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10th April 1863.*

No. 55. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th March 1863, No. 1,779 :—

Read the following letter from V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 13th February 1863, No. 37.

SIR,

Form Nos. I to IV. 1. I have the honor to submit my report upon the Madura Town Fund for the year 1862, together with the usual Statements marginally noted.

2. From the Statement shown below, it will be perceived that the receipts in the year under report, compared with those of last year, have fallen short by Rupees 1,055-9-2, while the expenditure has exceeded that of preceding year by Rupees 5,961-5-1.

Item.	In 1861.	In 1862.	Increase.	Decrease.
Receipts	9,043 6 4	7,987 13 2		1,055 9 2
Expenditure... ..	4,586 1 4	10,517 6 5	5,961 5 1	

3. The decrease in the receipts is mainly owing to the revenue under the head of "Sale of proceeds of grounds for building houses" being far less than in the previous year, the choicest portions of waste grounds having been already disposed of.

4. The heavy increase in the expenditure is attributable to the extensive improvements and repairs executed to Market No. I. I have, as intimated in paragraph 6 of my last year's report, caused the construction of a handsome line of upper story bazars, which consist of fourteen shops. The building was commenced in March and completed in September, and will be a good source of increase to the Town Fund. The entire cost of the building is Rupees 3,909; of this Rupees 3,874-15-0 have been spent in the year under reference, the rest, viz., Rupees 34-1-0, in 1863, which will be brought to the account current of that year.

5. All the fourteen new bazars have been rented for three years, for the aggregate sum of Rupees 49-8-0 per mensem, except one, which is rented at Rupees 4, as the occupier is allowed the use of an extra upper room; and thus the outlay on the building yields a revenue of a little more than 15 per cent. A plan of the building is submitted herewith for the inspection of the Board.

6. Of all the three markets, No. I market is the richest, and its receipts during the year under review, exceed those of the last year by Rupees 1,048-12-0. As it was found that the service of one additional Peon and a Curnum was necessary, I accordingly ordered their appointment at an aggregate cost of Rupees 8-8-0 per mensem.

7. As the long outer verandah of the grain market attached to Market No. I, situated on both sides of the gate, yielded no permanent revenue, I ordered it to be converted into sixteen shops or bazars, which, and the additional two new bazars built in continuation with the former, have cost the Town Fund about Rupees 500. More than half the number of these bazars are now rented, and the rest will be let out as applied for.

8. To carry out the improvements to the stone floor of the grain market, as suggested in my report for the past year, a sum of Rupees 1,411-10-8 has been disbursed; most of this work has been done, and the remainder will, it is expected, be completed within two months.

9. During the year under report some of the principal streets have been gravelled to the amount of Rupees 1,725-8-0; of this Rupees 1,000 were paid from the Devasthanum Fund for repair of the street on which the Pagoda cars pass. There are other streets in the Town needing similar repairs, but they will be attended to in 1863.

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10. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board dated 21st November last, No. 7,674, the Fees for stamping measures and weights from 1st December last has been directed to be credited to the head of the District Conservancy Fund.

11. In my report for 1860, the Board were informed that for the efficient control of the scavenger carts, and drain cleaners, five Police Constables were appointed, but they not having proved themselves so useful as I expected, I discontinued them, and appointed in their stead two Daloyets on a salary of Rupees 6 each per mensem; under the superintendence of these two men not only is the cleanliness of the town better preserved, but their appointment has, in a financial point of view, secured a saving of more than 20 Rupees per mensem. The existing

13 Scavenger carts at Rupees 15 each per mensem...	195
3 Do. at Rupees 12 each per do.	36
	231
16 Drain cleaners at Rupees 4 each per do.	64
	295

* Of this Rupees 72 are paid from the Devasthanum Fund for maintaining four carts and three drain cleaners, and Rupees 40 from Ayan Fund for maintaining 2½ carts.

number of scavenger carts and drain cleaners, having been from experience found insufficient to meet the requirements of the Town which has of late increased in size, I have entertained three additional carts and four drain cleaners. I have, for the information of the Board, noted in the margin the whole strength of the Scavenger Establishment.

12. For their convenience, parties were permitted to erect marriage, &c., pandals in the streets for short periods, but as this caused a slight damage to the streets, I directed the levying of a fee of from ½ to 1 Rupee on each such pandal; this system has been in force since May, from which time to December Rupees 92-8-0 has been collected, as will be seen from Statement No. IV.

13. I have in my report for the past year informed the Board that all the houses in the Town have been numbered on their doors with colored figures, but as the numbers in some cases became obliterated, in order to remove the evil, I have ordered brass numbers to be nailed on all the outer doors of the houses at the expense of the owners, who pay for the numbers willingly, as the cost of each is but trifling.

14. There are two public lights in the Town; one is erected as a monument in remembrance of Mr. J. Blackburne on the Ramnad road, and the other by Ram Row, Salt Deputy Collector of the District, in remembrance of Mr. R. D. Parker on the Trichinopoly road. The former is lighted at the expense of the Devasthanum under the superintendence of Mr. Fischer, and the latter from the Town Fund. The Pagoda Manager is erecting a handsome lamp post near the Market No. I.

15. Mr. Clarke, in his former reports having fully reported to the Board regarding the evils resulting from the improper levels of the Town drains, I have nothing to add on the subject, but that measures should be adopted to alter the levels as soon as the water project is completed.

16. The rent of the Circular house occupied by the Civil Hospital Dresser being but trifling compared with the expenditure laid out for its construction and repairs, I ordered the building to be sold at public auction, which was bought by the Zillah Surgeon for Rupees 290 to be applied for the use of Lying-in-Hospital.

17. The balance on hand at the close of the year under report amounts to Rupees 7,740-1-6; of this Rupees 5,500, is invested in Government loan of 5½ per cent., and the remainder, viz., Rupees 2,240-1-6, is in ready cash.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Statement showing 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 1862.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

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ABSTRACT.—Account Current showing the receipts and disbursements of the Town Fund in the District of Madura for the year 1862.

ENCLOSURE No. 5.

ABSTRACT.—Plan, section and elevation of the market constructed in the Town of Madura.

1. Ordered that the foregoing letter with its enclosure, relating to the operation of the Town Fund in Madura, be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The receipts in the year amounted to Rupees 7,987-13-2, and the available funds, including the balance of Rupees 10,299-10-9 in hand at the close of 1861, amounted to Rupees 18,287-7-11. From this sum the expenditure of Rupees 10,547-6-5 being deducted, there remained a balance of Rupees 7,740-1-6 to the credit of the Fund at the close of the year, out of which balance Rupees 5,500 are invested in the 5½ per cent. Government Loan.

3. The expenditure during the year was chiefly for constructing new markets, an investment calculated eventually to increase the income of the Fund.

The following were the principal works:—

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(1.) Adding a row of upper storied Shops to Market No. 1.....	3,874	15	0
(2.) Improving the stone floor of the Grain Market... ..	1,411	10	8
(3.) Converting the longer outer verandah of the Grain Market attached to the Market No. 1 into 16 Shops, and building two new ones...	500	0	0
(4.) Gravelling some of the principal streets in the District.....	1,725	8	0

4. The Collector states that of the amount spent upon the last mentioned work, a sum of Rupees 1,000 was defrayed from the Devasthanum Fund. Mr. Levinge will explain whether this is a fund at his disposal, or a contribution from the Temple Trustees for the repairs of the streets along which their cars are dragged to the destruction of the road-way, and if the former be the case, he will report what sum is at his disposal on this account.

5. In regard to the Fee levied on each marriage pandal as reported in paragraph 12, the Board think it undesirable that indirect sanction to their erection should be given by the arrangement.

Special permission should be sought and obtained in every instance before the erection is permitted by the Police, and the cost of repairing all damages to the road-way should be guaranteed by the applicant as a necessary preliminary to the grant of permission.

6. As regards the numbering of the houses at the expense of the residents, the Board are of opinion that painted figures will answer every purpose. They should be periodically renewed, and will even thus be cheaper than brass numbers, and quite as efficient.

7. The transactions connected with the stamping of weights and measures are included in the Account Current of the Town Fund as shown in the margin. The Collector states that this item has been credited to the head of the District Conservancy Fund from December last. The fees in question should be kept distinct under a subordinate head in the Local Fund. It

Collection of fees for stamping Weights and Measures.			
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In 1862.....	354	12	7
	1,984	0	3
Charges for Establishments, &c.			
	RS.	A.	P.
Up to 1861	222	10	0
In 1862.....	120	0	0
	342	10	0
	1,918	6	3

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The Collector will deduct the balance of Rupees 1,018-6-3 at the end of 1862 from the Town Fund, and credit it to the minor head of Fees for stamping weights and measures in the Local Fund accounts. The charges on this account will be debited under the same minor head. The accounts of the Town Fund are now rendered for the Calendar year, but they will in future be closed with the official year, as is the case with the other Local Funds.

8. In the Account Current now received, a charge of Rupees 10-3-4 is made for the purchase of iron measures and ollucks for the use of Markets. The charge for the same purpose up to 1861 was Rupees 54-8-5. The Board do not understand why measures should be supplied to the markets at the expense of the Fund. The Collector is requested to state under what circumstances, and for what purpose this supply is made.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 56.

ORDER THEREON, 10th April 1863, No. 630.

1. This report calls for no further remark than that the Collector's arrangements are satisfactory.

2. The details referred to in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Board's Proceedings might, with advantage, be left to the Collector's discretion.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

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 „ V. H. Levinge, Esq, Collector of Madura.

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Submitting with remarks the report from the Collector of Madurai, on the Madurai Town Fund for the year 1862.

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With an Order