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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 66. Read the following letter from J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department; dated 3d June 1859, No. 2013.

The reports on Local Funds for the official year 1857-58 having been received from all the Districts, the Board direct me to lay before Government the following review of operations during that period.

Ganjam. *North Arcot.*
Vizagapatam. *Tanjore.*
Cuddapah.

In the five Districts, noted in the margin, no funds of this description existed during the year.

2. In Rajahmundry, Kurnool, Chingleput and Tinnevelly the receipts were very trifling and do not need separate notice.

3. The statement which accompanies this review will show the receipts during the year together with the previous year's balance and the disbursements made therefrom.

* Pettah Canal Establishment	164	
Ferry Establishment at Bezoarah	167	
Repairing Ferry boat at do.	169	
Value of three boats for use on the Kistnah river at do.	800	
Repairing Roads, &c.	399	
	1,699	

Masulipatam.—4. In Masulipatam Rupees 3,492 was realized, which, with the previous year's balance, amounted to Rupees 7,878; the expenditure was only Rupees 1,699,* leaving a balance on hand of Rupees 6,179.

5. In compliance with the requisition contained in para. 5 of Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 6th January 1858, No. 9, Revenue Department, the Collector forwards a letter from the District Engineer regarding the cost of the improvements contemplated in the town of Bezoarah. Lieutenant Chambers thinks that a sum of more than 2,500 Rupees will be required for the construction of the wharf, and that a market could be erected at a moderate expenditure. He also suggests a plan for doing away with the other tolls which are now paid by the traffic crossing the Kistnah, by the construction of certain works which will facilitate the access to the Ferry. These works are included in the Collector's projects for 1858-59 and will be noticed in the next report. The Collector states that the inhabitants at Bezoarah, many of whom are very poor, will not contribute towards these improvements.

Guntoor.—6. At the end of 1856-57 there remained in Guntoor a balance of Rupees 493; the receipts during the year under report amounted to Rupees 598, including a road cess of Rupees 169. In para. 7 of Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 7th February 1857, No. 148, Revenue Department, this fund was estimated at Rupees 750 on the then assessment. The Collector has been instructed to explain in his report for 1858-59 why the collections were so much reduced.

Nellore.—7. Out of the surplus Pagoda Funds, Rupees 2,013-13-6 were transferred under the orders of Government to the head of Local Funds in Nellore, to which Rupees 335-5-9, the amount of the road Fund being added, there remained Rs. 2,349-3-3. No new works were undertaken during the year, and the actual expenditure was no more than 162 Rs. Of this Rupees 113 were spent on the road from Nellore to Cuddapah which is not a work within the scope of the local fund. The increased amount available from the road cess already sanctioned will enable the local Officers to undertake more useful works for the benefit of the District.

16*th August* 1856.

Bellary.—8. The receipts in Bellary with the previous year's balance, amount to Rupees 17,271 of which an expenditure to the extent only of Rupees 3,015 was made on the following works;—

		Rs.	A.	P.
Improvement of the Ferry roads in Cumply		1,670	11	10
Do.	of the Ferry roads in Bagarady and Seroogoopah.	370	0	0
Do.	Humpasagur	486	8	5
Do.	Soomahully in Hudgully	296	12	2
Do.	Nowly in do.	141	0	0
Do.	Hoossoor in Kooleghu	50	0	0
Rupees		3,015	0	5

South Arcot.—9. In South Arcot the aggregate receipts during the year on account of Local Funds from all sources, amounted to Rupees 45,626; a large portion* of this amount being Collections of Road cess. At the end of the year preceding the one under review, there remained a balance of Rupees 18,152, which being added to the Collections in 1857-58 give a total of Rupees 63,779. Out of this amount Rupees 61,473† having been spent, a balance of Rupees 2,306 was left at the end of the year.

* *Rupees* 44,553-12-11.

	Rs.	A.	P.
† Expenditure on roads and bridges	56,585	8	11
Establishment	4,421	13	3
Contingencies	756	7	3
	61,763	13	5
Deduct amount recovered and brought to account	290	14	0
Rupees	61,472	15	5

10. The operations during the year were the following;—

	Miles.
Roads newly formed	57
Do. metalled	15½
Do. repaired	64
Do. cleared of jungle	47
Embankments formed.	8
Avenue trees planted.	22¼
	213¾
Tunnels built	114
Bridges completed	2
Do. in progress.	1

11. Every Talook has been benefited more or less by expenditure from the Local Fund, and in the course of a few years the District will possess a net work of main and subsidiary roads, which must exercise a most important influence on its prosperity. The Collector has pointed out the necessity of completing the main roads, and the Board would add that it is no less necessary that they should be extended beyond the District to their termini. The expenditure on the road from Punrootty to Oolundoorpett, a line of great general importance, has been heavy, and the Collector hopes that when the finances of the country are in a more prosperous condition, sanction may be obtained for re-crediting the Local Fund with the amount which has been expended upon it, as the road in question is of sufficient importance to be considered a Government line.

12. A suitable establishment was entertained during the year for superintending the works; the cost was Rupees 4,421-13-3, being 9¾ per cent. on the actual income of the year and considerably less than Mr. Hall's estimate which attracted the notice of Government. The Collector anticipated that this amount of charges will probably be reduced still lower by the transfer of Mr. R. E. Norfor to the Department of Public Works, and other arrangements then under contemplation.

E. M. C. 6th January 1858, *R. D. No.* 9.

Trichinopoly.—13. The only item of receipt under the head of Local Funds in Trichinopoly is the small sum of Rupees 868 collected as rents for grass grown in the ditch of the Fort of Trichinopoly. This amount added to the balance at the end of last year, leaves a sum of Rupees 1,243, out of which Rupees 691-7-6 were laid out in improving the streets of the Fort.

14. The Collector states that a small tax is levied on Carts in the Moottah of Kautoopoothoor which originally formed part of Salem, and thus came under the operation of the bandy tax of that District. The amount so realized is spent in making trifling repairs to the roads within the Moottah, and should therefore be included hereafter in the statement of Local Funds.

Madura.—15. The receipts during the past year in Madura amounted to Rupees 3,960 making the total income of the year (with the previous year's balance*) Rupees 26,973-14-9.

Rupees 23,013-13-6.

16. With the exception of the water project alluded to in the last report no other work of importance was undertaken during the year. The Masonry works are however progressing. The under drain for the water project is still in an unfinished state.

17. The expenditure during the year was Rupees 9,453, which was confined chiefly to the water project; but this sum represents only the advances made upon the different works connected with it but not the actual expenditure.

Coimbatore.—18. In Coimbatore the Collections during the year amounted to Rs. 5,712, inclusive of the balance (Rupees 804) at the end of the year 1856-57 and the amount (Rs. 150) advanced to the Engineer's Department for the construction of a Moossaferkanah and repaid. Rupees 3,196 were expended in the construction and repair of certain roads, bridges and other works. The particulars of expenditure are as follow;—

	Rupees.
Repairing Roads	949
Constructing Bridges	1,819
Repairing Chuttrum	200
Pay of Boat Sibbundy	108
Wages to Coolies employed in watering avenue trees	120
Total Rupees	3,196

Salem.—19. The Local Fund of Salem had a balance of Rupees 3,713 at its credit at the commencement of the year under report, the total receipts from the Ferry rents (Rupees 1,073), Cart tax (Rupees 3,854), and the Manure rent (Rupees 93) during the year amounted to Rupees 5,020, a large portion of which, viz., Rupees 6,187, was laid out in the construction of different works of public utility.

	Rs.	
Roads	Rs.	6,089
Boatman's Pay	„	98
		6,187

Canara.—20. Ferry rents and Cart tax constitute the Local Fund in Canara. The balance under this head at the beginning of the year amounted to Rupees 15,398, to which the collections, Rupees 13,424 being added, there remained a sum of Rupees 28,822. About 16,936 Rupees were disbursed in opening several communications, &c., as shewn below;—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Repairing Roads and Bridges	14,733	15	4
Establishment	725	14	9
Contingencies	31	8	8
Repair of toll houses	25	4	0
Price of Boats	1,418	15	4
Rupees	16,935	10	1

21. During the year a new road to the Salt Depôts at Kuttegaul was opened at a cost of Rupees 974-2-4; the Public Works Department also constructed a tunnel of 8 feet span and two minor ones on this line; and also an embankment across some paddy fields. Some progress was made on the Mangalore and Coompta road, 3½ miles having been traced and opened into a bridle path; three embankments were also raised at a cost of Rupees 835-14-9. On the pier and workshop at Tuddry and a quay at Kuttegaul 4,000 Rupees were expended.

22. On the coast road north of Mangalore Rupees 465-4-2 was spent; considerable progress was made with the Charmandy ghaut due east of Mangalore and the Mallody ghaut has been traced at an outlay of Rupees 214-7-0. Repairs have also been executed to the Neelacoond road to meet the traffic thrown on it by the closing of the Daivymunay line.

Malabar.—23. The receipts from Ferry rents and tolls in Malabar amounted to Rupees 34,488 which together with the sum of Rs. 22,802 the balance at the commencement of the year amounted to Rs. 57,290. From this sum 38,566* Rupees was expended during the year leaving a surplus of Rs. 18,724 at the end of the year. The completion of the works undertaken would require Rupees 20,534; or Rs. 1,810 in excess of the sum available and to be met from receipts of the year 1858-59.

	Rs.
* *Ferries*	16,764
Roads and Bridges.	14,966
Canals	6,836
Rupees	38,566

24. Several works of importance were constructed under the head of Ferries. Three bridges were built across the Yellatoor, Koodakadavoo and the Moorat. It was also proposed to construct a bridge over the Mahe on an Estimate of Rs. 10,070; and thus connect two of the most important towns in the District, viz. Cannanore and Calicut. Many roads were also opened and others metalled. The Tambercherry ghaut has also been traced at an expenditure of Rupees 1,539. The Calicut Town Canal was also nearly completed. On the completion of this work a toll may properly be levied and is suggested by the Collector.

Madras.—25. In Madras owing to the unfavorableness of the season the grazing rents were considerably lessened, the amount collected from this source was only Rs. 1,872. The Cowdung rents from the Cart stand near the Mint amounted to 1,920 Rs. This ground is now occupied by the Commissariat Department and the Municipal Commissioners for stacking straw and the Commissioner of Police has objected to Carts standing in the vicinity from apprehension of accidents from the fires of the Cartmen. The stand has in consequence been given up and this item of revenue will consequently not appear in future accounts.

26. The total amount of receipts inclusive of the balance* at the commencement of the year and the amount† returned by the Commissioner of Police as unexpended, amounted to Rupees 6,231. The only item of expenditure is the sum of Rupees 664 incurred in repairing the railings, &c., on the esplanades.

* *Rupees* 2,147.
† *Rupees* 294.

27. From the statement herewith submitted it will be seen that the total receipt on account of Local Funds during the year were Rupees 1,23,434, which added to the previous year's balance, give a sum of Rupees 2,28,454; from this expenditure of Rupees 1,42,460 being deducted, there remained a balance of Rupees 85,994 at the end of 1857-58. If according to the instructions of the Government of India, dated 3rd September 1858, the collections of Ferry rents and tolls on imperial lines of road are to be merged in the Public Revenues, the Local Funds will be materially affected in some Districts. On this subject the Board will address Government in a separate communication.

28. The Collectors have been instructed to submit a Memo. with their report for 1858-59, showing how much of the collections of Ferry rent and tolls made in that year appertain to the imperial lines of road constructed and maintained from the Public Revenues, and what are the charges incurred for their management. The Board have earnestly pressed on the different Collectors the necessity of submitting their Reports on these Funds without delay and trust to be in a position to submit their Review for 1858-59 within the time prescribed by Government.

No. 67. ORDER THEREON, 22d July 1859, No. 977.

The present is a report on the local funds in the several Districts for the official year 1857-58.

Ganjam, Vizagapatam, Cuddapah, North Arcot, Tanjore.

The five Districts marginally noted had no funds of this description during the year under review, and in the four Districts of Rajahmundry, Kurnool, Chingleput and Tinnevelly the receipts were so small as to need no notice.

2. In the remaining 16 Districts the total funds available amounted to Rupees 2,28,454, and the expenditure to Rupees 1,42,460, and the balance remaining to Rupees 85,994. The following table shews the particulars of this in each District.

Districts.	Old balance.	Receipts.	Total of old balance and receipts.	Expenditure.	Remaining in hand.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Rajahmundry...	25	28	53	.....	53
Masulipatam...	4,385	3,492	7,877	1,699	6,178
Guntoor...	493	598	1,091	9	1,082
Nellore.....	2,014	335	2,349	162	2,187
Bellary...	11,382	5,889	17,271	3,015	14,256
Kurnool...	.....	97	97	.....	97
Chingleput.....	.....	163	163	26	137
South Arcot...	18,152	45,627	63,779	61,473	2,306
Trichinopoly	375	868	1,243	691	552
Madura...	23,014	3,960	26,974	9,453	17,521
Tinnevelly.	316	453	769	383	386
Coimbatore	804	4,908	5,712	3,196	2,516
Salem...	3,713	5,020	8,733	6,187	2,546
Canara...	15,398	13,424	28,822	16,936	11,886
Malabar...	22,802	34,488	57,290	38,556	18,724
Madras...	2,147	4,084	6,231	664	5,567
Total...	1,05,020	1,23,434	2,28,454	1,42,460	85,994

3. The project alluded to in para. 5 of the Board's proceedings, viz. the Bezoarah wharf, is not properly a work for the local funds. If it is calculated to be useful and the outlay is warranted by the amount of trade, Government will be prepared to grant the necessary funds on application.

In reference to the small road cess of only Rupees 169 in Guntoor, Government desire that the explanation called for by the Board may be submitted for their information as soon as received without waiting for the next annual report.

4. Government notice the very small expenditure in the Bellary District. The total receipts including the previous year's balance amounted to Rupees 17,271, but of this it appears that only the small sum of Rupees 3,015 was expended, and this on an estimate of Rupees 8,696 for certain Ferry roads. The object of the local authorities should be to spend the funds beneficially as they accrue, rather than to allow them to accumulate.

Para. 8 *Board's Proceedings.*

5. The operations in South Arcot are very creditable to the District authorities, the funds were large and were expended apparently with much method and regard to important results. This is the only District in which a road fund was in full operation during the year under review, and it is satisfactory to find the local authorities making such large and judicious use of it. Thus managed it may be expected to produce in a few years a very beneficent effect on the welfare of this large district. The expenditure on the main road from Parotty to Oolúndúrpet has been a great drain on the local fund. This road is properly a main line to be maintained by Government.

6. In Malabar also the expenditure was large and seems to have been judicious and the same remark applies to Canara.

7. Government cannot but remark in conclusion on the distant date of the present report, and call the attention of the Board to the fact that the annual settlement report and the Collectorate Presses report for the same year have been submitted still more lately. Government have repeatedly pointed out to the Board that such delay neutralizes the benefit to be derived from these periodical reviews and have urged them to greater punctuality. The Governor in Council is disappointed to find that these frequent appeals to the Board have produced no more effect. The Board now state that they have earnestly pressed on the Collectors the necessity of submitting their reports without delay. The Government can see no real cause why the reports should not be submitted within the prescribed time, 15th June; and if any of the Collectors exceed that period without sufficient reason, the Board of Revenue will make a representation on the subject to the Government.

Para. 28.

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

ABSTRACT Statement of the Receipts and Disbursements on account of the Local Funds in the Districts under the Madras Presidency, for the year 1857-58.

Districts.	Balance of last account brought forward.	RECEIPTS.							Total including old balance.	Deduct expenditure.	Balance remaining.	REMARKS.
		Ferry Rent and Tolls.	Road Fund.	Avenue Clipping.	Grass Rent.	Cart Tax.	Sundries as particularized in the col. of Remarks	Total.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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Tinnevelly	316			439			14	455	769	383	386	Madras—Unexpended amount returned by the Commissioner of Police Rs. 293
Coimbatore	804	1,906		279		2,437	286	4,908	5,712	3,196	2,516	Cow dung rent „ 1,920 — 2,212
Salem	3,713	1,073				3,854	93	5,020	8,733	6,187	2,546	
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(Here enter 3rd June 1859 No. 2013)

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No 6667.

6th July 1859