deduct— Amount sanctioned from the reserve.	1,040		
Net amount provided from other sources.	1,905	Total amount transferred ..	1,905

The total charges during the year aggregated Rs. 2,32,480, or Rs. 8,460 less than the final allotment, the decrease occurring chiefly in the provisions for special repairs to roads, result grants, and the cost of medicines and surgical apparatus supplied from the Medical Store depôt. This last is explained in the remarks column of Statement I-B. The expenditure showed an increase of Rs. 12,360 over the actuals of the previous year, principally in consequence of larger outlay for special repairs to roads damaged by the heavy rains of 1884-85.

11. *Statement III—Grant I, Public Works, New Works—Communications.*—A sum of Rs. 12,480 was provided under this head in the sanctioned budget for 1885-86, but could not be utilized in this direction, as it was all wanted for the repair of the monsoon damages of the previous year. A subsequent allotment of Rs. 248 was made to finish two incomplete works, viz., (1) restoring the old road between Perambúr and Peralur, and (2) improving the road between Kuvam and Perambakkam, both village roads : *vide* G.O., dated 9th July 1885, No. 432 L.F., Financial. The latter was completed at a cost of Rs. 196. This with Rs. 95 paid for compensation for quarry lands for roads in Tiruvallúr taluk raised the total outlay on new works of communications to Rs. 291.

12. *Civil Buildings.*—The only work of this class sanctioned in the budget was the improvement to the soldiers' shed attached to the travellers' bungalow at Chingleput to converting it into an office and store-room for the Engineering Sub-division. The work was not carried out, as it was thought the Executive Engineer, Chingleput division, would transfer the buildings lately occupied by the Chingleput post office, which would serve the purpose equally well. The only expenditure incurred under this head was Rs. 934—the cost of the addition of two rooms to the Saidápet Primary School-house.

13. *Repairs—Communications.*—The budget allotment was Rs. 1,12,140, classified as under :—

	RS.
Ordinary maintenance to roads	92,910
Special repairs to three roads	18,870
Lighting the Marmalong bridge	300
Repairs to toll-sheds	60
Total ..	1,12,140

Rs. 13,250 were, with Government sanction, transferred, to supplement this allotment, from the grant for new works and the road fund reserve, in order to meet the unexpected extra expenditure caused by flood damages in November 1884. Thus, the final allotment was Rs. 1,25,390. Rs. 1,23,750, or more than 98 per cent. of this, were expended. Rs. 2,056 of this amount was, as usual, contributed by the District Board of North Arcot for the upkeep of certain roads passing through parts of that district next the Tiruvallúr taluk.

14. *Village Roads.*—The allotment for new village roads was, with the allotment for other new roads, as mentioned in paragraph 11 above, appropriated for monsoon damages. The only work carried out was the completion of the road noticed already from Kuvam to Perambakkam, $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles in length, with an outlay of Rs. 196.

15. *Statement IV.*—This statement furnishes the road statistics for the district during the year under review. There is a slight variation in the mileage, as compared with the previous year's return, explained in the subjoined abstract:—

Particulars.	Number of miles maintained in		Difference.		Explanation of variation.
	1884-85.	1885-86.	Increase.	Decrease.	
Main roads	652¼	650¾	..	*1½	* Decrease due to the transfer of Bengali Bazaar road (a portion of the Southern Trunk Road) to the Cantonment Committee of St. Thomas' Mount in 1885-86.
Village roads	29½	32½	3†	..	† Increase due to the maintenance of a new line, "Sunnapagunta road," for which provision was for the first time made in the budget for 1885-86.

N.B.—The 4½ miles of new village roads made in 1884-85, noted below, needed no repairs. Hence they are not included in the above abstract:—

	MILES.
(1) Road from Tinnanur Railway station to Tinnanur	2
(2) Road from Korattur Chattram to Tinnanur	2½
Total ..	4½

16. *General state of communications.*—The upkeep of the roads was well attended to, and those damaged by the November 1884 floods restored to order, so far as possible. Three of these roads, viz., (1) road from Kortalayár bridge to Puttur Railway station, (2) road from the Marmalong bridge to Pallikaranai, and (3) road from Tiruvettiyur bridge to Ponnéri, are still out of order. They will be repaired as funds are available. Six miles of the northern trunk road and half a mile of southern trunk road were recoated during the year, out of the mileage grants.

17. *Civil Buildings.*—The budget allotment was Rs. 800, as particularized below:—

	RS.
(1) School-houses	100
(2) Dispensaries	265
(3) Travellers' bungalows	285
(4) Chingleput chattram	150
Total ..	800

A further sum of Rs. 1,002 was sanctioned as follows:—

	RS.
(1) For repairing the steps leading to St. Thomas' Great Mount: G.O., dated 25th June 1885, Mis. No. 368 L.F., Financial ..	240
(2) For re-roofing the Saidápet Primary School-house: *vide* G.O., dated 13th July 1885, Mis. No. 459 L.F., Financial	730
(3) For repairing the Chingleput dispensary: G.O., dated 27th November 1885, Mis. No. 1109 L.F., Financial	32
Total ..	1,002

The total grant thus amounted to Rs. 1,802. Of this, only Rs. 1,470 were expended. The saving was due chiefly to no repairs having been found necessary either to the travellers' bungalows or the Local Fund chattram at Chingleput.

18. *Miscellaneous Public Improvements.*—The Rs. 3,000 provided under this head was solely for the improvement and maintenance of avenues. The whole amount was expended. The particulars of road avenues for the year under report are given in the following statement as directed in G.O., No. 154 L.F., Financial, dated 5th February 1886:—

Length in miles of road avenues.	Number of trees in the avenues at the end of the previous year.	Number of trees planted during the year.	Number of trees perished during the year.	Total number of trees at the end of the year.	Remarks.
468	58,934 *	4,994	1,070	62,858 *	* The figures include trees planted from Provincial funds prior to the introduction of the Local Fund Act, not shown in the lists furnished by the Engineer in the previous years. Hence the large increase as compared with the figures of 1884-85.
Add— Number of plants in the nurseries ..	..	..	..	3,014	
				65,872	

The number of trees standing on the several roads on the 31st March 1886 is shown below:—

		Number of trees.
1.	Northern trunk road	7,190
2.	Southern do.	13,787
3.	Western do.	11,094
4.	Road from Sadras to Surappan's choultry	5,836
5.	Do. Satyavedu *viâ* Tiruvallúr and Poonamallee to St. Thomas' Mount	4,580
6.	Do. the Kortalayár bridge towards Puttur Railway station	1,959
7.	Do. Kódambákam to Sríperumbudur	1,982
8.	Do. Tiruvallúr Railway station to Sríperumbudur ..	1,859
9.	Do. Cheyúr towards Wandiwash in North Arcot district..	2,640
10.	Other roads	11,931
11.	Nurseries	3,014
	Total ..	65,872

The principal kinds of trees planted were káttuválai, margosa, banyan, arasan, eluppai, tamarind, cocoanut, mango, nagal, casuarina, rain tree. The money spent was on labor employed for watching, watering, planting and fencing.

19. *Engineering Establishment.*—All Local Fund works were, as usual, executed by the Local Fund Engineering agency. The expenditure under this head amounted to Rs. 21,655 against the estimate of Rs. 21,290. The increase occurred under travelling allowance and contingencies, as explained in the comparative statement. The proportion of the cost to the outlay on public works was about 17 per cent., as in last year, against 20 per cent., the maximum rate sanctioned, and 23, the Public Works Department supervision.

20. *Grant II, Education—Statements IX and X—Inspection.*—As in the previous year, there were six inspecting schoolmasters in the district, each in charge of a taluk. Five drew Rs. 35 each, and one, the man in Ponnéri taluk, Rs. 30. The particulars of work performed by those officers are given in the accompanying statement No. X. J. Seshaiyangar, inspecting schoolmaster, Ponnéri, was dismissed for misconduct, and no successor was appointed for about four months; hence the work turned out in the taluk was short.

An addition was introduced in the year in the matter of the inspecting schoolmaster's instruction of the teachers of results schools, viz., to collect the teachers for the purpose once or twice a month at convenient centres; besides instructing them on the occasion of visiting their school individually. It is doubtful whether the plan will be a success. There was some correspondence in the year between this office and the Inspector of Schools, Mr. Fowler, on the subject of the reorganization of the subordinate inspecting agency, as the means best calculated to improve the state of primary education in the district, with reference to G.O., No. 490 L.F., Financial, dated 20th July 1885. Mr. Fowler proposed to dispense with three of the inspecting schoolmasters and employ instead a third deputy inspector and three attenders, the attenders to do the mechanical part of the work. The Acting Director of Public Instruction, Mr. Duncan, approved of the principle of the proposal; but said it could not be carried out in the way proposed, because the cost of deputy inspectors is to be met from Provincial, and not from Local funds. Mr. Duncan was thereupon requested to provide for an additional deputy inspector from Provincial funds as promised on a former occasion by the permanent Director, Mr. Grigg, and provision will, it is hoped, be made in the educational budget for 1887-88.

The inspection charges amounted to Rs. 3,627, the proportion of which to the expenditure on results grants was about 30 per cent.—a very high proportion, due chiefly to the reduction in the outlay on results grants, only Rs. 11,902, explained in the comparative statement I-B.

21. *Training Schools.*—As in the previous year, there were two Local Fund Normal schools in the district, viz., one at Poonamallee and the other at Chingleput. Provision was made in the budget for 1885-86 for 51 stipendiary students on Rs. 5 each per mensem—30 for the former institution and 21 for the latter. The number admitted during the year was only 26 at Poonamallee and 19 at Chingleput. Eight other students were sent from the Conjeeveram Municipality for training at the Chingleput school. Thus the strength of the latter institution was 27. The subjoined abstract furnishes particulars regarding the progress, &c., of the students:—

Particulars.	Poonamallee school.	Chingleput school.	Remarks.
Number of students that went up for the Special Upper Primary examination held in December 1885.	24	22	* Nine in first class and two in the second class. † Ten in the first class and three in the second class.
Number passed	11*	13†	Of the 26 students admitted into the Poonamallee school, six were retained in the school till 31st March 1886, one was re-admitted, and the particulars regarding the remaining 19 are given in column 2.
Number of teachers that reverted to their old schools after training.	8	9	
Number that opened new schools.	4	3	
Number that took up posts as assistants in other schools.	3	2	
Number reported to remain unemployed.	4	3	Of the 27 scholars admitted into the Chingleput school, four withdrew in the middle of the year on account of illness and six were re-admitted, and particulars regarding the rest are given in column 3.

The results obtained were not as satisfactory as in the previous year. There were practising classes in both the institutions. The number of students at the Poonamallee school fell off from 62 on the 31st March 1885 to 39 on the corresponding day of 1885-86. The decrease is attributed to the opening of a rival school at that station. The attendance at the Chingleput school increased from 12 to 23, and it is expected that the strength of the classes will greatly improve when the institution is

removed to a building in the centre of the town now in course of construction, which the District Board have agreed to rent.

The total cost of both the institutions was Rs. 3,893, which gives on an average Rs. 73 per pupil trained. A grant of Rs. 1,657 was drawn from Provincial funds during the year under report, the particulars of which are as follows:—

	Poonamallee.	Chingleput.	Total.
Masters	210	238	448
Students	657	525	1,182
House-rent	..	10	10
Building	17	..	17
Total ..	884	773	1,657

22. *Secondary Schools—Salary System.*—The only school of this class which remained under the control of the Chingleput District Board was the lower middle class school at Poonamallee. This institution, originally maintained from Provincial funds, was, as stated in the last report, transferred to the Local Fund Board under G.O., Educational Department, dated 22nd June 1882, No. 103. The attendance of pupils on the 31st March 1886 was 39—the same as on the last day of the previous year. Seven boys went up for the Lower Fourth Comparative examination and all succeeded. The number that passed the school examinations and were promoted to the upper classes are shown below:—

	Number of pupils passed and promoted.
Third class	7
Second do.	7
First do.	5

The school was inspected during the year by the Inspector of Schools and his deputy, and the results are stated to have been satisfactory. A grant-in-aid of Rs. 583 (including arrears of previous year) was drawn from Provincial funds, which, added to Rs. 497, the receipts from school fees, made a total of Rs. 1,080. Deducting from this the expenditure of Rs. 871, a balance of Rs. 209 was left in favor of the institution.

A new middle-class school has recently been started at Poonamallee by the Church Mission. The place is not big enough for two schools, and the Local Fund school will be closed if it is found that the new school supplies its educational wants. The matter is now before the Saidápet Taluk Board.

23. *Elementary Schools—Salary System.*—The Local Fund Primary school at Saidápet was the only institution of this class maintained by the District Board. There were on the rolls 138 pupils on the last day of the year, against 161 on the 31st March 1885, the decrease being attributed to the opening of a rival school, and to the resolution of the District Board allowing grant to the second standard class in the results schools at the station. The Deputy Inspector of Schools, who inspected the institution during the year under report, states that the results of the examination were very fair. The following figures show the number of boys that passed and those promoted to the higher classes:—

	Number passed and promoted.
Fourth standard or second class	33
Third do. or first A and B	38
Second do. or preparatory A and B	44
First do. or preparatory C	27

A sum of Rs. 718 was drawn from Provincial funds on account of grant-in-aid for the undermentioned purposes, viz.:—

	Rs.
Results grants earned by the pupils of the fourth standard class ..	285
Building grant	428
House-rent grant	5
Total ..	718

24. *Combined System Schools.*—There were no combined system schools in the district.

25. *Grants-in-aid—Salary Grants.*—Rupees 80 was provided in the budget for 1885-86 for payment of salary grants to the primary classes of the Free Church Mission school at Wálajábád, but no expenditure was incurred as the manager of the school did not present bills for payment. His attention was drawn to the matter.

26. *Results Grants.*—There were, on the 31st March 1886, 443 results grant schools with 12,672 pupils against 434 with 10,922 pupils on the last day of the previous year. The increase of 1,750 in pupils is attributed—(1) to the fact of there being nine new schools, and (2) to allowing grants for infants. During the year under report, 380 schools with 8,586 pupils were examined, showing a falling off of 61 institutions and 885 pupils as compared with the figures of the preceding year. The causes for the decrease were as follows:—

(1) greater scrutiny exercised in the selection of schools for aid;
(2) many of the schools were closed before the date of examination, chiefly in the Ponnéri taluk (26 out of 53), where there was first an incompetent inspecting schoolmaster and then no successor was appointed for some time after his dismissal;
(3) some schools were not ready for examination; and
(4) some were amalgamated with others.

Full rates were allowed during the year under review, but the numbers had fallen so much that the grants, Rs. 11,902, fell short by Rs. 2,171 of the amount—Rs. 14,073—paid in the preceding year, when 15 per cent. less than the full rates were paid. All the schools examined drew the grants before 31st March 1886 with the exception of two, the Adambakam school in Saidápet taluk and the Suggu Palli school in Tiruvallúr taluk. The manager of the former drew his grant afterwards in April. The manager of the latter school has not drawn his grant. He lost his certifying memorandum and has not applied for a duplicate. The following figures show the number of boys passed under the first three standards:—

	Number passed.	
	1884-85.	1885-86.
First standard	1,822	1,719
Second do.	1,598	1,475
Third do.	1,191	1,158
Total ..	4,611	4,352

There was, it will be seen, a falling off in all these standards, and of over 5·6 per cent. on the whole.

27. *Grant III, Medical Services—Vaccination, &c., Statement XII.*—As in the previous year, there were twelve Local Fund dispensaries in the district. They are as follows:—

Taluk.	Town or village.
Chingleput	1. Chingleput.
	2. Tirupórúr.
Conjeeveram	3. Sríperumbudur.
Madurántakam	4. Madurántakam.
	5. Uttaranmerur.

Taluk.	Town or village.
Saidápet	6. Saidápet.
	7. Sembyam.
	8. Poonamallee.
Ponnéri	9. Ponnéri.
Tiruvallúr	10. Tiruvallúr.
	11. Satyavedu.
	12. Nágalápuram.

The Chingleput and Saidápet dispensaries are endowed institutions.

Chingleput.—This institution has an annual income of Rs. 1,127, derived from the following sources:—

	Rs.
(1) Interest on Rs. 3,000 invested in Government securities of 4½ per cent. loan for two half-years	135
(2) Interest on promissory notes purchased from the late surplus pagoda fund and credited to this dispensary	992
Total ..	1,127

The amount credited during the year was Rs. 1,165, made up of the abovementioned sum of Rs. 1,127 and of Rs. 38 realized from miscellaneous items, such as refund of the excess value of medicines, &c. The charges, both fixed and contingent, including public works, amounted to Rs. 3,164, which exceeded the receipts by Rs. 1,999. This was made good from the General Local Fund revenues. The hospital is situated in a suitable building built by public subscription. The hospital assistant's quarters and the scavenger's shed attached to the dispensary were repaired during the year at a cost of Rs. 182.

Saidápet.—To this institution are credited the rent of inam lands belonging to the Nandambakkam chattram and the tannipandal at Kódambákam. The receipts from this source during the year were Rs. 54, which, with Rs. 27 from the sale of medicines, &c., made a total of Rs. 81. The expenditure, including the cost of repairs executed to the dispensary building, amounted to Rs. 1,216, the excess, Rs. 1,135, having been met from the General funds.

In-patients were treated at the Chingleput dispensary alone. Copy of the report from the Acting District Medical and Sanitary officer is enclosed. It will be observed from it that there was an increase of 32 and 755 amongst in and out patients respectively as compared with the admissions of the previous year. The medical subordinates in charge of the several dispensaries are reported to have been punctual in their duties and attentive to patients. Their work was inspected by the District Surgeon from time to time and found satisfactory. The total cost of maintaining the Local Fund dispensaries amounted to Rs. 11,822. A sum of Rs. 1,400 was as usual contributed to the Conjeeveram Municipality for the upkeep of the hospital in that town.

28. *Midwives and Midwifery Pupils.*—There were five midwives employed at the beginning of the year, attached to the dispensaries at Chingleput, Saidápet, Ponnéri, Madurántakam and Sríperumbudur. A sixth was appointed to the Tiruvallúr dispensary in September last, and there is thus now one in each taluk of the district. They conducted 111 labor cases, against 61 in the preceding year. The increase is so far satisfactory. Too much cannot be hoped for at first. Provision was made in the budget for this year for stipends to midwifery pupils at the Madras Lying-in Hospital; but no candidates came forward. This is to be regretted, as we have still six dispensaries without midwives. Efforts will be made to get some this year.

29. *Vaccination, Statement XIII.*—As in the previous year, the district was divided into two ranges for purposes of vaccination, viz., Saidápet and Chingleput, the former comprising the Saidápet, Ponnéri and Tiruvallúr taluks of the principal division, and the latter the three sub-division taluks of Chingleput, Conjeeveram and

Receipts during the year.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Interest drawn on the principal amount	200	3	6			
Do. on the amount of interest accrued on the principal	140	0	0			
	340	3	6			
Deduct—						
Commission due to the Secretary, Bank of Madras, at 2½ per cent. for drawing interest	8	8	0			
Renewal fee	1	0	0			
	330	11	6			
Interest on the promissory notes purchased by the President, District Board, and remaining with the Accountant-General	135	0	0			
				465	11	6
Total, including balance ..				12,455	11	9

Expenditure during the year.

Incidental charge for the purchase of a promissory note for Rs. 1,500	21	0	0			
Cost of repairing the steps of St. Thomas' Great Mount including supervision charge	262	10	9			
				283	10	9

Balance at the end of the year.

In Government securities, as per last year's account ..	10,005	8	0			
Do. purchased during the year .	1,500	0	0			
In Savings Bank	391	9	0			
In cash in the district treasury	275	0	0			
				12,172	1	0

36. *Treasury transactions of the Fund.*—According to treasury accounts there was a balance of Rs. 1,093 in favor of this fund at the beginning of the year, which added to receipts, Rs. 966, made a total of Rs. 2,059. The charges for repairing the Mount steps together with the purchase of a promissory note as stated above amounted to Rs. 1,784, which left a balance of Rs. 275 at the close of the year.

37. *Grant IV, Miscellaneous.*—There was no change during the year under report in the establishments maintained for the general administration of Local Funds, except that the pay of the Local Fund auditor, now local audit clerk, was reduced from Rs. 75 to Rs. 50 under G.O., Financial Department, dated 10th March 1885, No. 514. The audit of Local Fund accounts is now conducted by the Treasury Deputy Collector, with the aid of the local audit clerk. The charges on account of the establishments maintained at the presidency and in the district amounted to Rs. 3,380; and Rs. 1,981 was spent in contingencies and miscellaneous charges including travelling allowance to non-official members. The half-yearly instalments of the principal and interest of the Kortalayár bridge loan, amounting to Rs. 15,255, were, as usual, paid during the year.

38. *Constitution and Meetings of the District Board.*—There were at the commencement of the year 22 members of the district board, 11 official and as many non-officials. The *personnel* was revised under G.O., dated 19th March 1885, No. 598, Financial, so as to answer the requirements of the Local Boards Act (V of 1884); and the board, at the close of the year, consisted of 24 members—6 officials and 18 non-officials. A nominal list of the members of the district board is given in statement XVI. The number of meetings held during the year was 12, and the average attendance of the official and non-official gentlemen was 2 and 8 respectively against 5 and 3 of the previous year. The increase in the attendance of non-official members is satisfactory.

39. *Working of the new system.*—The new Act was in force; but there was little practical change, as taluk boards and panchayats had not come into existence; there is therefore nothing particular to remark. I was not in the district in any part of the year.

Enclosures.

Annual Concise Report on the Local Fund Dispensaries in the Chingleput District, 1885-86.

I have the honor to submit the usual concise report on the working of the Local Fund dispensaries in the district of Chingleput for the official year ending the 31st March 1886.

2. There are twelve dispensaries in the district, of which that of Chingleput is the only one where in-door patients are treated. No new dispensaries were opened in the year. The towns of Cheyúr and Pulicat, which were entered in the sanctioned list of dispensaries—*vide* Proceedings of the Revenue Board, No. 1427, dated 2nd June 1882—are still unprovided with the means of medical relief owing to want of funds at the disposal of the board. There are several other minor towns also in the district which have equal claims for a dispensary, but I fear nothing can be done in this direction until the funds improve.

3. The following table shows the localities occupied by these dispensaries:—

No.	Taluks.	Number in each.	Locality.	Remarks.
1	Saidápet	3	Saidápet	Out-patients.
			Poonamallee	Do.
			Sembyan	Do.
2	Chingleput ..	2	Chingleput	In and out patients.
			Tirupórúr	Out-patients.
3	Madurántakam ..	2	Madurántakam	Do.
			Uttramerur	Do.
4	Conjeeveram ..	1	Sríperumbudur	Do.
5	Tiruvallúr ..	3	Tiruvallúr	Do.
			Satyavedu	Do.
			Nagalapuram	Do.
6	Ponnéri	1	Ponnéri	Do.

4. The grades of medical officers holding independent charge of these dispensaries is shown in the subjoined table:—

Name of dispensary.	Officer in charge.	
1. Chingleput	District Surgeon.	
2. Saidápet	Civil Apothecary.	
3. Tirupórúr	First-class Hospital Assistants.	
4. Sríperumbudur		
5. Poonamallee		
6. Madurántakam	Second-class	do.
7. Ponnéri		
8. Tiruvallúr		
9. Uttramerur	Third-class	do.
10. Nagalapuram		
11. Satyavedu		
12. Sembyam	Pensioned	do.

5. The following statement shows the class and condition of the buildings in which the dispensaries are held; eight of these are rented, being private property.

Dispensary.	Building.	Condition.
Saidápet	Local Fund property ..	Suitable, a latrine is to be added.
Poonamallee	Rented	Suitable.
Sembyam	Do.	Do. needs repair.
Chingleput	Local Fund property ..	Do. do.
Tirupórúr	Rented	Suitable.
Madurántakam	Old sub-jail building ..	Do.
Uttramerur	Rented	Do.
Sríperumbudur	Do.	Do.
Tiruvallúr	Do.	A building under construction.
Satyavedu	Do.	Suitable, but is a thatched house.
Nagalapuram	Old Registrar's office ..	Suitable.
Ponnéri	Old tannah	Needs improvement and additions.

The premises occupied by the Uttramerur dispensary having been found damp and unfit for use, the institution was transferred in the year to a house on a higher level as being more suitable. The dispensary at Sríperumbudur was also transferred to a new and commodious house on the northern road of the town. As regards the Madurántakam dispensary certain suggestions for improving it, so as to provide direct access from the road instead of through the taluk cutcherries enclosure, have been approved by the district board, and estimate for the alteration is now under preparation. The hospital at Chingleput requires a thorough repair and the doors and windows have to be repainted. I believe the estimate for this has been ordered, and I trust that the board will be pleased to sanction the repairs at an early date as the work has long since been put off. In regard to Ponnéri dispensary the building requires to be fitted with doors, &c., as without this the furniture, &c., is unsafe.

6. The medical subordinates in charge of these dispensaries have continued to be punctual in their duties and attentive to the patients. Their work was inspected without previous notice from time to time in the year, and found satisfactory.

7. In the subjoined tabular statement the total sick treated in each dispensary is compared with that of the previous year:—

Dispensaries.	In-patients.					Out-patients.						
	No. treated in 1884-85.	No. treated in 1885-86.	Discharged.	Died.	Remaining.	No. treated in 1884-85.	No. treated in 1885-86.	Discharged.	Died.	Remaining.	Increase.	Decrease.
Chingleput	380	412	364	27	21	9,098	9,955	9,908	16	31	857	..
Saidápet	..	..	..	..	..	10,340	9,761	9,727	6	28	..	579
Poonamallee	..	..	..	..	..	6,248	5,356	5,321	5	30	..	892
Sembyam	..	..	..	..	..	7,797	7,893	7,867	1	25	96	..
Tirupórúr	..	..	..	..	..	3,378	2,653	2,620	6	27	..	725
Madurántakam	..	..	..	..	..	5,896	6,799	6,741	11	47	903	..
Uttramerur	..	..	..	..	..	3,897	4,232	4,185	5	42	335	..
Sríperumbudur	..	..	..	..	..	5,579	5,295	5,252	11	32	..	284
Tiruvallúr	..	..	..	..	..	4,958	5,970	5,934	7	29	1,012	..
Satyavedu	..	..	..	..	..	4,170	3,645	3,612	4	29	..	525
Nagalapuram	..	..	..	..	..	3,302	3,946	3,925	1	20	644	..
Ponnéri	..	..	..	..	..	4,722	4,635	4,598	12	25	..	87
Total	380	412	364	27	21	69,385	70,140	69,690	85	365	3,847	3,092

8. It will be observed from the figures recorded above that there is a considerable increase in the admissions against Chingleput, Tiruvallúr, Madurántakam, and Nagalapuram dispensaries, while Tirupórúr, Saidápet, Satyavedu, and Sríperumbudur show a marked decrease. There is, however, an increase of 755 admissions in the aggregate number treated at the twelve dispensaries.

9. The most common diseases that came under treatment did not differ from those of the previous year. They were constipation, ear and eye diseases, dyspepsia, worms, itch, boils and abscess, eczema, fever, muscular rheumatism, and wounds and injuries.

10. The dispensary at Tiruvallúr was provided with a midwife in the year under report, so that there are at present six qualified midwives working at Chingleput, Saidápet, Madurántakam, Ponnéri, Sríperumbudur, and Tiruvallúr.

11. It is gratifying to observe that the public health of these towns in common with the rest of the district was very satisfactory throughout the year. The outbreak of cholera which raged in the previous year had ceased in March, and there has been no recurrence of the disease since.

Small-pox also had greatly subsided, and the year opened with very little of it in the district. Beyond a few small local and short-lived outbreaks the disease showed no tendency to reach epidemic proportions.

The outbreak of ague in the weaver villages near Conjeeveram, alluded to in last year's report, recurred in the rainy season to a small extent, but has now subsided. Certain villages near Ponnéri have experienced a similar outbreak during the latter half of 1885. These local outbreaks were due to wet and cold. The villages concerned were cleaned up and medical aid was afforded through hospital assistants.

12. The supply of medical stores and appliances to the dispensaries were carefully preserved and generally sufficient. The medical indent of each hospital is carefully scrutinized at the District Surgeon's office before submission to the district board.

CHINGLEPUT,
30*th April* 1886.

(Signed) T. RATHNAM MUDALIAR,
Acting District Surgeon, Chingleput.

CONCISE Report on the work performed by the Midwives attached to the Local Fund Dispensaries in the Chingleput district in 1885-86.

At the beginning of the year under report there were five midwives working at the dispensaries of Chingleput, Saidápet, Madurántakam, Sríperumbudur, and Ponnéri. A midwife has since been appointed to Tiruvallúr dispensary in September 1885. All these have had their training in the Madras Lying-in Hospital, and hold certificates of qualification.

2. The number of labor cases conducted by these midwives is shown in the subjoined table:—

Station.	In the dispensary.		In town or villages.		Total of 1885-86.
	1884-85.	1885-86.	1884-85.	1885-86.	
Chingleput	16	21	12	12	33
Saidápet	..	..	17	20	20
Madurántakam	..	..	7	11	11
Sríperumbudur	..	..	..	11	11
Ponnéri	..	..	9	25	25
Tiruvallúr	..	..	..	11	11
Total ..	16	21	45	90	111

3. The Chingleput dispensary having an in-door hospital attached to it with a midwifery ward, 21 labor cases were received into the institution for confinement and were attended by the midwife. Of these cases, 12 were natural labor, the rest being instrumental ones. In the other stations the cases conducted by the midwives were all at the houses of the patients in their respective towns and adjoining villages. The work turned out, though double of last year, is far from what may be expected from them. They have doubtless difficulties, as they have to compete with the country midwives who are long resident in these towns. But as they become better known their practice will increase. The Tiruvallúr midwife was appointed only seven months ago, but those at Sríperumbudur and Madurántakam are slow in acquiring practice.

4. In addition to their special work just alluded to, these midwives are employed in attending on female patients and assist the medical officers in charge in the general management of diseases peculiar to women. The midwife attached to Saidápet was also taught vaccination in the year. She operated on a few subjects under the supervision of the apothecary in charge of the dispensary. The other midwives are slow to learn this branch of practice, and they will be insisted upon doing something in this direction and extend their usefulness.

CHINGLEPUT,
30*th April* 1886.

(Signed) T. RATHNAM MUDALIAR,
Acting District Surgeon, Chingleput.

CONCISE Report on Vaccination by the Medical Subordinates of the Local Fund Dispensaries in the Chingleput District in 1885-86.

Vaccination was maintained as heretofore in each dispensary and the work performed by the several medical subordinates is shown in the table below, contrasted with the figures of the preceding year.

Dispensaries.	1884-85.	1885-86.	Increase.	Decrease.
Chingleput	116	103	..	13
Saidápet	439	298	..	141
Poonamallee	110	115	5	..
Sembyam	172	125	..	47
Tirupórúr	129	92	..	37
Madurántakam	234	183	..	51
Uttramerur	225	172	..	53
Sríperumbudur	138	69	..	69
Tiruvallúr	88	62	..	26
Satyavedu	72	129	57	..
Nagalapuram	70	128	58	..
Ponnéri	95	90	..	5
Total ..	1,888	1,566	120	442

In the year under reference 1,566 subjects were vaccinated by the medical subordinates against 1,888 in the previous year, showing a decrease of 322 cases, of which nearly half occurs at Saidápet. Most of the other dispensaries also show less work though to a much smaller extent. There are great difficulties yet in pushing on vaccination, a complaint which occurs also in the reports of the Deputy Inspectors of Vaccination. The hospital assistants, however, have been strictly warned to exert their best in extending vaccination.

2. The midwife attached to the Saidápet dispensary is now acquainted with vaccination and has assisted the apothecary in this respect whenever her other duties permitted.

Chingleput,
30*th April* 1886.

(Signed) T. RATHNAM MUDALIAR,
Acting District Surgeon, Chingleput.

Order—dated 13th September 1886, No. 1123 L.F., Financial.

The receipts and charges of the District Board of Chingleput for 1885-86 are compared below with the estimate of the year and the actuals of 1884-85 :—

Receipts.

	Actuals, 1884-85.	Estimate, 1885-86.	Actuals, 1885-86.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Balance	64,261	62,580	47,197
1. Rates and Taxes—			
Cess on Land	1,41,470	1,40,000	1,75,552
Tolls	39,226	38,400	34,094
2. Education—			
School Fees	1,396	1,400	1,403
Other Items	513	330	522
3. Medical—			
Income from Endowments ..	53	60	53
Other Items	173	10	182
4. Interest—			
On Government Securities ..	1,526	1,530	2,093
On Arrears of Revenue	4,123	1,500	991
5. Miscellaneous—			
Choultry Rents	147	120	215
Other Items	6,835	5,110	5,481
6. Public Works	4,538	2,310	2,292
7. Contribution from Provincial Funds—			
Education	2,581	2,780	2,958
8. Contribution from Special Funds—			
Pound Fund	432	..	..
9. Miscellaneous Debt Accounts ..	46	..	7
Grand Total ..	2,67,320	2,56,130	2,73,040

Charges.

	Actuals, 1884-85.	Estimate, 1885-86.	Actuals, 1885-86.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Grant I—			
New Works—			
Communications	2,020	338	291
Buildings	494	1,140	934
Repairs—			
Communications	1,07,451	1,25,393	1,23,750
Buildings	323	1,802	1,470
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	2,996	3,000	3,000
Engineering Establishment ..	19,155	21,290	21,656
Tolls and Ferries	340	..	..
Tools and Plant	1,444	1,700	1,501
Contributions	40	..	..
Miscellaneous	40	..	..
Grant II—			
Inspection	3,590	3,730	3,627
Training Schools	3,999	4,395	3,893
Local Fund Schools	2,476	2,490	2,447
Salary Grants	80	80	..
Results Grants	14,073	15,000	11,902
Miscellaneous	450	515	522
Grant III—			
Hospitals and Dispensaries ..	15,130	12,770	12,214
Vaccination	5,870	6,147	5,687
Sanitation	11,132	10,446	10,194
Choultries	170	170	175
Travellers' Bungalows	541	420	424
Contributions	4,700	8,250	5,713
Miscellaneous	1,806	200	202
Grant IV—			
Establishment, including Contingencies, Refunds, &c.	6,515	6,400	6,121
Repayment of Loan and Interest.	15,255	15,260	15,255
Miscellaneous Debt Accounts ..	33	..	1,507
Total Expenditure ..	2,20,123	2,40,936	2,32,485
Balance ..	47,197	15,194	40,555
Grand Total ..	2,67,320	2,56,130	2,73,040

2. In statement V, Rs. 246 are shown as "fees from compounding licenses." It should be stated whether the licenses were issued generally in respect of all the roads in the district or specially in respect of particular roads. In the latter case the amount should have been credited to the particular toll-gates concerned. In statement VI the rents of lands are shown as Rs. 268-5-8, whereas the amount given in column 7 of statement VIII is Rs. 256-1-1. The discrepancy should be explained.

3. The cost of the Local Fund Engineering establishment including contingencies exceeded the estimate by Rs. 366, which expenditure appears to have been incurred without the requisite allotment of funds. The cost of repairing roads, as given in statement IV, includes Rs. 56-8-0 spent in repairing toll-sheds. This statement refers to roads only, and should not include other expenditure classed under Communications.

In paragraph 26 of the report it is stated that 380 result grant schools with 8,586 pupils were examined, but according to statement X the numbers were 339 schools and 5,301 pupils. The discrepancies should be examined.

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the President, District Board, Chingleput.
" Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, through the Collector.
" Accountant-General.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
" Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.
" Revenue Department.
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Local Fund Report.

Reveiwing the — of the Chingleput district for 1885-86.

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With order

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From G. W. FAWCETT, Esq., President, District Board, Chingleput, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Saidápet, 14th July 1886, No. 690-L.F.

I have the honor to submit my report on the operations of Local Funds in this district for 1885-86, together with the statements prepared in the forms prescribed in the new rules circulated with G.O., No. 741 L.F., dated 18th September 1885. The report was passed by the district board at a meeting held on the 13th instant.

2. *General.*—The principal event of the year under review was the introduction of the new Local Boards Act, V of 1884. The taluk boards and panchayats proposed did not begin work in the year, and the district board continued to administer all the funds of the district.

3. *Receipts—Statement I-A.*—The balance at the beginning of the year, excluding the Local Fund Engineer's cheques, amounted to Rs. 47,197, as advised by the Accountant-General, against the estimate of Rs. 62,580, and the actuals of Rs. 64,261 of the previous year. The decrease in both cases occurred chiefly under Land Cess, due to the suspension of collections in 1884-85 in villages affected by floods.

4. The receipts under the several heads amounted to Rs. 2,25,843, against Rs. 1,93,550 estimated for, and against Rs. 2,03,060 realized in 1884-85. The excess in both cases was the result of prompt collection, including the collection of the sum just mentioned as held under suspension in the previous year.

5. *Cess on land.*—It will be observed from the accompanying statement, No. VII, showing the demand, collection and balance of land-cess, that the arrears balance on the 1st April 1885 was Rs. 37,525, against Rs. 24,939 on the corresponding day of the previous year. The increase was due to the suspension of collections already referred to. The current demand amounted to Rs. 1,50,820, or nearly the same as the actuals of 1884-85, Rs. 1,51,065. The collections were, arrears Rs. 36,825, and current Rs. 1,38,727, or a total of Rs. 1,75,552, against the budget and revised estimates of Rs. 1,40,000 and Rs. 1,66,000, respectively, and against Rs. 1,41,470, the actuals of the previous year. Rs. 378 of the arrears were written off the accounts as irrecoverable, under the sanction of the Board of Revenue accorded in their proceedings noted in the margin, and the arrear balance left outstanding on the 31st March was only Rs. 578. It belongs to 1884-85. The current balance left outstanding on the 31st March was Rs. 11,837, or about 8 per cent. of the demand. The greater part of it has since been collected.

	Rs.
Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 6549, dated 18th July 1885	31
Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 8366, dated 10th September 1885	60
Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 9937, dated 4th November 1885	3
Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 1006, dated 6th February 1886	284
Total ..	378

6. *Tolls—Statement V.*—The toll-gates were the same as in the previous year, viz., five, at (1) Red Hills, (2) Maduravoyal, (3) Vandalúr, (4) North bank of the Pálár, and (5) Porur. All were leased out. The revenue estimated for from these gates was Rs. 37,000, but the actual collections amounted * to only Rs. 32,661. The following statement shows the collections from each gate and the percentage of the receipts to the cost of annual maintenance of the road on which it stands:—

* Includes license fees, Rs. 246.

Name of toll-gate.	Road on which located.	Budget estimate.	Amount of lease.	Collections including arrears.	Cost of maintenance of the road.	Percentage of the receipts to the cost of the maintenance of the road.
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	
1. Red Hills	Northern trunk road.	15,100	13,260	14,521	12,000	121
2. Maduranoyal	Western trunk road.	12,000	8,990	8,241	12,500	66
3. Vandalúr	Southern trunk road.	4,500	4,600	4,977	19,150	37
4. North bank of the Pálár.	Do. ..	2,400	2,065	2,128		
5. Porur	Road from atyavedu to St. Thomas' Mount.	3,000	2,780	2,548	5,100	50
	Total ..	37,000	31,695	32,415	..	..

7. *Miscellaneous items.*—Below are details of miscellaneous items of receipt required by paragraph 91 of the rules:—

Head of Account and figure in Statement I-A.			Particulars of miscellaneous receipts.	Amount.
			2. *Education.*	
		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.
1	(*b*) Contribution from municipality.	170 0 0	By the Conjeeveram Municipality for the Chingleput Normal School.	*170 0 0
2	(*e*) Miscellaneous.	46 5 9	Sale-proceeds of old materials belonging to the Saidápet Primary School re-roofed during the year.	35 3 0
			Rent of cattle-stand attached to the Saidápet Primary School.	10 0 0
			Sale-proceeds of withered trees of the Saidápet Primary School.	1 2 9
			Total ..	46 5 9
			3. *Medical.*	
3	(*c*) Contributions from municipalities.	60 0 0	By the Conjeeveram Municipality on account of the pay of the Deputy Inspector of Vaccination, Chingleput range.	†60 0 0

* G.O., dated 12th January 1885, No. 60, Financial.
† G.O., ,, 30th October 1885. Mis. No. 742 M., Financial.

Head of Account and figure in Statement I-A.			Particulars of miscellaneous receipts.	Amount.
				RS. A. P.
4	(*e*) Miscellaneous.	111 9 4	Excess value of medicines refunded by the Military Department.	65 12 7
			House-rent paid by the Hospital Assistants of Tiruvallúr and Nágalápuram for occupying a portion of the dispensary building.	27 8 0
			Sale of unserviceable articles, &c., belonging to dispensaries.	18 4 9
			Total ..	111 9 4
			5. *Miscellaneous.*	
5	Sundry receipts..	619 8 7	Refund of the unexpended balance of the amount advanced to tahsildars in 1884-85 on account of cholera charges.	30 5 0
			Rent and sale of manure of cart-stands and of conservancy sweepings.	588 13 3
			Sale of trees within the compound of the Gummidipundi bungalow.	0 1 4
			Recovery of insufficient postage paid in 1884-85.	0 5 0
			Total ..	619 8 7
			6. *Public Works.*	
6	(*d*) Contribution from other district funds.	2,056 0 0	By the North Arcot Local Fund Board for the maintenance of certain roads about Maderpakam.	2,056 0 0
7	(*f*) Miscellaneous.	86 2 3	Unexpended balance refunded by the Local Fund Engineer.	4 12 3
			Fines	12 0 0
			Recovery of the value of tools, &c., lost ..	19 6 0
			Recovery from Provincial funds of travelling allowance drawn by the Local Fund Engineer when employed on Government duty in April 1884.	15 0 0
			Supervision charge for the execution of civil works by the Local Fund Engineering agency.	30 0 0
			Receipts realized by the Public Works Department on account of Local Funds.	5 0 0
			Total ..	86 2 3
8	Miscellaneous debt accounts.	7 4 0	Cooly for bringing cheque books from Messrs. Vest and Co., recovered from the Local Fund Engineer.	0 4 0
			Recovery of the advance to the head master of the Saidápet Primary School for payment of house-rent.	7 0 0
			Total ..	7 4 0

8. *Choultry Rents—Statement VIII.*—The receipts under this head are made up of the income derived from the inam lands belonging to the Local Fund chattram at Chingleput and of the rents of bazaars and manyam lands of the late Venkataranga Pillai's chattram at Sríperumbudur, transferred to the Chingleput chattram. The amount credited during the year under report was Rs. 215, but the collections entered in Statement No. VIII were only Rs. 203. The amount collected in the year was really Rs. 203; Rs. 74 of it were credited by mistake to Land Revenue, and the error

has not yet been adjusted. It will be adjusted in the current year. That would reduce the figure to Rs. 129. The difference between this and the Rs. 215 in Statement I-A is Rs. 86, wrongly credited to Land Revenue in the previous year, and adjusted in the year under report.

9. The variations under the remaining heads of receipts are fully explained in Statement I-A, and call for no remark.

10. *Expenditure—Statement I-B.*—The amount originally proposed for expenditure in the budget was Rs. 2,35,670, exclusive of the reserves. Rs. 5,270 was subsequently sanctioned as noted below, and the total provision for expenditure was therefore Rs. 2,40,940 :—

Source from which sanctioned.	Government Order.	Amount.
		RS.
1. Road fund reserve.. ..	G.O., Financial Department, dated 9th July 1885, No. 432 L.F.	1,021
Do. do.	G.O., Financial Department, dated 17th November 1885, Mis. No. 1060 L.F.	1,130
	Total ..	2,151
3. General fund reserve ..	G.O., Financial Department, dated 15th May 1885, Mis. No. 164 L.F.	576
4. Do. do. ..	G.O., Financial Department, dated 3rd June 1885, No. 252 L.F.	240
5. Do. do. ..	G.O., Financial Department, dated 29th June 1885, Mis. No. 386 L.F.	147
6. Do. do. ..	G.O., Financial Department, dated 13th July 1885, No. 459 L.F.	730
7. Do. do. ..	G.O., Financial Department, dated 22nd July 1885, No. 492 L.F.	150
8. Do. do. ..	G.O., Financial Department, dated 21st August 1885, No. 641 L.F.	940
9. Do. do. ..	G.O., Financial Department, dated 27th October 1885, Mis. No. 961 L.F.	60
10. Do. do. ..	G.O., Financial Department, dated 27th November 1885, No. 1109 L.F.	32
	Total ..	2,875
11. Balance	G.O., Financial Department, dated 25th June 1885, Mis. No. 368 L.F.	240
	Grand Total ..	5,266
	or in round numbers ..	5,270

Allotments under some heads were found inadequate, and they were supplemented by transfers from grants for other items (*vide* G.O., Mis. No. 1060 L.F., dated 17th November 1885) as follows :—

Heads under which allotments were found inadequate.	Amount required.	Heads from which transfer was made.	Amount transferred.
Grant II.—Education.	RS.	*Grant II.—Education.*	RS.
(*a*) Inspection	470	(*b*) Normal schools— Salaries and Stipends	450
(*b*) Normal schools— (3) Servants	5	(*d*) Elementary schools	10
		(*g*) Miscellaneous	5

Heads under which allotments were found inadequate.	Amount required.	Heads from which transfer was made.	Amount transferred.
Grant III.—Medical Services, &c.	RS.	*Grant III.—Medical Services, &c.*	RS.
(*a*) (10) Zillah Surgeon's establishment.	50	(*a*) Hospitals and Dispensaries ..	780
(*b*) Vaccination	300	(*g*) Contribution to Provincial services.	180
(*c*) Sanitation	770		
(*g*) (6) Lunatics	780		
Grant IV.—Miscellaneous.		*Grant IV.—Miscellaneous.*	
(*d*) Contingencies	520	(*a*) Controlling establishments at the Presidency.	280
(*f*) Refunds	50	(*b*) Establishment in the Collector's office.	200
Total ..	2,945		
Deduct— Amount sanctioned from the reserve.	1,040		
Net amount provided from other sources.	1,905	Total amount transferred ..	1,905

The total charges during the year aggregated Rs. 2,32,480, or Rs. 8,460 less than the final allotment, the decrease occurring chiefly in the provisions for special repairs to roads, result grants, and the cost of medicines and surgical apparatus supplied from the Medical Store depôt. This last is explained in the remarks column of Statement I-B. The expenditure showed an increase of Rs. 12,360 over the actuals of the previous year, principally in consequence of larger outlay for special repairs to roads damaged by the heavy rains of 1884-85.

11. *Statement III—Grant I, Public Works, New Works—Communications.*—A sum of Rs. 12,480 was provided under this head in the sanctioned budget for 1885-86, but could not be utilized in this direction, as it was all wanted for the repair of the monsoon damages of the previous year. A subsequent allotment of Rs. 248 was made to finish two incomplete works, viz., (1) restoring the old road between Perambúr and Peralur, and (2) improving the road between Kuvam and Perambakkam, both village roads : *vide* G.O., dated 9th July 1885, No. 432 L.F., Financial. The latter was completed at a cost of Rs. 196. This with Rs. 95 paid for compensation for quarry lands for roads in Tiruvallúr taluk raised the total outlay on new works of communications to Rs. 291.

12. *Civil Buildings.*—The only work of this class sanctioned in the budget was the improvement to the soldiers' shed attached to the travellers' bungalow at Chingleput to converting it into an office and store-room for the Engineering Sub-division. The work was not carried out, as it was thought the Executive Engineer, Chingleput division, would transfer the buildings lately occupied by the Chingleput post office, which would serve the purpose equally well. The only expenditure incurred under this head was Rs. 934—the cost of the addition of two rooms to the Saidápet Primary School-house.

13. *Repairs—Communications.*—The budget allotment was Rs. 1,12,140, classified as under :—

	RS.
Ordinary maintenance to roads	92,910
Special repairs to three roads	18,870
Lighting the Marmalong bridge	300
Repairs to toll-sheds	60
Total ..	1,12,140

Rs. 13,250 were, with Government sanction, transferred, to supplement this allotment, from the grant for new works and the road fund reserve, in order to meet the unexpected extra expenditure caused by flood damages in November 1884. Thus, the final allotment was Rs. 1,25,390. Rs. 1,23,750, or more than 98 per cent. of this, were expended. Rs. 2,056 of this amount was, as usual, contributed by the District Board of North Arcot for the upkeep of certain roads passing through parts of that district next the Tiruvallúr taluk.

14. *Village Roads.*—The allotment for new village roads was, with the allotment for other new roads, as mentioned in paragraph 11 above, appropriated for monsoon damages. The only work carried out was the completion of the road noticed already from Kuvam to Perambakkam, 1¼ miles in length, with an outlay of Rs. 196.

15. *Statement IV.*—This statement furnishes the road statistics for the district during the year under review. There is a slight variation in the mileage, as compared with the previous year's return, explained in the subjoined abstract:—

Particulars.	Number of miles maintained in		Difference.		Explanation of variation.
	1884-85.	1885-86.	Increase.	Decrease.	
Main roads	652¼	650¾	..	*1½	* Decrease due to the transfer of Bengali Bazaar road (a portion of the Southern Trunk Road) to the Cantonment Committee of St. Thomas' Mount in 1885-86.
Village roads	29½	32½	3†	..	† Increase due to the maintenance of a new line, "Sunnapagunta road," for which provision was for the first time made in the budget for 1885-86.

N.B.—The 4½ miles of new village roads made in 1884-85, noted below, needed no repairs. Hence they are not included in the above abstract:—

	MILES.
(1) Road from Tinnanur Railway station to Tinnanur	2
(2) Road from Korattur Chattram to Tinnanur	2½
Total ..	4½

16. *General state of communications.*—The upkeep of the roads was well attended to, and those damaged by the November 1884 floods restored to order, so far as possible. Three of these roads, viz., (1) road from Kortalayár bridge to Puttur Railway station, (2) road from the Marmalong bridge to Pallikaranai, and (3) road from Tiruvettiyur bridge to Ponnéri, are still out of order. They will be repaired as funds are available. Six miles of the northern trunk road and half a mile of southern trunk road were recoated during the year, out of the mileage grants.

17. *Civil Buildings.*—The budget allotment was Rs. 800, as particularized below:—

	RS.
(1) School-houses	100
(2) Dispensaries	265
(3) Travellers' bungalows	285
(4) Chingleput chattram	150
Total ..	800

A further sum of Rs. 1,002 was sanctioned as follows:—

	RS.
(1) For repairing the steps leading to St. Thomas' Great Mount: G.O., dated 25th June 1885, Mis. No. 368 L.F., Financial ..	240
(2) For re-roofing the Saidápet Primary School-house: *vide* G.O., dated 13th July 1885, Mis. No. 459 L.F., Financial	730
(3) For repairing the Chingleput dispensary: G.O., dated 27th November 1885, Mis. No. 1109 L.F., Financial	32
Total ..	1,002

The total grant thus amounted to Rs. 1,802. Of this, only Rs. 1,470 were expended. The saving was due chiefly to no repairs having been found necessary either to the travellers' bungalows or the Local Fund chattram at Chingleput.

18. *Miscellaneous Public Improvements.*—The Rs. 3,000 provided under this head was solely for the improvement and maintenance of avenues. The whole amount was expended. The particulars of road avenues for the year under report are given in the following statement as directed in G.O., No. 154 L.F., Financial, dated 5th February 1886:—

Length in miles of road avenues.	Number of trees in the avenues at the end of the previous year.	Number of trees planted during the year.	Number of trees perished during the year.	Total number of trees at the end of the year.	Remarks.
468	58,934 *	4,994	1,070	62,858 *	* The figures include trees planted from Provincial funds prior to the introduction of the Local Fund Act, not shown in the lists furnished by the Engineer in the previous years. Hence the large increase as compared with the figures of 1884-85.
Add— Number of plants in the nurseries ..	..	..	..	3,014	
				65,872	

The number of trees standing on the several roads on the 31st March 1886 is shown below:—

		Number of trees.
1.	Northern trunk road	7,190
2.	Southern do.	13,787
3.	Western do.	11,094
4.	Road from Sadras to Surappan's choultry	5,836
5.	Do. Satyavedu *viâ* Tiruvallúr and Poonamallee to St. Thomas' Mount	4,580
6.	Do. the Kortalayár bridge towards Puttur Railway station	1,959
7.	Do. Kódambákam to Sríperumbudur	1,982
8.	Do. Tiruvallúr Railway station to Sríperumbudur ..	1,859
9.	Do. Cheyúr towards Wandiwash in North Arcot district..	2,640
10.	Other roads	11,931
11.	Nurseries	3,014
	Total ..	65,872

The principal kinds of trees planted were káttuválai, margosa, banyan, arasan, eluppai, tamarind, cocoanut, mango, nagal, casuarina, rain tree. The money spent was on labor employed for watching, watering, planting and fencing.

19. *Engineering Establishment.*—All Local Fund works were, as usual, executed by the Local Fund Engineering agency. The expenditure under this head amounted to Rs. 21,655 against the estimate of Rs. 21,290. The increase occurred under travelling allowance and contingencies, as explained in the comparative statement. The proportion of the cost to the outlay on public works was about 17 per cent., as in last year, against 20 per cent., the maximum rate sanctioned, and 23, the Public Works Department supervision.

20. *Grant II, Education—Statements IX and X—Inspection.*—As in the previous year, there were six inspecting schoolmasters in the district, each in charge of a taluk. Five drew Rs. 35 each, and one, the man in Ponnéri taluk, Rs. 30. The particulars of work performed by those officers are given in the accompanying statement No. X. J. Seshaiyangar, inspecting schoolmaster, Ponnéri, was dismissed for misconduct, and no successor was appointed for about four months; hence the work turned out in the taluk was short.

An addition was introduced in the year in the matter of the inspecting schoolmaster's instruction of the teachers of results schools, viz., to collect the teachers for the purpose once or twice a month at convenient centres; besides instructing them on the occasion of visiting their school individually. It is doubtful whether the plan will be a success. There was some correspondence in the year between this office and the Inspector of Schools, Mr. Fowler, on the subject of the reorganization of the subordinate inspecting agency, as the means best calculated to improve the state of primary education in the district, with reference to G.O., No. 490 L.F., Financial, dated 20th July 1885. Mr. Fowler proposed to dispense with three of the inspecting schoolmasters and employ instead a third deputy inspector and three attenders, the attenders to do the mechanical part of the work. The Acting Director of Public Instruction, Mr. Duncan, approved of the principle of the proposal; but said it could not be carried out in the way proposed, because the cost of deputy inspectors is to be met from Provincial, and not from Local funds. Mr. Duncan was thereupon requested to provide for an additional deputy inspector from Provincial funds as promised on a former occasion by the permanent Director, Mr. Grigg, and provision will, it is hoped, be made in the educational budget for 1887-88.

The inspection charges amounted to Rs. 3,627, the proportion of which to the expenditure on results grants was about 30 per cent.—a very high proportion, due chiefly to the reduction in the outlay on results grants, only Rs. 11,902, explained in the comparative statement I-B.

21. *Training Schools.*—As in the previous year, there were two Local Fund Normal schools in the district, viz., one at Poonamallee and the other at Chingleput. Provision was made in the budget for 1885-86 for 51 stipendiary students on Rs. 5 each per mensem—30 for the former institution and 21 for the latter. The number admitted during the year was only 26 at Poonamallee and 19 at Chingleput. Eight other students were sent from the Conjeeveram Municipality for training at the Chingleput school. Thus the strength of the latter institution was 27. The subjoined abstract furnishes particulars regarding the progress, &c., of the students:—

Particulars.	Poonamallee school.	Chingleput school.	Remarks.
Number of students that went up for the Special Upper Primary examination held in December 1885.	24	22	* Nine in first class and two in the second class. † Ten in the first class and three in the second class.
Number passed	11*	13†	Of the 26 students admitted into the Poonamallee school, six were retained in the school till 31st March 1886, one was re-admitted, and the particulars regarding the remaining 19 are given in column 2.
Number of teachers that reverted to their old schools after training.	8	9	
Number that opened new schools.	4	3	
Number that took up posts as assistants in other schools.	3	2	
Number reported to remain unemployed.	4	3	Of the 27 scholars admitted into the Chingleput school, four withdrew in the middle of the year on account of illness and six were re-admitted, and particulars regarding the rest are given in column 3.

The results obtained were not as satisfactory as in the previous year. There were practising classes in both the institutions. The number of students at the Poonamallee school fell off from 62 on the 31st March 1885 to 39 on the corresponding day of 1885-86. The decrease is attributed to the opening of a rival school at that station. The attendance at the Chingleput school increased from 12 to 23, and it is expected that the strength of the classes will greatly improve when the institution is

removed to a building in the centre of the town now in course of construction, which the District Board have agreed to rent.

The total cost of both the institutions was Rs. 3,893, which gives on an average Rs. 73 per pupil trained. A grant of Rs. 1,657 was drawn from Provincial funds during the year under report, the particulars of which are as follows:—

	Poonamallee.	Chingleput.	Total.
Masters	210	238	448
Students	657	525	1,182
House-rent	..	10	10
Building	17	..	17
Total ..	884	773	1,657

22. *Secondary Schools—Salary System.*—The only school of this class which remained under the control of the Chingleput District Board was the lower middle class school at Poonamallee. This institution, originally maintained from Provincial funds, was, as stated in the last report, transferred to the Local Fund Board under G.O., Educational Department, dated 22nd June 1882, No. 103. The attendance of pupils on the 31st March 1886 was 39—the same as on the last day of the previous year. Seven boys went up for the Lower Fourth Comparative examination and all succeeded. The number that passed the school examinations and were promoted to the upper classes are shown below:—

	Number of pupils passed and promoted.
Third class	7
Second do.	7
First do.	5

The school was inspected during the year by the Inspector of Schools and his deputy, and the results are stated to have been satisfactory. A grant-in-aid of Rs. 583 (including arrears of previous year) was drawn from Provincial funds, which, added to Rs. 497, the receipts from school fees, made a total of Rs. 1,080. Deducting from this the expenditure of Rs. 871, a balance of Rs. 209 was left in favor of the institution.

A new middle-class school has recently been started at Poonamallee by the Church Mission. The place is not big enough for two schools, and the Local Fund school will be closed if it is found that the new school supplies its educational wants. The matter is now before the Saidápet Taluk Board.

23. *Elementary Schools—Salary System.*—The Local Fund Primary school at Saidápet was the only institution of this class maintained by the District Board. There were on the rolls 138 pupils on the last day of the year, against 161 on the 31st March 1885, the decrease being attributed to the opening of a rival school, and to the resolution of the District Board allowing grant to the second standard class in the results schools at the station. The Deputy Inspector of Schools, who inspected the institution during the year under report, states that the results of the examination were very fair. The following figures show the number of boys that passed and those promoted to the higher classes:—

	Number passed and promoted.
Fourth standard or second class	33
Third do. or first A and B	38
Second do. or preparatory A and B	44
First do. or preparatory C	27

A sum of Rs. 718 was drawn from Provincial funds on account of grant-in-aid for the undermentioned purposes, viz. :—

	RS.
Results grants earned by the pupils of the fourth standard class ..	285
Building grant	428
House-rent grant	5
Total ..	718

24. *Combined System Schools.*—There were no combined system schools in the district.

25. *Grants-in-aid—Salary Grants.*—Rupees 80 was provided in the budget for 1885-86 for payment of salary grants to the primary classes of the Free Church Mission school at Wálajábád, but no expenditure was incurred as the manager of the school did not present bills for payment. His attention was drawn to the matter.

26. *Results Grants.*—There were, on the 31st March 1886, 443 results grant schools with 12,672 pupils against 434 with 10,922 pupils on the last day of the previous year. The increase of 1,750 in pupils is attributed—(1) to the fact of there being nine new schools, and (2) to allowing grants for infants. During the year under report, 380 schools with 8,586 pupils were examined, showing a falling off of 61 institutions and 885 pupils as compared with the figures of the preceding year. The causes for the decrease were as follows :—

(1) greater scrutiny exercised in the selection of schools for aid ;
(2) many of the schools were closed before the date of examination, chiefly in the Ponnéri taluk (26 out of 53), where there was first an incompetent inspecting schoolmaster and then no successor was appointed for some time after his dismissal ;
(3) some schools were not ready for examination ; and
(4) some were amalgamated with others.

Full rates were allowed during the year under review, but the numbers had fallen so much that the grants, Rs. 11,902, fell short by Rs. 2,171 of the amount—Rs. 14,073—paid in the preceding year, when 15 per cent. less than the full rates were paid. All the schools examined drew the grants before 31st March 1886 with the exception of two, the Adambakam school in Saidápet taluk and the Suggu Palli school in Tiruvallúr taluk. The manager of the former drew his grant afterwards in April. The manager of the latter school has not drawn his grant. He lost his certifying memorandum and has not applied for a duplicate. The following figures show the number of boys passed under the first three standards :—

	Number passed.	
	1884-85.	1885-86.
First standard	1,822	1,719
Second do.	1,598	1,475
Third do.	1,191	1,158
Total ..	4,611	4,352

There was, it will be seen, a falling off in all these standards, and of over 5·6 per cent. on the whole.

27. *Grant III, Medical Services—Vaccination, &c., Statement XII.*—As in the previous year, there were twelve Local Fund dispensaries in the district. They are as follows :—

Taluk.	Town or village.
Chingleput	1. Chingleput.
	2. Tirupórúr.
	3. Sríperumbudur.
Conjeeveram	4. Madurántakam.
Madurántakam	5. Uttaranmerur.

Taluk.	Town or village.
	6. Saidápet.
Saidápet	7. Sembyam.
	8. Poonamallee.
Ponnéri	9. Ponnéri.
	10. Tiruvallúr.
Tiruvallúr	11. Satyavedu.
	12. Nágalápuram.

The Chingleput and Saidápet dispensaries are endowed institutions.

Chingleput.—This institution has an annual income of Rs. 1,127, derived from the following sources :—

	RS.
(1) Interest on Rs. 3,000 invested in Government securities of 4½ per cent. loan for two half-years	135
(2) Interest on promissory notes purchased from the late surplus pagoda fund and credited to this dispensary	992
Total ..	1,127

The amount credited during the year was Rs. 1,165, made up of the abovementioned sum of Rs. 1,127 and of Rs. 38 realized from miscellaneous items, such as refund of the excess value of medicines, &c. The charges, both fixed and contingent, including public works, amounted to Rs. 3,164, which exceeded the receipts by Rs. 1,999. This was made good from the General Local Fund revenues. The hospital is situated in a suitable building built by public subscription. The hospital assistant's quarters and the scavenger's shed attached to the dispensary were repaired during the year at a cost of Rs. 182.

Saidápet.—To this institution are credited the rent of inam lands belonging to the Nandambakkam chattram and the tannipandal at Kódambákam. The receipts from this source during the year were Rs. 54, which, with Rs. 27 from the sale of medicines, &c., made a total of Rs. 81. The expenditure, including the cost of repairs executed to the dispensary building, amounted to Rs. 1,216, the excess, Rs. 1,135, having been met from the General funds.

In-patients were treated at the Chingleput dispensary alone. Copy of the report from the Acting District Medical and Sanitary officer is enclosed. It will be observed from it that there was an increase of 32 and 755 amongst in and out patients respectively as compared with the admissions of the previous year. The medical subordinates in charge of the several dispensaries are reported to have been punctual in their duties and attentive to patients. Their work was inspected by the District Surgeon from time to time and found satisfactory. The total cost of maintaining the Local Fund dispensaries amounted to Rs. 11,822. A sum of Rs. 1,400 was as usual contributed to the Conjeeveram Municipality for the upkeep of the hospital in that town.

28. *Midwives and Midwifery Pupils.*—There were five midwives employed at the beginning of the year, attached to the dispensaries at Chingleput, Saidápet, Ponnéri, Madurántakam and Sríperumbudur. A sixth was appointed to the Tiruvallúr dispensary in September last, and there is thus now one in each taluk of the district. They conducted 111 labor cases, against 61 in the preceding year. The increase is so far satisfactory. Too much cannot be hoped for at first. Provision was made in the budget for this year for stipends to midwifery pupils at the Madras Lying-in Hospital ; but no candidates came forward. This is to be regretted, as we have still six dispensaries without midwives. Efforts will be made to get some this year.

29. *Vaccination, Statement XIII.*—As in the previous year, the district was divided into two ranges for purposes of vaccination, viz., Saidápet and Chingleput, the former comprising the Saidápet, Ponnéri and Tiruvallúr taluks of the principal division, and the latter the three sub-division taluks of Chingleput, Conjeeveram and

Madurántakam. Each range was in charge of a Deputy Inspector on a salary of Rs. 70. The particulars of the staff employed during the year were as follows :—

		RS.
2	First-class Deputy Inspectors on	70
4	Do. Vaccinators	18
1	Do. Vaccinator	17
1	Do. do.	15
12	Second-class Vaccinators	10
2	Pupil do.	6
2	Peons	5

The distribution of the agency amongst the several taluks and divisions is shown in the subjoined abstract :—

Range and taluk.	Division.	Head-quarter station.	Vaccinator's rank.	Monthly salary.
				RS.
Saidápet range .. Saidápet	Saidápet	St. Thomas' Mount..	First class ..	18
			Pupil vaccinator .	6
	Poonamallee ..	Poonamallee	Second class ..	10
	Sembyam ..	Sembyam	Do. ..	10
Tiruvallúr ..	Tiruvallúr ..	Tiruvallúr	First class ..	17
	Periapolayam ..	Periapolayam ..	Second class ..	10
	Satyavedu ..	Satyavedu	Do. ..	10
Ponnéri	Ponnéri	Ponnéri	First class ..	18
	Sholaveram ..	Sholaveram	Second class ..	10
The above three taluks	....	St. Thomas' Mount..	First-class Deputy Inspector.	70
			Peon	5
Chingleput range .. Chingleput ..	Chingleput ..	Chingleput	First class ..	15
			Pupil vaccinator .	6
	Sadras	Sadras	Second class ..	10
	Tirupórúr ..	Tirupórúr	Do. ..	10
Conjeeveram ..	Conjeeveram ..	Conjeeveram	First class ..	18
	Sríperumbudur ..	Sríperumbudur ..	Second class ..	10
	Wálajábád ..	Wálajábád	Do. ..	10
Madurántakam ..	Madurántakam ..	Madurántakam ..	First class ..	18
	Cheyúr	Cheyúr	Second class ..	10
	Uttaranmerur ..	Uttaranmerur	Do. ..	10
	Atcharawakam ..	Atcharawakam ..	Do. ..	10
The above three taluks	....	Chingleput	First-class Deputy Inspector.	70
			Peon	5

The number operated upon during the year under report was only 25,579, against 31,262 in the preceding year—a decrease of 5,683 cases or 18 per cent. This result is attributed chiefly to the following causes :—

(1) Vacancies among vaccinators caused by dismissals, resignations, &c., and their places not having been filled up, for some months during the year, for want of competent hands.
(2) Absence of vaccinators on leave.
(3) Non-prevalence of small-pox in the Saidápet range.

The decrease is extremely unsatisfactory, and the causes assigned equally so. The matter will be attended to this year. Of the 25,579 cases operated on, 23,661 cases or 92·5 per cent. proved successful and 1,065 unsuccessful, while the results in the remaining cases were unknown. The total cost of vaccination amounted to Rs. 5,721, which gives 3 annas 10 pies per each successful case—a very high figure. The vaccination work turned out by the medical subordinates in charge of the dispensaries, already very small, fell from 1,888 cases operated upon in 1884-85 to 1,566, showing a decrease of 322 cases or over 17 per cent.—a very unsatisfactory result. The District Surgeon's report is enclosed.

30. *Sanitation.*—The allotment for this purpose was Rs. 10,446, made up of the budget grant of Rs. 9,400 and subsequent allotments of Rs. 1,046. The expenditure under the several heads aggregated Rs. 10,194, the details of which are given in statement XIV accompanying the report. The causes for the decrease under estimate are explained in the comparative statement. Wells and ponds in large and important villages, where there was a deficiency of drinking water, were repaired at a cost of Rs. 1,060, and Rs. 1,132 was spent in the removal of prickly pear from village-sites,

road-sides and tank bunds. The villages contributed a moiety of the cost in many cases, some in money and others in labor. Scavenging establishments were maintained, as usual, in all towns and important villages, besides temporary carts and establishment in other places at certain seasons. The total cost was Rs. 7,124. Rs. 550 was provided for sanitary arrangements at important fairs and festivals, but only Rs. 434 was spent, the decrease being due, as explained in the comparative statement, principally to the necessary arrangements at certain places having been carried out by the people themselves. As in previous years, Rs. 400 was paid to the chairman of the Conjeeveram Municipality to supplement the outlay incurred for the sanitary arrangements during the grand festival of the Vishnu temple at that place. There was no cholera during the year. Medical subordinates in charge of the dispensaries were sent to fever-stricken localities to afford medical aid. The travelling allowance, &c., paid to them amounted to Rs. 444 against the estimate of Rs. 500.

31. *Public Health.*—Health was generally good. The report of the Zillah Surgeon, who is the District Medical and Sanitary officer, furnishes complete information on this point.

32. *Markets.*—There were no public markets in this district.

33. *Choultries.*—The Local Fund chattram at Chingleput is the only institution of this class under the control of the district board. It has an endowment in land. Its annual income is Rs. 130 made up of Rs. 60 derived from the inam lands assigned to it, and of Rs. 70 the proceeds of the manyam lands and bazaars of the late Venkata Ranga Pillai's choultry at Sríperumbudur, transferred to this institution. The amount credited during the year under report, including the arrears of previous years, was Rs. 215, which, with the opening balance of Rs. 1,055, made a total of Rs. 1,270. The charges incurred amounted to Rs. 175, of which Rs. 132 appertained to establishment and the remainder to contingencies, leaving a balance of Rs. 1,095 on the last day of the year. No repairs were executed to the building during the year. The chattram is near the railway station, and being at the junction of several important roads, is very useful to travellers.

34. *Bungalows.*—The number of travellers' bungalows in the district was four, viz. :—

(1) Gummidipundi, on the Northern Trunk road.
(2) Gúduvancheri, (3) Chingleput, (4) Karunguli, } on the Southern Trunk road.

The fees realized amounted to Rs. 255, making, with some miscellaneous receipts, a total of Rs. 262. The charges for establishment, contingencies, and furniture were Rs. 424, or Rs. 162 in excess of the income. This was met from the General Local Fund revenue. None of these bungalows was repaired during the year.

35. *Miscellaneous Endowed Institutions.*—The only item under this head is the Petrus Uscan's Charity Fund, designed for the repairs of the Marmalong bridge and the steps leading up St. Thomas' Great Mount. The subjoined memorandum shows the position of this charity :—

Balance at the beginning of the year.

	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Original endowment in Government securities ..	5,005	8	0			
Interest on the principal amount in Government securities	3,500	0	0			
Interest on Government securities lately kept by the President, Local Fund Board, and now in the Accountant-General's office	1,500	0	0			
	891	9	0			
In Savings Bank	1,092	15	3			
In cash in the District Treasury				11,990	0	3

Receipts during the year.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Interest drawn on the principal amount	200	3	6			
Do. on the amount of interest accrued on the principal	140	0	0			
	340	3	6			
Deduct—						
Commission due to the Secretary, Bank of Madras, at 2½ per cent. for drawing interest	8	8	0			
Renewal fee	1	0	0			
	330	11	6			
Interest on the promissory notes purchased by the President, District Board, and remaining with the Accountant-General	135	0	0			
				465	11	6
Total, including balance ..				12,455	11	9

Expenditure during the year.

Incidental charge for the purchase of a promissory note for Rs. 1,500	21	0	0			
Cost of repairing the steps of St. Thomas' Great Mount including supervision charge	262	10	9			
				283	10	9

Balance at the end of the year.

In Government securities, as per last year's account ..	10,005	8	0			
Do. purchased during the year .	1,500	0	0			
In Savings Bank	391	9	0			
In cash in the district treasury	275	0	0			
				12,172	1	0

36. *Treasury transactions of the Fund.*—According to treasury accounts there was a balance of Rs. 1,093 in favor of this fund at the beginning of the year, which added to receipts, Rs. 966, made a total of Rs. 2,059. The charges for repairing the Mount steps together with the purchase of a promissory note as stated above amounted to Rs. 1,784, which left a balance of Rs. 275 at the close of the year.

37. *Grant IV, Miscellaneous.*—There was no change during the year under report in the establishments maintained for the general administration of Local Funds, except that the pay of the Local Fund auditor, now local audit clerk, was reduced from Rs. 75 to Rs. 50 under G.O., Financial Department, dated 10th March 1885, No. 514. The audit of Local Fund accounts is now conducted by the Treasury Deputy Collector, with the aid of the local audit clerk. The charges on account of the establishments maintained at the presidency and in the district amounted to Rs. 3,380; and Rs. 1,981 was spent in contingencies and miscellaneous charges including travelling allowance to non-official members. The half-yearly instalments of the principal and interest of the Kortalayár bridge loan, amounting to Rs. 15,255, were, as usual, paid during the year.

38. *Constitution and Meetings of the District Board.*—There were at the commencement of the year 22 members of the district board, 11 official and as many non-officials. The *personnel* was revised under G.O., dated 19th March 1885, No. 598, Financial, so as to answer the requirements of the Local Boards Act (V of 1884); and the board, at the close of the year, consisted of 24 members—6 officials

and 18 non-officials. A nominal list of the members of the district board is given in statement XVI. The number of meetings held during the year was 12, and the average attendance of the official and non-official gentlemen was 2 and 8 respectively against 5 and 3 of the previous year. The increase in the attendance of non-official members is satisfactory.

39. *Working of the new system.*—The new Act was in force; but there was little practical change, as taluk boards and panchayats had not come into existence; there is therefore nothing particular to remark. I was not in the district in any part of the year.

ENCLOSURES.

ANNUAL Concise Report on the Local Fund Dispensaries in the Chingleput District, 1885-86.

I have the honor to submit the usual concise report on the working of the Local Fund dispensaries in the district of Chingleput for the official year ending the 31st March 1886.

2. There are twelve dispensaries in the district, of which that of Chingleput is the only one where in-door patients are treated. No new dispensaries were opened in the year. The towns of Cheyúr and Pulicat, which were entered in the sanctioned list of dispensaries—*vide* Proceedings of the Revenue Board, No. 1427, dated 2nd June 1882—are still unprovided with the means of medical relief owing to want of funds at the disposal of the board. There are several other minor towns also in the district which have equal claims for a dispensary, but I fear nothing can be done in this direction until the funds improve.

3. The following table shows the localities occupied by these dispensaries:—

No.	Taluks.	Number in each.	Locality.	Remarks.
1	Saidápet	3	Saidápet	Out-patients.
			Poonamallee	Do.
			Sembyan	Do.
2	Chingleput ..	2	Chingleput	In and out patients.
			Tirupórúr	Out-patients.
3	Madurántakam ..	2	Madurántakam	Do.
			Uttramerur	Do.
4	Conjeeveram ..	1	Sríperumbudur	Do.
5	Tiruvallúr ..	3	Tiruvallúr	Do.
			Satyavedu	Do.
			Nagalapuram	Do.
6	Ponnéri	1	Ponnéri	Do.

4. The grades of medical officers holding independent charge of these dispensaries is shown in the subjoined table:—

Name of dispensary.	Officer in charge.	
1. Chingleput	District Surgeon.	
2. Saidápet	Civil Apothecary.	
3. Tirupórúr	First-class Hospital Assistants.	
4. Sríperumbudur		
5. Poonamallee		
6. Madurántakam	Second-class	do.
7. Ponnéri		
8. Tiruvallúr		
9. Uttramerur	Third-class	do.
10. Nagalapuram		
11. Satyavedu		
12. Sembyam	Pensioned	do.

5. The following statement shows the class and condition of the buildings in which the dispensaries are held; eight of these are rented, being private property.

Dispensaries.	1884-85.	1885-86.	Increase.	Decrease.
[illegible]put	116	103	..	13
[illegible]	439	298	..	141
[illegible]llee	110	115	5	..
[illegible]	172	125	..	47
[illegible]ore	129	92	..	37
[illegible]ntakam	234	183	..	51
[illegible]ur	225	172	..	53
[illegible]mbudur	138	69	..	69
[illegible]ir	88	62	..	26
[illegible]ndi	72	129	57	..
[illegible]ram	70	128	58	..
[illegible]	95	90	..	5
Total ..	1,888	1,566	120	442

In the year under reference 1,566 subjects were vaccinated by the medical subordinates [illegible] 1,888 in the previous year, showing a decrease of 322 cases, of which nearly half occurs [illegible]dápet. Most of the other dispensaries also show less work though to a much smaller [illegible] There are great difficulties yet in pushing on vaccination, a complaint which occurs [illegible] the reports of the Deputy Inspectors of Vaccination. The hospital assistants, however, [illegible] been strictly warned to exert their best in extending vaccination.

The midwife attached to the Saidápet dispensary is now acquainted with vaccination [illegible] assisted the apothecary in this respect whenever her other duties permitted.

[illegible]NGLEPUT,
[illegible] *April* 1886.

(Signed) T. RATHNAM MUDALIAR,
Acting District Surgeon, Chingleput.

[illegible]—dated 13th September 1886, No. 1123 L.F., Financial.

The receipts and charges of the District Board of Chingleput for 1885-86 are [illegible]pared below with the estimate of the year and the actuals of 1884-85 :—

Receipts.

	Actuals, 1884-85.	Estimate, 1885-86.	Actuals, 1885-86.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Balance	64,261	62,580	47,197
1. Rates and Taxes—			
Cess on Land	1,41,470	1,40,000	1,75,552
Tolls	39,226	38,400	34,094
2. Education—			
School Fees	1,396	1,400	1,403
Other Items	513	330	522
3. Medical—			
Income from Endowments ..	53	60	53
Other Items	173	10	182
4. Interest—			
On Government Securities ..	1,526	1,530	2,093
On Arrears of Revenue	4,123	1,500	991
5. Miscellaneous—			
Choultry Rents	147	120	215
Other Items	6,835	5,110	5,481
6. Public Works	4,538	2,310	2,292
7. Contribution from Provincial Funds—			
Education	2,581	2,780	2,958
8. Contribution from Special Funds—			
Pound Fund	432	..	..
9. Miscellaneous Debt Accounts ..	46	..	7
Grand Total ..	2,67,320	2,56,130	2,73,040

Charges.

	Actuals, 1884-85.	Estimate, 1885-86.	Actuals, 1885-86.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Grant I—			
New Works—			
Communications	2,020	338	291
Buildings	494	1,140	934
Repairs—			
Communications	1,07,451	1,25,393	1,23,750
Buildings	323	1,802	1,470
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	2,996	3,000	3,000
Engineering Establishment ..	19,155	21,290	21,656
Tolls and Ferries	340	..	..
Tools and Plant	1,444	1,700	1,501
Contributions	40	..	..
Miscellaneous	40	..	..
Grant II—			
Inspection	3,590	3,730	3,627
Training Schools	3,999	4,395	3,893
Local Fund Schools	2,476	2,490	2,447
Salary Grants	80	80	..
Results Grants	14,073	15,000	11,902
Miscellaneous	450	515	522
Grant III—			
Hospitals and Dispensaries ..	15,130	12,770	12,214
Vaccination	5,870	6,147	5,687
Sanitation	11,132	10,446	10,194
Choultries	170	170	175
Travellers' Bungalows	541	420	424
Contributions	4,700	8,250	5,713
Miscellaneous	1,806	200	202
Grant IV—			
Establishment, including Contingencies, Refunds, &c.	6,515	6,400	6,121
Repayment of Loan and Interest.	15,255	15,260	15,255
Miscellaneous Debt Accounts ..	33	..	1,507
Total Expenditure ..	2,20,123	2,40,936	2,32,485
Balance ..	47,197	15,194	40,555
Grand Total ..	2,67,320	2,56,130	2,73,040

2. In statement V, Rs. 246 are shown as "fees from compounding licenses." It should be stated whether the licenses were issued generally in respect of all the roads in the district or specially in respect of particular roads. In the latter case the amount should have been credited to the particular toll-gates concerned. In statement VI the rents of lands are shown as Rs. 268-5-8, whereas the amount given in column 7 of statement VIII is Rs. 256-1-1. The discrepancy should be explained.

3. The cost of the Local Fund Engineering establishment including contingencies exceeded the estimate by Rs. 366, which expenditure appears to have been incurred without the requisite allotment of funds. The cost of repairing roads, as given in statement IV, includes Rs. 56-8-0 spent in repairing toll-sheds. This statement refers to roads only, and should not include other expenditure classed under Communications.

In paragraph 26 of the report it is stated that 380 result grant schools with 8,586 pupils were examined, but according to statement X the numbers were 339 schools and 5,301 pupils. The discrepancies should be examined.

(True Extract.)

for *Chief Secretary.*

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