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# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

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## Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 518 Press / Mis.

Dated 12. 4. 1859.

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## *Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 12th April 1859.*

No. 83. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd March 1859, No. 1006.

Read letter from the Collector of Madura, dated 28th February 1859, No. 30. - Attached

(In Con. 4th March 1859, No. 897.)

Ordered that the foregoing Report be submitted for the consideration and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

2. The Report does not seem to call for remark from the Board further than that it appears to shew the advisability of a more vigorous prosecution of the Water project as essential to the cleanliness and health of the Town.

3. As regards the reformation of the drains Mr. Clarke can address the Board should his proposed conference with the District Engineer result in a scheme which appears to be within their province.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

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No. 84. ORDER THEREON, No. 518; dated 12th April 1859.

Ordered that the foregoing Extract be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
*Secretary to Government.*

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Enc. 1.

Abstract.—Statement shewing the portion of Ditch filled and Ramparts levelled, the portion built or not yet built upon, whether by Individuals or at the Government expense up to end of 1858.

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Enc. 2.

Abstract.—Statement of under Tunnels &c., built within and out of the Town of Madura, in the year 1858.

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Enc. 3.

Abstract.—Statement of street Drains laid down from the Fort Funds in the year 1858.

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Enc. 4.

Abstract.—Statement shewing the expense of construction and repairs and Revenue derived from the 3 Markets and from the Grain markets attached to those markets in the Town of Madura, for the year 1858.

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Enc. 5.

Abttract.—Statement shewiug new Houses and Bazars erected on the line of the Ditch and also in other streets of the Town of Madura in the year 1858.

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Enc. 6.

Abstract.—Account Current of Receipts and Disbursements of the Fort Funds in the District of Madura for the year 1858.

IN CON. 4TH MARCH 1859, No. 897.

From T. CLARKE, Esq., Collector of MADURA,

dated Madura, 28th February 1859 No. 30.

1. I have the honor to submit my report upon the Madura Town Funds for the year 1858 together with the usual statements* marginally noted.

* No. 1. Statement of portion of Ditch filled and levelled.
No. 2. Do. of under Tunnels &c.
No. 3. Do. of Street Drains laid from the Fort Fund.
No. 4. Do. of the Expense of construction and Revenue from the markets &c.
No. 5. Do. of new Houses and Bazars built on the line of Ditch.
No. 6. Do. Account current of receipts and expenditure in 1858.

2. From the Statement No. 6. it will be perceived, that the expenditure exceeds the receipts by Rupees 1,541-5-11 and that the balance on hand at the close of the year is Rupees 1,892-0-2. The receipts of the year under report are less than the last by Rupees 1,095-6-6.

3. In comparison with the previous year, the expenditure has fallen short by Rupees 107-8-3, but its excess above the receipts, is owing to the increase of the pay of two Rupees allowed to the owners of scavenger carts, inconsequence of the very high price of food and all articles of consumption required for the support of animals, as well as to the extensive repairs executed to the market No. 3 and to the streets in general. Besides these items a sum of Rupees 228-9-1, was laid out in the plantation of avenue Trees around the Town and on the Roads in its vicinity viz. On the Ramnad road on the East of the Town, on the Dindigul Road on the West, on the Trichinopoly Road on the North, and on the Palamcottah Road on the South of the Town.

4. The decrease in the receipts of the year under review, compared with those of the preceding, is attributable to the non receipt of the usual revenue from the following 3 items.

1. Sale of Ditch grounds.
2. Do. of Rubbishes.
3. Rent of Bazars of markets.

5. The fall of revenue under the first head is owing to the most eligible building sites having been already disposed of. Those remaining being either in parts of the Town not much frequented at present or not being for sale and the loss under the second head is owing to their being no great demand for rubbish, the Ditches around the Fort having been filled up. As regard the last item, I beg to explain that there was a great falling off in the quantity of vegitables and other grain produce brought to market during the past year, this decrease is owing to the adverse state of the season.

6. The water project which was commenced in 1855 is still under progress and there does not appear to be any promise of its early completion. Unless this work be completed, it is not deemed desirable to alter the levels of the Drains which having been badly laid, do not carry off the filth and offal thrown into them. The stagnation of quantities of foul putrid matter is likely in the opinion of the Medical Officer to render the Town unhealthy and severely to affect the comfort of the people. In the most offensive part it is hoped by temporary means to diminish the evils complained of, but in order that the remedy should be permanent the levels of all the Drains need to be looked to and corrected under professional superintendence. I have applied to the District Engineer for aid in this matter, but I fear the funds of the Town will not be able to bear any very great outlay on this account.

7. The want of prices is also severely felt by the people. I am with reference to Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 11th January 1859, No. 87, communicated with the Chief Engineer's Proceedings under date the 17th idem, searching for suitable places for their erection and hope I may be able in my next report to say that some progress has been made towards supplying this want.

No. 1006.

EXTRACT from the PROCEEDINGS of the BOARD of REVENUE, dated 23rd March 1859.

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(A true Extract.)

Secretary.

To

J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to Collector of Madura.

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No 1006

Submitting the Report of the Collector of Madura on the management of the Madura Town Funds for the year 1858.

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The Govt approve of the manner in which the Madura Town fund has been expended in 1858, and trust that para 2 of the Bd's Proceedings may be attended to.

H. Stokes