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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2093 Press Mis.

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Dated 25. 9. 1862.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 25th September 1862.

No. 490. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, dated 15th August 1862, No. 1,947:—

Communicating for consideration Chief Engineer's letter, suggesting that the collections from grass rents should like all other local collections appear under the one head of Account, viz., "local funds." } (Vide Public Works Proceedings, 15th August 1862, Nos. 229, 230.)

No. 491. ORDER THEREON, 25th September 1862, No. 2093.

1. In a letter recorded in the foregoing Proceedings the Chief Engineer proposes to credit the grass rents of the Godavery and other Districts to the local funds.

2. In the Godavery District a grass fund has been in existence for several years. At first it was kept up as a separate fund, but subsequently under the Orders of Government it has been brought to account as an item of extra Revenue. The chief collections under this head appear to be the sale proceeds of grass on canal banks, and the rent of pasture lands. It is understood that collections of a similar nature are made in other Districts, but the Government are not aware of their extent, nor is it clear under what head they are credited.

G. O. 12th November 1860, No. 2,342.

3. As observed by the District Engineer, the item of "grass rents" appears in the Board's reports on the local funds as a source of income. Its amount is very trifling, but it is desirable that Government should be told in what Districts the rents have been realized and of what they consist.

4. An application has recently been made in the Department Public Works to the Government of India for fuller information as to the sources of the local funds in the other Presidencies. The Government are fully sensible of the advantage of increasing the local funds by every legitimate means. They resolve, therefore, to refer the Chief Engineer's letter to the Board of Revenue and Accountant General for their opinion and remarks. The Board will avail themselves of the same opportunity to furnish the information called for in paragraphs 2 and 3 *supra*.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Public.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Chief Engineer, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George, dated Chepauk, 28th July 1862, No. 2,299:—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of Government No. 1,137, dated the 23rd May 1862, I have the honor to forward herewith a letter from the Collector of Godavery relative to the grass rents realized in that District, which for the period from May 1860 to May 1862, is stated to have amounted to Rupees 16,352-8-5.

Dated 28th June 1862, No. 8, with one enclosure.

2. These collections have been paid into the Collector's Treasury to the credit of Government, under the head "Extra Revenue," ever since May 1860, in consequence of the directions in paragraph 10 of the Proceedings of Government No. 2,342, dated 12th November 1860, previous to which they were held along with the permanent and quarry funds of that District at the disposal of the District Engineer.

3. The Collector points out that the local funds do exist in his District, chiefly from cattle fines realized; the whole of these funds have been already set apart in the Local Fund Budget, for the construction of District roads, which are much wanted, and that no provision was made in it for planting trees on the channel banks.

4. The Collector therefore recommends the transfer of the collections made on the above account to the credit of "Local Funds" or to be spent exclusively on the channel banks. In Proceedings of Government 25th August 1860, No. 1,808, paragraph 7, it is ruled that a separate fund should be created out of grass collections to meet charges for fencing channel banks and that the disposal of this fund should be with the Government.

5. It appears to me desirable that all local collections appropriated for the purpose of the Public Works Department, should appear under one head of account, viz., Local Funds, I would recommend therefore that the grass collections of the Godavery District be similarly brought to credit, but the appropriation of the same in this and other Districts in which collections may be obtained from sales of grass on channel berms, may be left with Government, should it be so desired, in which case Collectors and District Engineers will be requested in communication with each other to submit distinct propositions for the disposal of the same. On approval by Government and entry in the Local Fund Budget, the collections thus realized may be used.

6. I would further remark that it appears from the report of the Board of Revenue on the Local Fund operations for the year 1859-60, that grass rents are now realized and credited to that fund, but in what Districts these collections are made, is not stated. I observe from paragraph 9 of the Proceedings of Government, No. 2,183, dated 27th November 1861, that it is intended to submit the above report for the information of the Government of India, with reference to papers on the subject communicated by that Government. In Bengal and the Provinces under the direct administration of the Government of India, it appears from these papers that several items of receipt of a miscellaneous character are treated as local funds, which increases the collections under this head, and places additional funds at the disposal of the Public Works Department. Advantage should I consider be taken of a like practice to add to the local fund of this Presidency all such collections as can legitimately be used for Public Works purposes.

Proceedings of Government, 30th April 1861, No. 974, Revenue Department.

7. The income from local funds being independent of the Budget from Imperial funds, will be available for expenditure to the full extent of collections realized, notwithstanding that the Local Fund Budget may have inadequately provided for the same. It is prepared only with a view of exhibiting the probable total outlay in the Public Works Department, and any sum which may be obtained from local funds in excess of the expected receipts at the beginning of the year, can it is believed be laid out within the year in which realized.

Proceedings of Government, 4th December 1861, No. 603, with orders of the Government of India.

From A. PURVIS, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District, to the Chief Engineer, Department of Public Works, Madras, dated Cocanada, 28th June 1862, No. 8.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Order of Government No. 1,137, dated 23rd May 1862, Department of Public Works, sanctioning an expenditure to the extent of 500 Rupees out of general repair or local funds for planting trees on the channel banks, I have the honor to state that both local and grass funds exist in this District, the former consists chiefly of cattle fines realized under Act III of 1857, while the latter is carried to the credit of Government as an item of extra Revenue as directed in paragraph 10 of the Order of Government, dated 12th November 1860, No. 2,342. In paragraph 3 of the Order now under acknowledgment it is directed that where local funds exist, the expense for planting the trees in question might be borne by such funds, and where such was not the case, it should be charged to the repairs. The whole of the local funds remaining in hand on 30th April last have already, in communication with the District Engineer, been proposed to be spent in the current official year on the construction of District roads so very much wanted in this District. The sums to be spent have been entered in the Local Fund Budget for the year. No provision was made for the charge of planting trees on the channel banks, and no sum is available from the fund to meet such charge.

2. A sum of as much as Rupees 16,352-8-5 has been paid into the Treasury on account of grass rents during the last few years as per Statement annexed. Should Government see fit to permit this sum to be added to the local fund or to be spent exclusively on the planting and fencing in the canal banks much progress would be made in this desirable work.

Statement showing the sums received into the Treasury on account of grass rents in the Godavery District from May 1860 to May 1862 credited to Extra Revenue.

Months.	1860-61.			1861-62.			1862-63.			Total.			Remarks.
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	
May	...	...	...	417	9	7	732	12	4	1,150	5	11	
June	...	...	...	204	2	10	...	...	...	204	2	10	
July	596	5	0	116	8	9	...	...	...	712	13	9	
August	...	...	...	15	7	7	...	...	...	15	7	7	
September ...	1,037	8	7	228	5	2	...	...	...	1,265	13	9	
October	705	6	6	630	5	9	...	...	...	1,335	12	3	
November ...	567	4	2	976	8	5	...	...	...	1,543	12	7	
December ...	2,401	1	1	824	7	7	...	...	...	3,225	8	8	
January	2,089	9	8	989	10	10	...	...	...	3,079	4	6	
February... ...	463	2	4	958	13	7	...	...	...	1,421	15	11	
March	731	12	7	438	15	9	...	...	...	1,170	12	4	
April	500	13	5	725	12	11	...	...	...	1,226	10	4	
Total...	9,092	15	4	6,526	12	9	732	12	4	16,352	8	5	

Godavery District,
Collector's Office, Cocanada,
28th June 1862.

(Signed) A. PURVIS, *Collector.*

ORDER THEREON, 15th August 1862, No. 1,947.

1. The Government in paragraph 4 of their Proceedings dated 23rd May 1862, No. 1,137, approved of a suggestion made by the Chief Engineer to create a grass fund in Districts in which local funds do not exist, in order that the collections from that source might be made available for defraying the expenses of planting and fencing in channel banks. It was directed also that the proceeds should be paid into the Collector's Treasury and brought to account as a separate fund, disbursements being made under the sanction of Government.

2. The letter from the Chief Engineer recorded above gives cover to one from the Collector of Godavery, from which it appears that in that District the local funds consist chiefly of collections from cattle fines, and that a separate fund has been constituted of grass rents which from May 1860 to May 1862 have amounted to Rupees 16,352-8-5, and this sum has been credited in the accounts to the head "Extra Revenue."

3. It is now suggested that the collections from grass rents should like all other local collections appear under the one head of Account, viz., Local Funds, the appropriation of the money being left with Government, to whom distinct propositions are to be submitted, and if approved of, the works authorized are to find a place in the Local Fund Budget.

4. The Chief Engineer's letter will be communicated to the Revenue Department for consideration.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.
" Chief Engineer.
" Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Under date the 25th Septr 1882 —

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From Sy. Actt Genl.
Dy 28 Octr 1862 C. No 2994

Passing orders on Public Works Proceedings Communicating Chief Engineer's proposal to credit grass rents to local funds.

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