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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 813 — Press Mis.

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Dated 24th June 1858.

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No. 16. 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 27th May 1859, No. 1933.

P. W. D. Public No. 568.

1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of Extract Minutes Consultation 14th March last, referring for their report a communication from the late Acting Collector of Coimbatore and an Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India regarding the enforcement of cleanliness in certain respects in Native Towns and Cantonments.

2. The measures proposed to be adopted are the construction of public necessaries and the maintenance of suitable establishments of scavengers.

3. The desirability of adopting measures of this character, is too obvious to need remark. The only questions are the best mode of action and the source from which the requisite funds can be drawn.

4. In the absence of any thing like municipal association, the Board think the duty of effecting the desired reforms must devolve on the Magistracy and Police. The present regulations are too vague on these points, and as suggested by the Board on a former occasion, the provisions of the Madras Municipal Code might advantageously be adopted.

5. The enclosure to this letter details the various items of "Local Fund" in this Presidency. There can be no difficulty if Government desire it, in appropriating a portion of these funds to this purpose; the only objection to this course is that with trifling exceptions they are contributed by the agricultural community or by travellers and not by residents of large towns. Thus of the sum of Rupees 1,23,434 raised in 1857-58 no less than Rupees 1,13,085 was realised from ferries, road cess, and cart tax. There are however certain items which might be appropriately applied either wholly or partially to the purposes contemplated. Such are the interest of the money invested in Chingleput* and Salem from the surplus Devastanum Funds† and the Madura Town Fund. The sums realised from Police fines *might* also be so applied but the Board think this very objectionable in principle.

E. M. C. 27th Jany. R. D., No. 114.

† *E. M. C 7th Dec. R. D., No.* 1628.

6. The Board have ascertained from the Commissioner of Police that the 73 necessaries in Madras cost Rupees 33,176 or about Rupees 454 each. The expense in Provincial stations would probably be considerably less. For these 73 necessaries 81 scavengers are employed at a total expense of Rupees 263½ monthly, or rather less than Rupees 3½ for each building.

7. Colonel Boulderson also informs the Board that the Municipal Commissioners have not yet succeeded in renting out the necessaries in Madras.

8. The constructions of necessaries generally throughout the Towns of this Presidency would involve a heavy charge on the State, and after all it must be remembered that this is but one of the many sanitory improvements so greatly needed in Indian Towns. The Board think therefore that the proper course to adopt is to encourage Municipal self Government wherever an opportunity offers and devolve on the people themselves these and other similar matters of local rather than imperial concern.

9. In this remark the Board allude to Native Towns and not to our Military stations.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, 20th June 1859, No. 813.

This letter from the Board of Revenue relates to the subject of public means of cleanliness in large towns in the interior, in connection with which some papers had been referred for their opinion. They point out that in two districts local funds are available for this object to a small amount, and they state their opinion that the proper course to adopt is to encourage local self-government and to devolve on the people themselves this and other matters of local benefit.

2. There can be no doubt as to the desirableness of cleanliness in towns; but the Governor in Council agrees with the Board that it is quite a local object, and to be effected by means of funds either wholly or chiefly local; *i.e.* raised on the spot and for the purpose. Unfortunately those most interested in such improvements in this country do not generally recognize their value, and are not found willing to pay for them. Government can do but little to teach the people to value them; and every attempt to get the Municipal Act brought into operation voluntarily has failed.

3. The Government fully sympathize with this beneficent object and would propose to work up to it in a systematic manner, proceeding on sound principles, and looking rather to the gradual development of correct administration than to large immediate results. With this view they resolve that whenever funds may be raised locally and voluntarily by the people of any provincial town for municipal purposes, an equal sum will, for the present, be contributed by Government out of the local funds, of which a list is given by the Board. The Board of Revenue will take means to make this Resolution of Government generally known, and enjoin Collectors and Magistrates to endeavour to induce town communities to take advantage of it. It may be hoped that with this encouragement the principal towns in the Presidency will apply to be brought under the operation of the Municipal Act.

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

1859 Despatch
From the Govt to the
Board of Revenue
Govt Order
Dated 24th May 1859.
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Ansd

Enclosing Mr Irvine's letter
from the Secretary to the
Board of Revenue to the
Secretary to Government
R.O. dated 9th May 1859
Rd 19th 1933.

R 1110/59.

Abstract extracted
& the Receipts and Dis-
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Local Funds on the establish
under the Towns Improvement
for the year 1854/55.—

Abstract statement of the Receipts and Disbursements on account of the Local Funds in the Districts under the Madras Presidency for the year 1858.—

Districts	Balance of last account brought forward	Ferry Rent and Tolls	Road Fund	Avenue Clipping	Grass Rent	Cart Tax	Sundries as particularized in the Column of remarks	Total	Total including old balance	Deduct Expenditure	Balance remaining	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Ajchimundry	25	25	"	3	"	"	"	2	53	"	53	Particulars of Sundry items in Col. 8. Rs
Vasulepatam	4,385	3,492	"	"	"	"	"	3,4 2	7,877	1699	6,178	Kurwool Proceeds from the sale of Perished trees 97
Guntoor	493	369	169	60	"	"	"	5 8	1,091	9	1,082	South Arcot Pagoda Fund 34
Nellore	2,014	"	335	"	"	"	"	3 5	2,349	162	2,187	Madura Devastanum Surplus 97
Bellary	11,382	5889	"	"	"	"	"	5 89	17,271	3015	14,256	Receipt from Dyan Fund 3,300 3,397
Kurnool	"	"	"	"	"	"	97	7	97	"	97	Tinnevelly - Unexpended portion of the Amount of Subscriptions brought to the credit of the Local Fund 14
Chingleput	"	60	103	"	"	"	"	1 3	163	26	137	Coimbatore Amount repaid by the Engineer Department 150
South Arcot	18,152	907	44,534	132	"	"	34	4 27	63,779	61,473	2,306	Chuttrum Fund 120
Trichinopoly	375	"	"	"	868	"	"	8 8	1,243	691	552	Devastanum Fund 16. 286.
Madura	23014	"	"	563	"	"	3397	5,9 0	26,974	9,453	17,521	Salem Manure rent 93
Tinnevelly	316	"	"	439	"	"	14	453	769	383	386	Madras. Unexpended amount returned by the Commissioner of Police 292
Coimbatore	804	1906	"	279	"	2437	286	4,908	5,712	3,196	2,516	Cow dung rent 1920 2212
Salem	3,713	1,073	"	"	"	3854	93	5,020	8,733	6,187	2,546	Total 6,133
Canara	15,398	9,698	"	"	"	3726	"	13,424	28,822	16,936	11,886	
Malabar	22,802	34488	"	"	"	"	"	34,488	57,290	38,566	18,724	
Madras	2,147	"	"	"	1872	"	2212	4,084	6,231	664	5,567	
Total	1,05,020	57,907	45,161	1476	2,740	10,017	6,133	1,23,434	2,28,454	1,42,460	85,994	

Rec'd Board's Office
Fort St George
May 1859

Secretary

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 20th June 1859

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A Copy to the
Sec of Rev
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P.W.- 15th March 1859 Nos 80-81.
Do - 7th December/58 - 39-40-
- 2d February - 7-8.

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Pro: of Govt. 24th June.

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Pro: of the Madras Govt.
D/ 20th June/59.

Pro: of the Board of Rev. D/ 19th Aug/59
No. 1552 Cons:
D: D: 14th Dec. 1860 C. No. 3023.
in pro: 4th April No. 735

Pro: B. of Rev. dated 10th July
1865 C. No. 1892. - d/ 17 July 66
Pro of the Board of Rev. No. 1948
5 June/66 No. 1666

Sum equal to that raised
by the people to be contributed by
Government for Municipal pur-
poses. Collectors and Magistrates
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Pro. of the Board of Rev.
D/ 25 October/66 No. 3847.

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No. 1617.