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No. 130. Read the following letter from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 23rd November 1859, No. 4793.

In accordance with clause III of the rules for the management of the ferry and other local funds passed in Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 11th April 1856, I am directed by the Board of Revenue, to report on the operations of the local funds for the official year 1858-59 in all the districts of this Presidency with the exception of those noted in the margin, in which no fund of the kind exists.

C. O. 1856, *page* 40.

Ganjam. *Karnúl.*
Vizagapatam. *Tanjúr.*
Cuddapah. *Tinnavelli.*

2. As required in paragraph 7 of Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 29th August 1856, two statements are herewith submitted, one shewing in abstract the receipts and disbursements on account of local funds in each district, and the other the particulars of expenditure.

C. O. 1856, *page* 88.

3. According to the statement of local funds submitted for 1857-58, the balance at the end of that year was Rupees 85,994, but the amount brought forward in the present return, it will be seen, is only Rupees 85,515, or Rupees 479 less. This is the consequence of excluding altogether from the present return the districts of Karnúl and Tinnavelli, in which small balances remained unexpended at the end of the previous year 1857-58, but in which no receipts or disbursements occurred during the year under review.

4. The total receipts in the year from the different sources amounted to Rupees 1,60,173, which, added to the balance at the beginning of the year, bring the aggregate amount of the funds to Rupees 2,45,688.

5. The chief sources from which the fund is at present derived are—first, ferry rents and tolls; second, road fund, and third, cart tax. The first item is most extensively collected in Malabár and Canara, but in Bellári and Masulipatám it also amounts to a considerable sum. In none of the other districts does it amount to 1,000 Rupees. The second item, viz. levy of road cess, is in full operation in South and North Arcot, and to a limited extent in Nellúr. The third item is confined to Coimbatúr, Salem and Canara.

6. The expenditure during the year amounted to Rupees 1,16,979, leaving a balance at its end of Rupees 1,28,709.

7. In the districts noted in the margin, the local fund income is generally very small, and its operations were of very limited extent.

Rájamandri. *Chengalpat.*
Guntúr. *Trichinápali.*

8. RAJAMANDRI.—In Rájamandri a sum of Rupees 156 was laid out in the construction of some petty works. In Guntúr no work whatever has hitherto been undertaken, but the Collector proposes to expend the accumulated balance of Rupees 2,063 on some useful works in communication with the District Engineer. He has erroneously brought to the account of local funds a sum of 49 Rupees, being the revenue of certain Inám lands attached to pagodas but which were resumed; and quoted paragraph 23 of the Manual which accompanied Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 18th April 1856, as the authority for the proceeding. The rule in question refers to Dévastánam surplus funds, and does not at all apply to the revenue of pagoda lands resumed for various causes. The Collector appears to have misunderstood the order, and the error has been pointed out to him. In order, however, not to disturb the accounts, the present entry has been allowed to remain as it is, and the Collector has been instructed to carry in future such sums to the credit of extra revenue.

Guntúr.

In Consultation, 30th April 1856, *No* 1299.

9. CHENGALPAT.—In Chengalpat rent of reeds, amounting to 32 Rupees, forms one of the items of the fund. In paragraph 4 of Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 29th August 1856, No. 911, the Government, while no-

In Consultation, 15th September 1856, *No.* 3429.

ticing the Tinnavelli district, stated that they do not regard the reed rents as properly belonging to a local fund but as a part of the land revenue; but through some oversight this item appears to have been included among others, in the form of statement No. 1 furnished by Government with the same order. This probably led the Collector to bring it into the local funds. He has now been instructed to carry it in future to land revenue.

10. The disbursement in Chingalpat was only 20 Rupees out of Rupees 303 laid out towards the repair of a boat. The fund of this district is likely to attain some importance from this year by the realization of the interest accruing on the surplus pagoda funds invested in Government five per cent. paper, under Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 8th July 1858, No. 937. The Collector promises that endeavcurs shall be made to expend the amount on some useful works, and the Board trust to receive a further communication from him regarding the improvements to be effected in the current year.

In Consultation, 16th July 1858, *No.* 2975.

11. Trichinapali.—In Trichinápali the grass rent is the only source of income, and an expenditure of Rupees 508 was incurred in improving the streets of the fort out of the available sum of Rupees 1,404. A small levy of tax on carts appears to be made in the Mutthá of Kattuputur formerly included in the Salem district, and the Collector proposes to appropriate it to the improvement of the roads in the Mutthá itself, but there is no reason why it should be omitted in the local fund account. The Collector has been desired to include the receipts and disbursements on that account in his future statements.

12. North Arcot.—The Collector of North Arcot reported that no local funds exist in his district except the newly levied road cess. He failed to specify the exact amount realized under that head, the expenditure made out of it, or the balance to its credit. In the absence of this information, the Board under date the 21st June 1859, called upon the Collector to forward a memorandum of these particulars. In reply to this requisition the Collector stated that the amount could not be stated as the annual settlement of Fasli 1268 was not completed, but simply annexed a memorandum showing the amount of road cess collected during the settlement of Fasli 1267.

13. It was again pointed out to the Acting Collector that, as the road cess of Fasli 1268 would be settled up to 30th June 1859, its amount should be included in the local fund accounts of 1859-60, as the last month of that Fasli falls in the official year 1859-60, and that upon this principle the sum of Rupees 26,313-13-11 collected in Fasli 1267 has been included in the local funds for 1858-59. In the statement which accompanies this report, this amount has been entered as the collections of 1858-59.

14. It is to be regretted that, notwithstanding the large receipts of more than 26,000 Rupees in Fasli 1267, no improvement whatever has been carried out in the district by its means, and that the people who contribute to the fund have not yet derived any beneficial results from its expenditure, although it is more than a year since the amount was collected. The attention of the Collector has been more than once called to the necessity of employing the fund on useful works, and the Acting Collector, Mr. Robinson, has now been again requested to submit a list of the works which he may propose to undertake in the current year.

	Amount of funds available.	*Amount of expenditure.*
Masulipatám	13,610	4,378
Nellúr	11,413	1,752
Madura	17,915	7,301
Coimbatúr	6,967	352
Madras	9,748	1,975

15. In the districts noted in the margin, the expenditure has not borne a fair proportion to the available funds. The Board think that more might have been done had the local officers properly appreciated the opportunity afforded for the improvement of their districts.

16. Masulipatam.—In Masulipatám most of the expenditure consists of charges for management and for repairing and constructing boats. The Collector includes in the expenditure a sum of Rupees 305 as the advance made to the Sub-Collector for the improvement of the Bezoarah town and some other small works. It has been pointed out to him that the actual expenditure should have been ascertained and entered in the statement. There is also an item of charge for constructing water pandal and shed in the Collector's Kach'hari, amounting to Rupees 136, but although a convenience for all who visit the office on business, it may be questioned whether such a work forms a proper charge on local fund.

17. No fresh projects are proposed to be undertaken in the current year, the Collector agreeing with the District Engineer that all the unfinished works should first be completed and the others already approved should then be taken in hand, and the Board consider that this is the proper course to pursue.

18. There is one point in connection with the Masulipatám local fund which has attracted the notice of the Board. The Collector states that the amount of Pullari collections has been transferred to the credit of the local fund under orders from the Accountant General. The Board cannot understand under what rules these instructions were issued by that officer. In other districts the Pullari tax forms a portion of the land revenue under sundry items. Only the grass rent in the esplanades of the fort is brought under the local funds. The Collector has, however, been desired to explain the nature of the item, and it has been pointed out to him that such new transfers to the credit of the local fund should not be made in the Collector's accounts, without first obtaining the sanction of Government through the Board.

19. Nellur.—The only item of receipts in Nellúr, is the road fund cess of two per cent. on the assessment of wet lands, on which a reduction of assessment has been recently sanctioned. The expenditure in the year was small. The Cotah new road has been lined out so as to connect the terminus of the coast canal at Dugarázapatám with the northern trunk road, at a cost of Rupees 1,289. The Tettú and Rámayapatám road, connecting the former place with the Ramapatam port, was improved at an expenditure of Rupees 146. Besides these works, a sum of Rupees 134 was spent on the improvement of the road to Nébábpettá, and Rupees 183 in clearing out the tank at Múlapet. The last item does not appear properly chargeable to the local fund. The Collector proposes to go on with the Gúdúr and Dugarázapatám road from Tettú to Rámayapatám during the current year.

20. Madura.—The proceeds from the sale of avenue clippings and decayed trees constitute the sole local fund of the Madura district. The Dévastánam surplus funds in the district, which amounted to Rupees 53,432, were placed at the disposal of the Collector a few years ago, and the whole of this amount, including a grant of Rupees 28,605 made on account of the water project, has been nearly expended. No permanent source of income appears to exist for future improvements in the district except the trifling sum to be realized from the avenue clippings.

21. There remained at the end of the last year a balance in hand of Rupees 10,614. Out of this sum Rupees 7,726 are appropriated for the completion of the water project. Mr. Clarke observes, that even if it is found practicable to finish the work on the original estimate, there will yet remain to be disbursed the sums due as compensation for the lands taken up for it, and the necessity of providing for this demand compels economy in other directions. To ascertain the exact amount of compensation that will be required to be paid, several communications have been addressed by the Collector to the District Engineer, to furnish an account of the quantity of land already occupied as well as of that which will hereafter be required, but no reply has yet been received. The delay in the completion of the work, and that in the settlement of claims for lands have been recently noticed by Government in their Proceedings of 24th August 1859, No. 2028, and the Board hope that the matter will soon be brought to a satisfactory close.

In Con. 25th August 1859, *No.* 4249.

22. Coimbatur.—The expenditure in Coimbatúr was very small and included the pay of the Ferry Sibbandí employed at Kalkambárai and Bégádamthoraí rivers in Nílagirí and Dénaikenkótta táluqs respectively. No works of any importance were undertaken during the year, with the exception of the construction of three bridges on the road from Coimbatúr to Métupálayam.

23. The Collector suggests that the item of Ferry Sibbandí, alluded to in the previous paragraph, which is employed for conveying the tappal across the river, is properly debitable to the Postal Department. On this point further information has been called for.

24. Mr. Thomas proposes to form plantations in certain localities of the district; he thinks that this measure is greatly needed, and that it could be most efficiently carried out by his establishment. For this purpose he wishes a sum of Rupees 1,000 to be placed annually at his disposal. He further requests that the proceeds of avenue clippings also may be made over to him for the improvement of avenue trees falling into decay. The Board think it undesirable to allot nearly one quarter of the whole fund to an object which might more properly be left to the people themselves under the encouragement afforded by the tope rules, and this has been pointed out to the Collector.

25. Madras.—The manure and grass rents hitherto constituted the local fund in Madras. The former item has ceased to be a source of revenue in consequence of the ground hitherto occupied as a cart stand having been given up to the Commissariat Department and Municipal Commissioners, as already explained in the report for 1857-58. The amount brought under that head in the present return is what was due for 1857-58, and since adjusted. The only expenditure incurred in the year was for the repairs of railings and other miscellaneous work, at an outlay of Rupees 1,975.

26. Salem.—In Salem a sum of Rupees 4,950 has been laid out chiefly in the construction and repairs of roads, out of the available funds of Rupees 5,927, leaving a balance of only Rupees 977. The Collector proposes to undertake in the current year the repair of a few lines of roads, the cost of which is estimated by the District Engineer at Rupees 7,000.

	Amount of funds available.	*Amount of expenditure.*
Ballári	21,687	10,604
South Arcot	38,065	29,086
Canara	30,097	13,806
Malabar	59,785	42,089

27. The remaining districts in which improvements were carried out to a considerable and satisfactory extent, are noted in the margin. Each of them will be noticed separately.

28. Ballari.—The ferry rents and tolls form the only source of revenue in Ballári. The expenditure in the year consisted chiefly of repairs to ferries, the construction of a bridge of five arches near Móka, and the opening up of the Darójí and Kampli road, with a branch to Kamalápúr. The entire cost of these operations amounted to Rupees 10,604, leaving a balance of Rupees 11,083, to be disbursed on works in 1859-60, the principal of which will be the construction of a bridge of three arches across the Narahallá, near Yettinahatti, estimated to cost Rupees 8,682.

29. South Arcot.—The road cess collections constitute the chief part of the fund in South Arcot. This was hitherto confined to the ten Hulús táluqs of the district in which the assessment has been revised, but in the year under review, it was extended to Mannárgudi and Chidambaram in those villages where temporary remission has been allowed. This was done with the free consent of the people. The expenditure in the year amounted to Rupees 29,086, leaving a balance in hand of Rupees 8,979. The following were the operations of the year;—

Repairing and constructing roads and bridges...Rs.	26,205
Establishment..... ,,	2,881
Total Rupees..	29,086

Bridges built... ... ... No.	3
Tunnels do. .... ,,	33
Gravel spread... ... ... Miles	5
Sand do. ... ... ,,	17
Road metalled. ... ... ,,	7
Trees planted... ... ... ,,	26
Road repaired. ... ... ,,	16
Do. marked out.... ... ... ,,	10
Embankment formed... ... ... ,,	3½
Mile stones set up.... ... ... ,,	11
	95½

30. The principal expenditure was incurred on the road from Virdáchalam to Shétiatóp, Ulundúrpet and Udiyárpálayam. On the Shétiatóp road the earthwork has been nearly completed, several tunnels have been built, and the black soil embankment near Shétiatóp has been sanded. On the Ulundúrpet road a bridge of three elliptical arches has been constructed. Several other works of public utility were also executed in the year now under report, but, unfortunately, the floods in November 1858 did considerable damage to them.

31. The Board are gratified to find that nearly the whole income of the fund is every year judiciously laid out in opening new lines of communications between important localities and maintaining those already formed. Since the establishment of the road fund, facilities for traffic are gradually increasing, and, it is satisfactory to observe, that the District Engineer keeps in view, as far as practicable, the principle of distributing the expenditure over the roads of the district generally, without confining it to particular localities. The Collector proposes to lay out, in the current year, about 28,000 Rupees on nearly twenty different lines of communications including those already commenced. The establishment required for the year is estimated at Rupees 276 per month, or Rupees 3,312 per annum.

32. Canara.—The local funds of Canara are composed chiefly of ferry farms and tolls. A part of the expenditure was incurred in effecting improvements to the Taddri river. On the pier Rupees 3,055 have been spent; this work has been of great service to the port, and the only ship that entered the Taddri this year, loaded alongside it. This work, which is in all 200 feet long and 24 feet broad, with a depth of 14 feet at low water spring, has been completed in about six months.

33. A sum of Rupees 2,437 was also expended on the workshop at Taddri, which has been so far completed as to admit of operations being carried on in it. Of the several works turned out from the workshop the following are a few;—

A paddle boat for Lieutenant Taylor.
The frame of the floating bridge for Mániké ferry.
Hand Carts.
Cash Chests.
Wheel barrows and a variety of other implements.

34. The Mangalúr and Káváyi coast road viâ Ulál has been opened, and the line to the north and south of Hónúr, as well as several other roads, bridges, and drains, have been repaired; but it must be observed that only a comparatively small amount of outlay was incurred on the improvement of the roads in the district. A large portion of the expenditure which is Rupees 13,806 was absorbed by the repairs of ferry boats and sheds establishment for the levy of tolls and by other works already noticed. The Collector has proposed no works to be undertaken in the current year pending receipt of instructions as to the future disposal of funds derived from ferries and tolls which form the chief source of revenue in the district.

35. Malabar.—In Malabar also the ferry rents and tolls form the chief source of the fund. As in South Arcot considerable improvements are being annually made from the local fund on various lines of communications between important localities, thereby affording great facilities for traffic. The heaviest items of expenditure fell chiefly under the head of bridges, amounting to Rupees 22,840. The Kudakadavu and the Múrat bridges on the important coast road from Calicut to Cannanúr, have been completed at an expenditure of Rupees 2,135 and 5,026, respectively. The two bridges on the ferries of Shaikakadavu and Tirupádi have been completed at a cost of Rupees 3,067 and two others over the Máhi and Mámulli ferries have been commenced. The amount already expended on these works amounts to Rupees 12,123.

36. On roads a sum of Rupees 8,350 was spent; this includes the repairs of certain bridges and drains bearing no toll. The most important item of expenditure is the tracing and widening of the Támbracherrí ghát, and the improvement of communications in Wynád. This pro-

ject owes its origin to the repeated and strenuous representations of the Coffee Planters, who have cheerfully contributed a sum of Rupees 5,000 towards this object. Several other pieces of road have also been constructed, the expenditure incurred on each of them being less than 400 Rupees. The outlay on canals amounted to Rupees 4,405, of which Rupees 3,715 was spent in deepening the Calicut bazar canal. On the canal from Tanúr to Ponéni six new drains have been built.

37. Agreeably to the Board's requisition the Collector reports that the effect of the order of the Government of India, directing that the collection of the local fund on the imperial lines of road be credited to the head of general receipts, has been a loss of Rupees 1,440 in the year to the local fund, that being the sum collected from January to May on certain ferries which the Collector states are the only ones maintained by yearly grants. The future annual loss is calculated at Rupees 4,320. The Board consider that if this is the whole amount of revenue to be given up on all the imperial lines in the district, the loss is not very great, and will not materially affect the resources of the local fund. It appears from the Collector's report that the operations of the current year will be the completion of certain works in progress, the chief of which are the trace of the Támbracherrí ghât, the improvement of communications in Wynád, and the Mámulli and Máhi bridges. The Collector also proposes to undertake in this year the construction of bridges over the Anakai and Kuttikól ferries.

Enclosure in from Government 22nd in Con. 29th October 1858, *No.* 4773.

38. Having thus completed the review of the local fund operations of the year it only remains for the Board to show in brief what will be the effect on those funds of the recent order of Government, directing that the proceeds of all tolls and ferries on lines of road, constructed and maintained from the public revenues, should be carried to the credit of the State.

Dated 11th in Con. 13th April 1859, *P. W. Pub., No.* 846.

The following abstract statement affords this information;—

Districts.	Ferries.	Tolls.	Total.
Masulipatám.....	1,503	.....	1,503
Guntúr	16	.....	16
Ballári....	4,595	.....	4,595
Chengalpat....	99	.....	99
South Arcot.	229	.....	229
Coimbatúr	139	.....	139
Salem...	3	.....	3
Canara	1,962	3,527	5,489
Malabar..	3,929	7	3,936
Total..	12,475	3,534	16,009

39. The Board cannot but regret that so large a deduction should be made from these useful funds, and they would submit, for the consideration of Government, that more hinderance to the general development of the communications of the country will be caused by the measure, than the petty gain to the State revenues will compensate.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 131. ORDER THEREON, 31st January 1860, No. 165.

Paragraph 1. In this letter the Board of Revenue report on the operations of the local fund for the official year 1858-59.

2. In six districts* no such fund exists; in five others the collections under this head were altogether insignificant, while in four districts only, viz. North and South Arcot, Canara and Malabár, were they of any importance. The following table shews the collection and disbursement in each district.

* *Ganjam.* *Vizagapatam.* *Cuddapah.* *Karnúl.* *Tunjúr.* *Tinnavelli.*

	Old balance.	Receipts.	Total of old balance and receipts.	Expenditure.	Remaining in hand.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1 Rájamandri	53	335	388	156	232
2 Masúlipatám.	6,179	7,431	13,610	4,378	9,232
3 Guntúr.	1,082	983	2,065	2	2,063
4 Nellúr	2,187	9,226	11,413	1,752	9,661
5 Ballári.	14,256	7,431	21,687	10,604	11,083
6 Chengalpat.	137	166	303	20	283
7 North Arcot	0	26,314	26,314	0	26,314
8 South Arcot	2,306	35,759	38,065	29,086	8,979
9 Trichinápali	552	852	1,404	508	896
10 Madura	17,521	394	17,915	7,301	10,614
11 Coimbatúr	2,517	4,456	6,967	352	6,615
12 Salem	2,547	3,380	5,927	4,950	977
13 Canara..	11,887	18,210	30,097	13,806	16,291
14 Malabár	18,724	41,061	59,785	42,089	17,696
15 Madras.	5,567	4,181	9,748	1,975	7,773
Total.....	85,515	1,60,173	2,45,688	1,16,979	1,28,709

3. The total collections, including the balance remaining at the close of the previous year, shewed an available fund of Rupees 2,45,688, of which Rupees 1,16,979 had been expended, leaving a balance of Rupees 1,28,709. The expenditure on account of improvements was largest in the four districts of Ballári, South Arcot, Canara and Malabár, and appears to have been well laid out, especially in South Arcot and Malabár. It is to be regretted that in North Arcot notwithstanding the large amount of the receipts nothing had been done towards the improvement of the district; it is however to be hoped that the notice taken of the subject by the Board will produce some exertion. The expenditure in Nellúr was very limited, being Rupees 1,752 out of Rupees 11,413 available; but no mention is made why a larger amount could not have been laid out as profitably as it has been in other districts. It is proper on this occasion to repeat what has been already said in the review of the report of the previous year, viz. "that the object of the local authorities should be to spend the funds beneficially as they accrue rather than to allow them to accumulate."

Paragraphs 12 *at* 15.

Paragraph 19.

4. The other points in the Collectors' reports calling for remark have been sufficiently noticed by the Board.

Paragraphs 8 *at* 10, 16, 18, 19, 23, 24.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

ABSTRACT statement of receipts and disbursements on account of the Local Funds in the districts under the Madras Presidency for the year 1858-59.

Districts.	Balance of last account brought forward.	RECEIPTS. Ferry rents and tolls.	Road fund.	Avenue clippings.	Rent of reeds.	Grass rent.	Cart tax.	Sundries as particularized in the columns 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	14
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1 Rajahmundry	53	18	.....	27	.....	290	.....	.....	335	388	156	232	
2 Masulipatam	6,179	3,394	.....	26	.....	4,011	.....	.....	7,431	13,610	4,378	9,232	
3 Guntoor	1,082	678	.....	229	.....	.....	.....	76	983	2,065	2	2,063	GUNTOOR—Two per cent. collections from the ryots of the Covat villages, Rs. 29. Pagoda funds ... „ 48 — 76
4 Nellore	2,187	.....	9,226	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,226	11,413	1,752	9,661	
5 Bellary	14,256	7,431	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,431	21,687	10,604	11,083	
6 Chingleput	137	75	51	8	32	.....	.....	.....	166	303	20	283	
7 North Arcot	.....	.....	26,314	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26,314	26,314	.....	26,314	
8 South Arcot	2,306	999	34,504	256	.....	.....	.....	.....	35,759	38,065	29,086	8,979	MADURA—Davastanum surplus ... 3
9 Trichinopoly	552	.....	.....	.....	.....	852	.....	.....	852	1,404	508	896	
10 Madura	17,521	.....	.....	391	.....	.....	.....	3	394	17,915	7,301	10,614	COIMBATORE — Chuttrum fund ... Rs. 659
11 Coimbatore	2,517	989	.....	356	.....	.....	2,442	663	4,456	6,967	352	6,615	Sale proceeds of useless materials ... 4 — 663
12 Salem	2,547	731	.....	7	.....	.....	2,615	27	3,380	5,927	4,950	977	
13 Canara	11,887	10,657	.....	779	.....	.....	6,774	.....	18,210	30,097	13,806	16,291	
14 Malabar	18,724	41,061	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41,061	59,785	42,089	17,696	SALEM—Manure rent ... 27
15 Madras	5,567	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,291	.....	1,890	4,181	9,748	1,975	7,773	MADRAS—Manure rents ... 1,890
Total	85,515	66,033	70,095	2,079	32	7,444	11,831	2,659	1,60,173	2,45,688	1,16,979	1,28,709	Total Rs. 2,659

STATEMENT shewing the particulars of the expenditure from Local Funds in the districts under the Madras Presidency, for the year 1858-59.

Districts.	Nature of the work performed.	Amount expended.					
1	2				3		
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P
Rajahmundry	Building a tunnel	96	7	7			
	Sinking a well	6	12	0			
	Repairing roads	2	8	0			
	Railings in plantations	6	0	9			
	Bamboo fencing for young trees	11	0	0			
	Drivers	33	0	0			
					155	12	4
Masulipatam	Establishment	152	10	0			
	Improvement of the town of Bezoarah	300	0	0			
	Sheds	5	0	0			
	Road repairs	235	10	10			
	Construction and repairs of boats	1,692	2	10			
	Ghats	1,504	3	4			
	Constructing punts	352	13	7			
	Water pandal and shed	135	15	7			
					4,378	8	2
Guntoor	Hire for conveying oars				2	3	4
Nellore	Cotah new road	1,288	9	0			
	Road from Ramapatam to Tettoo	146	3	11			
	Do. to Nabobpetta	134	7	3			
	Clearing tank	183	1	5			
					1,752	5	7
Bellary	Repairing the Tumbuddra Ferry at Humpasagus	1,193	7	0			
	Do. Sovainhully	252	14	4			
	Do. Nowly	93	8	9			
	Do. Hoosoor	193	0	9			
	Do. Cumply	2,467	6	4			
	Do. at Bagavady and Seroogoopat	1,594	11	0			
	Constructing a bridge of five arches near Moka	2,860	4	6			
	Darojee and Cumply road with a branch to Camalapoorum	1,948	13	6			
					10,603	12	2
Chingleput	Ferry boat on the Palar				19	3	0
South Arcot	Bridge across the Kannangoody Oday	3,669	13	10			
	Roadr from Virdachelum to Oolundarput and Shatiatope	10,653	9	7			
	Road from Trinomallee to Tircollum	1,522	1	5			
	Do. Veraperomanellore to Tircollum	2,801	12	0			
	Do. Ginjee to Chaitput and Vaniamungalum	1,200	0	0			
	Do. Vellaud to Veramend tank	193	2	6			
	Do. Munnargoody to Womalabelyoor and Kondamangalum	697	4	3			
	Do. Chillumbarum to Munnargoody Killay, Nadarajahporum and Bownaghery	2,359	9	9			
	Do. Tiagar to Malaloorpett	558	6	0			
	Closing the Marea Oday	41	0	0			
	Marking and metalling roads	290	0	1			
	Repairing road from Pondicherry to Vellapoorum	1,200	0	0			
	Do. boats	36	12	9			
	Do. and constructing tunnels	670	0	0			
	Do. roads	127	4	11			
	Road from Manjacopum to traveller's bungalow	108	2	3			
	Sundry works	223	5	5			
	Establishment	2,881	0	5			
		29,233	4	8			
	Deduct amount recovered and brought to account	146	10	9			
					29,086	9	11

STATEMENT shewing the particulars of the expenditure from Local Funds, &c.—*Continued.*

Districts.	Nature of the work performed.	Amount expended.					
1	2				3		
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P
Trichinopoly	Improving streets	287	9	3			
	Supply channels	219	15	10			
					507	9	1
Madura	Water project	90	0	0	7,301	5	10
Coimbatore	Establishment	261	12	2			
	Constructing and repairing bridges				351	12	2
Salem	Road from Tripatoor to Sugarpett	160	5	0			
	Do. Kistnagherry to Royacottah	431	3	0			
	Do. Muttagherry to Attypully	376	15	4			
	Do. Oossoor to Royacottah	697	12	10			
	Salem and Vygoondrum roads	839	0	2			
	Moganore and Namacul road	[illegible]	2	7			
	Road from Darampoory to Denagar	[illegible]		2			
	Valapady to Singaporum	13	12	0			
	Road from Darampoory to Kistnagherry	809	10	3			
	Tirchengode and Paramutty roads	381	12	2			
	Salem and Shevapetta do.	310	6	8			
	Do. and Womalore do.	43	10	11			
	Do. and Trichinopoly do.	71	1	8			
	Do. Cuddalore road	39	5	10			
	Do. and McDonald Choultry road	69	13	10			
	[illegible] stone	3	2	0			
	Boatman's salary	98	0	0			
					4,949	13	5
Canara	Works shop at [illegible]ddry	2,437	4	1			
	Pier at do.	3,054	15	3			
	Quay at Kullegaul	1,100	0	4			
	Museum at Mangalore	175	0	0			
	Bridge (floating) at Manikay ferry	1,860	15	6			
	Mangalore harbour works	54	15	0			
	Toll gates and toll houses	630	14	0			
	Roads	2,411	15	2			
	Embankments at Mangulpaudy	417	14	2			
	Ferries and boats	692	12	0			
	Establishment	896	8	3			
	Contingencies	32	7	8			
	Printing	40	13	1			
					13,806	6	6
Malabar	Ferries on the road from Tellicherry to Cannanore	2,193	2	9			
	Do. from do. to Anjercundy	720	10	2			
	Do. Calicut to Tellicherry	8,411	15	0			
	Do. do. to Paulghaut	2,346	6	10			
	Do. do. to Malliapoorum	8,859	5	4			
	Wynaad ferry establishment	287	8	0			
	Ferries on the road from Munjerry to Eddawode	22	0	0			
	Road from Tellicherry to Cannanore	1,679	6	0			
	Do. Calicut to Mangalore	279	14	4			
	Do. to Tellicherry	13	8	9			
	Do. to Wynaad	3,203	4	0			
	Do. to Cannanore	5	14	10			
	Do. to Badagherry	399	5	0			
	Drains on the Cochin road	623	11	9			
	Platform at Cochin	14	14	2			
	Mallepoorum to Munjerry	173	8	7			
	Street in Calicut	340	0	0			
	Compensation paid to ferry contractor	3,462	0	0			
	Moiety of ferry farms paid to the Chief of Mahé	700	0	0			
	Filling up the breach in the Cochin river	37	8	0			

STATEMENT shewing the particulars of the expenditure from Local Funds, &c.—*Continued.*

Districts.	Nature of the work performed.	Rs.	A.	P.	Amount expended. Rs.	A.	P.
1	2				3		
Malabar, (Continued).....	Repairing the Muttuncherry bridge	119	10	0			
	Do. three bridges on the road to Amarabady ...	86	3	5			
	Bridge on the Calicut road	5	14	6			
	Trace from Manar to Coimbatore	7	8	0			
	Establishment	840	7	0			
	Rent of the Pootheangody jail	91	0	0			
	Pay of surveying pupils and coolies	306	14	3			
	Deepening the Calicut bazaar canal	3,714	15	8			
	Constructing drains on the Cotay canal	405	0	0			
	Repairing the Pyolly lock	63	7	8			
	Do. the canal from Ponany to Chowghaut	38	11	5			
	Strengthening a bund at the head of Pooraparamba canal	134	7	8			
	Repairing the Cotambally dam	48	5	7			
	Repairing sentry box	0	14	0			
	Stones purchased	331	9	0			
	Repairs of roads	120	5	0	42,089	4	8
Madras.....	Making a sketch of the grazing ground	20	0	0			
	Constructing railings, &c.	1,955	2	11			
					1,975	2	11
	Grand Total				1,16,979	13	1

Acting Secretary.

Exd, J. Wright.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under Date the 31st January 1860.

Read the following
letter from the Acting Secretary
to the Board of Revenue.

Submitting the Board's
Report on the operations of the Local
Fund for the official year 1858/59 in
certain Districts of this Presidency.

(Here enter 23d November 1859 No 2793)

Cl In this letter the
Board of Revenue report on the
operations of the local funds for
the official year 1858/59.

2 In six* Districts no
such fund exists, in five others
the Collections under this head
were altogether insignificant, en
while in four District only, viz.
North and South Arcot, Canara
and Malabar, were they of any
importance. The following
table shews the Collections
and Disbursements in
each

* Tanjore. Tinnevelly. Madura.
Coimbatore. Salem.
Tanjore

Tinnevelly.

Coimbatore

Salem

Madura

Copy of Letter from the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue No 2793 dated 23d November 1859.

Abstract Statements of Local Funds for the Year 1858-59.

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each District.

	Old balances	Receipts	Total of old balances & receipts	Expenditure	Remaining in hand
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1 Rajahmundry	53	335	388	156	232
2 Masulipatam	6,179	7,431	13,610	4,378	9,232
3 Guntur	1,082	983	2,065	2	2,063
4 Nellore	2,187	9,226	11,413	1,752	9,661
5 Bellary	14,256	7,431	21,687	10,604	11,083
6 Chingleput	137	166	303	20	283
7 North Arcot	"	26,314	26,314	"	26,314
8 South Arcot	2,306	35,759	38,065	29,086	8,979
9 Trichinopoly	552	852	1,404	508	896
10 Madura	17,521	394	17,915	7,301	10,614
11 Coimbatore	2,517	4,456	6,967	352	6,615
12 Salem	2,547	3,380	5,927	4,950	977
13 Canara	11,887	18,210	30,097	13,806	16,291
14 Malabar	13,721	41,061	54,785	42,089	12,696
15 Madras	5,569	4,181	9,748	1,975	7,773
Total	85,515	160,173	245,688	116,979	128,709

3 The total collections, including the balance remaining at the close of the previous year, showed an available fund of Rupees 2,45,688, of which Rupees 1,16,979 had been expended, leaving a balance of Rupees 128,709. The expenditure on account of improvements was largest in the four Districts of Bellari, South Arcot, Canara

Canara and Malabar, and appears to have been well laid out, especially in South Arcot and Malabar. It is to be regretted that in North Arcot notwithstanding the large amount of the receipts nothing had been done towards the improvement of the District; it is however to be hoped that the notice taken of the subject by the Board will produce some exertion. The expenditure in Nellore was very limited, being Rs 1752 out of Rupees 11,413 available; but no mention is made why a larger amount could not have been laid out as profitably as it has been in other Districts. It is proper on this occasion to repeat what has been already said in the review of the report of the previous year 1853-54 "that the object of the local authorities should be to spend the funds beneficially as they accrue rather than to allow them to accumulate."

4 The other points in the Collectors'

Collectors reports calling for
remarks have been sufficiently noticed by the Board.—

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Dy 31st January 1860.

Reviewing the report
on the operations of the
local fund for 1858-59.

Nos 130 & 131.