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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 20th July 1860.

No. 237. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th June 1860, No. 2,759 :—

Read letter from the Collector of Madura, dated 17th March 1860, No. 52, reporting on the Madura Town Funds for the year 1859.

(In Cons., 20th March 1860, No. 1,270.)

Resolved, that the foregoing Report on the Funds of the Town of Madura for the year 1859, be submitted for the consideration and Orders of Government.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Receipts...	4,877	10	2
Disbursements	4,446	15	7
Year's surplus.	430	10	7
Old do	1,892	0	2
Total...	2,322	10	9

2. The balance at credit of the Fund at the close of the year was Rupees 2,322-10-9 comprising the old balance of Rupees 1,892-0-2 and a surplus on the year's transactions of Rupees 430-10-7, as shown in the margin.

	Rs.	A.	P.
* 1859	4,877	10	2
1858...	4,033	8	1
	844	2	1

3. The gross income of the year amounted to Rupees 4,877-10-2, and exceeded that of the previous year by Rupees 844-2-1,* the proceeds mainly† of two new sources, viz., stoppages from Scavengers for irregular attendance and absence and the collection of fees from Town Merchants for stamping their measures and weights. These funds had been allowed to accumulate in deposit separately for the employment of extra carts whenever required, and defraying the expenses of the Stamping Establishment.

	Rs.	A.	P.
† *Hire*	452	11	3
Fees....	228	1	2
	680	12	5

4. As regards these fines the proper course in future is to credit them as they are collected to the Fund. In respect of the stamping fees (the origin of which is explained in paragraphs 13 to 15 of the Collector's Report), the Board approve of their having been transferred to the Fund which will in future bear the expense, and enjoy the profits arising from stamping weights and measures. In the event of the annual expenditure ever exceeding the receipts—a contingency which past experience shows to be improbable—the Collector will bring the circumstance to the notice of the Board.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Blacksmith....	5	0	0
Measurer...	3	8	0
Per mensem...	8	8	0
,, *annum*.	102	0	0

5. The balance of Rupees 2,332-10-9 mentioned in paragraph 2 above will be expended in gravelling and repairing some of the minor roads in the Town, and the Board are glad to observe that a systematic commencement has been made by the townsmen for collecting sufficient funds for other municipal purposes. Rupees 810-7-0 have been already subscribed and Mr. Clarke anticipates further local contributions, which, it is hoped, will enable the Officers of Government to give effect to the proposition for improving the present imperfect drainage of the Town.

6. The Collector need not in future submit blank statements; it will be sufficient to mention in the Report that no work was done of the descriptions intended to be entered in them.

Vide Nos. 2 *and* 3.

(A true Extract.)

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

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 20th July 1860.

No. 238. ORDER THEREON, 20th July 1860, No. 1,203.

1. The Collector's report on the Madura Town funds is satisfactory, inasmuch as it shows that the leading inhabitants are sensible of the importance of sanitary improvements in the Town, and are willing to take trouble and incur sacrifices in order to effect them. The efforts which have caused such a change for the better in Madura are worthy of commendation and imitation elsewhere.

2. The Government approve of the orders passed by the Board in paragraph 4 of their Proceedings noted above, and trust that the next report may show that the proposed drainage has been carried out as effectually as is anticipated.

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

In Con. 20th March 1860, No. 1270.

From T. CLARKE, Esq., Collector of MADURA,
dated Madura, 17th March 1860, No. 52.

I have the honor to submit my Report on the Madura Town Funds for the year 1859, together with the usual Statements, noted in the margin.

2. It will be seen from Statement No. 1, that no alterations have occurred during the year in the particulars therein noted, nor indeed can there be. The Town has been fully laid out, the Ditch filled up, and almost all of the building lots sold and occupied; the few that remain undisposed of are reserved for public uses, or because their sale would interfere with or depreciate lots already sold.

3. The Statements Nos. 2 and 3 call for no remarks, as they are submitted merely to comply with the usual Form, no works of the kinds referred to therein having been executed during this year.

Last year.....	Rs.	3,465	10	6
Present year...		3,538	8	0
Increase...		* 72	13	6
Last year.....	"	1,425	8	8
Present year.....		708	15	10
Decrease.....		*716	8	10

4. From the Statement No. 4, it will be perceived that the Receipts from the Markets in the year under reference exceed those of the last year by Rupees* 72-13-6, while the Charges fall short of those of the preceding year by Rupees 716-8-10.*

5. The increase of Revenue is mainly owing to the higher price bid at auction for the Rubbish in the Market No. 1, and partly to the increased Collections of Rent from Bazars; the decrease in the Charges is accounted for by the diminished expenditure on account of Repairs to the Markets such not having been required in this as in the preceding year.

6. The Statement No. 6 shews the sources from which the income of the Fort Fund is derived, and the objects on which it is expended. In the Statement submitted for the last and preceding years, there were entries of several items from which now no proceeds are realized or expected, and also of expenditure which are not again likely to occur. I have, therefore, in order to simplify the account, omitted such entries, but with a view to shew the general out-turn, written a total of such items at the bottom of the account.

7. The total Receipts of this year amount to Rupees 4,872-10-2, being an increase of Rupees 844-2-1 over those of the last year. This increase consists of the following items;—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Fines on Scavengers' Carts for failure of contract. These fines, which have been annually accumulating, were now brought to the credit of the Town Fund.....	452	11	3
Fees collected for Stamping Weights and Measures brought to the credit of the Town Fund.....	228	1	2
Sale proceeds of the Ditch grounds.....	77	2	5
Rubbish, &c., as shewn in paragraph 5.....	72	13	6
Sundries.....	14	0	1
	844	2	1

8. The Charges in this year compared with those of the former one, exhibits, as shewn above, a decrease of Rupees 798-1-7.

9. This decrease is owing, as stated above, chiefly to a smaller amount being laid out in repairing the Markets in the year under review, but there was also a less charge for gravelling the streets. On all the main streets of the Town, gravel has been laid down, and they are generally in good order. Some streets were, in April last, much injured by the great Temple Car being dragged over them. These streets were repaired at the cost of the Temple, the Wardens of which most handsomely provided the funds, and admitted the justice of the charge made upon them.

10. Thus the Revenue of the year under notice, after covering the charges referred to above, leaves a balance at the close of the year, of Rupees 2,332-10-9, which exceeds that at the end of the last year by Rupees 430-10-7.

11. I hope that this money will shortly be expended in Gravelling and Repairing some of the minor streets of the Town.

12. Owing to the exertions of Mr. Blackburne and Mr. Parker, the contrast between the former and the present condition of the Madura Town is very great. It was once notorious as the filthiest and most unhealthy Town in Southern India; it is now remarkable as one of, if not the handsomest and cleanest Towns, with fine broad well-gravelled' streets and good houses. It is needless to dilate on the sanatory effect of such a transformation and its great influence on the leading Townsmen, who have in consequence been induced to subscribe for objects of local benefit. Notwithstanding these improvements the sanatory condition of the Town needs improvement. The Town is badly drained and nuisances still exist in and about the Town. A large Meeting was held in a native building, and it was resolved to endeavour to collect the amount estimated by the Engineers, as necessary to correct the levels of the drains and introduce an improved drainage; a beginning in carrying out this resolution has been made. A Council has been formed presided over by the Covenanted Officer in charge of the Town, and the Members have each assigned to them some portion of the Town, in which they have undertaken to bring to the notice of the people the condition of the drains, and call on them for a subscription to meet the expense of repairing them. Already Rupees 810-7-0 have been subscribed, and I am not without hope that the rest will also be subscribed and the desired improvement in this and the other particulars referred to in paragraph 6 of my last Report be fully and efficiently carried out.

13. Much delay and difficulty were experienced by Shopmen and grain Merchants in getting their Weights and Measures tested and stamped at the Cutwall's Choultry. To obviate this inconvenience, the late Acting Collector, Mr. Sullivan, entertained one Blacksmith, one Peon, one Measurer and one Karnam on fixed salaries paid out of the fees, collected according to a Table from parties whose weights were stamped. The benefit this appointment has conferred not only on the people of the Town but on the people generally, many of whom come in from some distance to have their Weights and Measures stamped, is very great. The Blacksmith, Measurer, Karnam and Peon receive Rupees 5, 3½, 5 and 3½, respectively, each month, and a charge, according to the scale in the margin, is made for each Measure and Weight stamped by them. It was feared that the receipts would vary, and that eventually they would fall off altogether. A separate fund was accordingly established. The Scale of Fees is small, and does not exceed what every person would have paid had he himself employed a Blacksmith. As the services of the Karnam and Peon were found unnecessary they were discontinued from the end of December last.

"Measures"	A.	P.
1 Iron Merkal	2	0
1 do. Measure	1	0
½ do.	0	10
¼ do.	0	8
For each smaller ones	0	6
1 Wooden Measure	0	8
½ do. do.	0	6
For each of less dimensions	0	4
"Weights"		
1 Maund	6	0
½ and ¼ do.	3	0
For each of the smaller weights	0	9

14. After defraying the Expense of the Establishment the cost of Standard Weights and other individual expenses, there has accrued a surplus of Rupees 228-1-2, which has accumulated during the last three years and was kept in deposit.

15. As there appeared no probability, judging from the past, that the Expenditure would exceed the Income, I ordered at the end of the year under review Rupees 228-1-2, and any other saving which might hereafter accrue, to be carried to the credit of the Fort Fund, and that in future this Fund should bear the expense as well as enjoy the profit arising from the stamping of Weights and Measures.

16. It was, I also found, customary to keep in deposit the fines levied on Scavengers for irregular attendance and absence. From this reserved Fund, extra Carts were employed, as found necessary. It appeared to me that it would be more regular to credit these Funds to the Fort Fund, out of which the Carts were employed, and if additional Carts are found necessary they can at any time be employed out of the same Fund. The accumulation of Fines up to the end of last year is Rupees 452-11-3.

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Enc. 1.

Abstract.—Statement shewing the portion of Ditch filled in and Ramparts levelled, the portion built or not yet built upon, and whether by individuals or at the Government expense, up to the end of 1859.

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Enc. 2.

Abstract.—Statement of under-Tunnels, &c., built within and out of the Town of Madura in the year 1859.

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Enc. 3.

Abstract.—Statement of street Drains laid down from the Fort Fund in the year 1859.

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Enc. 4.

Abstract.—Statement shewing the expense of Construction and Repairs and Revenue derived from the three Markets and Grain Markets attached to those Markets in the Town of Madura for the year 1859.

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Enc. 5.

Abstract.—Statement shewing new Houses and Bazars erected on the line of the ditch and also in other streets of the Town of Madura.

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Enc. 6.

Abstract.—Account Current of Receipts and Disbursements of the Fort Fund in the District of Madura, for the year 1859.

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Exd. J. Wright.

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Enclosure in Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Government Revenue Department dated 12th June 1860. No. 2759.

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Letter from the Collector of Madura to the Board of Revenue dated 17th March 1860 No. 52 reporting on the Madura Town Funds for the year 1859.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 20th. July 1860.

Read the following Pro-
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Revenue.

Submitting with the Board's remarks a letter from the Collector of Madura reporting on the Madura Town Funds for the year 1859.

(Here enter 12th June 1860 № 2759)

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