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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th May 1865.*

No. 496. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th May 1865, No. 2,530.

1. The Board of Revenue resolve to submit their usual report on the Langerkhanas of the Madras Presidency during 1863-64, with a Statement shewing the extent of relief afforded, and the expenditure incurred at each institution.

2. The institutions now to be dealt with are the same as those reported on last year. In the District of Coimbatore the Langerkhanas are maintained by the income derived from certain Inam lands granted for the purpose, and those of other Districts by fixed annual allowances sanctioned by the Government. In the District of South Arcot the Langerkhanas was formerly supported by means of a fixed deduction from the Kistbundy Beriz, but the Government, in their Order dated 11th August 1864, sanctioned a fixed annual allowance of Rupees 678-9-0 for the maintenance of the institution in lieu of the former allowance. As the deduction from the Beriz was made up to Fusly 1273, the Board authorized the Collector to draw the fixed allowance now sanctioned for ten months in the current official year, that is from July 1864 to 30th April 1865, on a bill passed by the Civil Paymaster, and to continue to draw the full amount after that date, rendering accounts of expenditure to the Board as usual.

3. The two institutions in Tanjore, the one at Negapatam, and the other at Combaconum, will disappear from the next report. The former has been abolished on the understanding that the endowment of 30 Rupees a month, is to be paid in future to the Friend-in-Need Society at Negapatam; and the latter which is a Public Dispensary, but has hitherto erroneously been called a Langerkhana, is now entirely supported by private contributions, which have been formed into a fund, the interest of which it is reported is more than sufficient to cover all the expenses of the institution.

4. From the marginal abstract, it will be seen that there was a falling off in the receipts at the Langerkhanas in Coimbatore and South Arcot as compared with those of the preceding year. In the former District the decrease is ascribed to a large contribution having been received in the previous year from the Famine Relief Fund Committee, and in the latter no reason is assigned by the Collector for the decrease, but it appears that a portion of the sum properly belonging to 1863-64 was collected in 1862-63.

5. The following abstract shews the number of persons relieved, and the cost and rate per head in each Langerkhana during the past year compared with the number relieved in 1862-63 :—

Districts.	1862-63.			1863-64.			COMPARISON BETWEEN THE COST.	
	Number relieved.	Cost.	Rate per head.	Number relieved.	Cost.	Rate per head.	Increase.	Decrease.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Coimbatore...	14,600	RS. 1,453 6 9	A. P. 1 7	13,391	RS. 1,323 5 6	A. P. 1 7	...	...
Nellore ...	57,560	3,360 8 4	1 0	45,945	2,833 14 8	1 4	...	...
Kurnool ...	11,528	357 15 0	0 5	10,980	360 0 0	0 6	2	1 0
Tan- { Combaco-	2,467	538 4 1	3 5	2,063	489 0 0	3 9	...	...
jore. { num ...	4,298	581 5 7	2 1	3,487	528 9 9	2 5	...	...
{ Negapatam	75,082	3,915 14 0	0 10	81,304	3,968 0 3	0 6	52	2 3
North { Vellore.	17,123	994 4 5	0 11	19,470	1,027 1 0	0 10	32	12 7
Arcot. { Arcot ...	...	1,263 5 11	...	...	1,277 13 7	...	14	7 8
{ Sholingur	...	424 1 9	...	...	745 7 8	...	321	5 11
South Arcot ...	13,705	1,533 15 0	1 9	13,080	1,789 14 9	1 5	255	15 9
Bellary, Gooty ...								
Total...	1,96,363	14,423 0 10	...	1,89,720	14,343 3 2	...	678	13 2 758 10 0

Net Decrease ... 79 13 8

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6. In the following abstract the charges of Establishment and Saderwaried, as actually incurred during 1863-64, are shewn in comparison with those sanctioned. In Kurnool no charge was incurred either for Establishment or Saderwarid :—

Districts.	ESTABLISHMENT AS FINALLY SETTLED.									Establishment and Saderward charges incurred in 1863-64.	Increase.	Decrease.			
	Establishment.			Saderward charges.			Total.								
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Coimbatore	174	0	0	10	8	0	184	8	0	286	4	0	101	12	0
Nellore	120	0	0	3	0	0	123	0	0	178	13	0	55	13	0
N. Arcot. { Arcot	108	0	0	...	...	...	108	0	0	108	0	0	...	...	...
• { Vellore ..	126	0	0	...	...	...	126	0	0	126	0	0	...	...	...
{ Sholingur	555	0	0	...	...	...	555	0	0	550	9	4	...	4	6
Tan- { Combaconum.	156	0	0	...	...	...	156	0	0	159	4	0	3	4	0
jore. { Negapatam...	132	0	0	24	0	0	156	0	0	163	0	0	7	0	0
South Arcot	135	6	0	15	0	0	150	6	0	223	13	6	73	7	6
Bellary	588	0	0	30	0	0	618	0	0	619	11	0	1	11	0
Total ...	2,094	6	0	82	8	0	2,176	14	0	2,415	6	10	242	15	6
										Net...			238	8	10

7. It will be seen that the Establishment and Saderwarid charges have exceeded those sanctioned at all the institutions, except those of North Arcot. In Coimbatore the increase is the largest, and is owing to a sum of 15 Rupees having been spent in repairing the pandal of the Langerkhana, and a sum of Rupees 86-15-6 having been laid out in the purchase of cumblies, mats, and clothes for the poor. In Nellore the employment of an Attender on Rupees 4 a month to attend at the Infirmary, and to watch the stores, &c., during the past year, and the purchase of medicine at a cost of Rupees 7-13-0 have caused an increase of Rupees 53-13-0. As the services of an Attender in the Nellore Langerkhana appear necessary, the Establishment charges will be raised from 120 to 168 Rupees from the current year. There is also an increase of charges in South Arcot to the amount of Rupees 73-7-6. This is ascribed to the payment of the arrears of wages for the official year 1862-63 having been included in the accounts of the year under report. The excess beyond the sanctioned expenditure in the other institutions is very small, and requires no special remark.

8. The Collector of Bellary, in paragraph 7 of his report, has brought to the notice of the Board that a charge of Rupees 332-7-7, incurred in 1861-62, in excess of the sanctioned amount, was by some oversight unnoticed in the report for that year, and that the inclusion of this sum in the total charges for 1863-64 has left no balance in favor, but on the contrary an excess in expenditure of Rupees 220-14-0, which sum, however, the Collector states will be paid by the Government.

* Proceedings, 3rd August 1864, No. 4,934.

the next year by curtailing the usual expenses. The Board called upon the Collector for an explanation as to how a surplus balance of Rupees 256-8-4 could have been brought forward in the Statements for 1863-64 if an excess of expenditure had been incurred. In his reply, dated 16th September 1864, the Collector submits a Statement in explanation of the discrepancy, from which it appears clear that the accounts rendered for 1861-62 are incorrect, and that the actual transactions stand as shewn below. The excess of Rupees 220-14-0 is due, it is stated, to the merchant who usually supplies provisions, &c., at the Chuttrum at Gooty :—

Year.	Surplus balance.	Sanctioned amount.	Expenditure.	Saving.	Excess.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1861-62	145 7 4	2,015 0 0	2,377 7 7	...	187 0 3
1862-63	...	1,645 0 0	1,533 15 0	111 1 0	...
1863-64	...	1,645 0 0	1,787 14 9	...	144 14 9
Total	...	...	...	111 1 0	331 15 0
				Net Excess...	220 14 0

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9. It would thus appear that the accounts of this latter person have remained unsettled from 1861-62 up to September 1864. This state of things is very unsatisfactory. It appears to have resulted in part in consequence of the reports on Langerkhanas being drawn up in the Collector's office without communication with the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury. It seems that in Bellary, the Treasury Deputy Collector's office is kept quite distinct from the Collector's office; the Board consider this practice is incorrect, and in order to prevent irregularities of this kind, they, in their Circular dated 14th September 1864, No. 6,036, directed that the English correspondence and Account Departments should be amalgamated, and placed under the immediate supervision of the Treasury Deputy Collector. Mr. Hathaway will be requested to state whether this order has now been carried out.

10. The Collector proposes that in future the Deputy Collector be required to furnish the Board or the Civil Paymaster with a Statement of actual charges incurred in each month. The Board see no objection to this. At the commencement of each official year the fixed sum for the expenditure at Langerkhanas, as sanctioned by Government, viz., Rupees 1,645, should be drawn in one Bill passed by the Civil Paymaster, and carried to the credit of "Deposit," (unless, as hereafter proposed, a separate heading under Local Funds be opened,) and a detailed account of expenditure incurred in each month out of the sum so carried to deposit, should be submitted to the Board. The Collector will take care that the excess expenditure of Rupees 220-14-0 is made good in the current official year, and that the charges in future years are confined within the sanctioned amount.

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11. The Board would suggest, for the consideration and orders of Government, that an annual report from all Collectors should be called for upon the Choultries as well as the Langerkhanas of their Districts, with the necessary Statements commencing from the current official year 1864-65. The Board are bound, under the provisions of Regulation VII. of 1817, to protect all public endowments, and, at present, they have not a sufficient check over the expenditure under that head. They would suggest that all the fixed annual allowances drawn by the Collectors for the maintenance of Choultries and Langerkhanas, and all the collections made from Inqâms, &c., attached to them as endowments should be in future carried to the credit of "Endowment Fund" to be newly opened as a subsidiary heading under Local Fund. Should Government approve of this course being adopted, the Board will issue detailed instructions to Collectors as to the preparation of their reports, and will direct them to carry all Chuttrum Surplus Funds remaining to credit on 30th April 1865, to the credit of "Endowment Fund" from 1865-66. The Board will notice the administration of this branch of Local Funds in their Local Fund Report, and then the submission of special reports, whether on Langerkhanas or Chuttrum, will be no longer necessary.

No. 497. ORDER THEREON, 29th May 1865, No. 1,133.

No. 497.

Miscellaneous.

The Government resolve to request the opinion of the Accountant General on the proposal made in paragraphs 10 and 11 of the above Proceedings before disposing of it.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

STATEMENT showing the expenditure on account of Langerkhanas with the available funds in certain Districts of the Madras Presidency during 1863-64.

Districts.	Surplus balance at the end of last year brought forward.	Amount of sanction and receipts from all sources in the current year.	Total available for expenditure in the current year.	Number of persons relieved.	Cost of feeding.	Establishment and Sadervaid, including medicines.	Total cost.	Saving.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A.		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
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Nellore	578 11 5	2,940 0 0	3,518 11	45,945	2,655 1 8	178 13 0	2,833 14 8	684 12 9
Kurnool... ..	10 13 6	360 0 0	370 13	10,980	360 0 0	...	360 0 0	10 13 6
Tanjore { Combaconum... ..	526 2 11	600 0 0	1,126 2 1	2,063	329 10 8	159 5 4	489 0 0	637 2 11
Negapatam	28 13 8	540 0 0	568 13	3,457	365 9 9	163 0 0	528 9 9	40 3 11
Vellore	826 0 7	4,176 0 0	5,002 0	81,304	3,842 0 3	126 0 0	3,968 0 3	1,034 0 4
North Arcot { Arcot	539 9 3	1,200 0 0	1,739 9	19,470	919 1 0	108 0 0	1,027 1 0	712 8 3
Sholingur	17 3 6	1,280 9 5	1,297 12 1	...	727 4 3	550 9 4	1,277 13 7	20 15 4
South Arcot	734 2 9	404 0 6	1,138 3	...	521 10 2	223 13 6	745 7 8	392 11 7
Bellary, Gootty	256 8 4	1,645 0 0	1,901 8	13,080	1,170 3 9	619 11 0	1,789 14 9	111 9 7
Total...	4,898 6 9	14,317 2 2	19,215 8 1	1,89,720	11,927 11 0	2,415 8 2	14,343 3 2	4,873 5 9

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(A true Extract.)

W. H. Hudleston

Acting Secretary.

To W. Hudleston, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to All Collectors.

Ed. J. Wright.

*Enclosure in Process
of the Board of Directors
to the Secretary to
Government R. D. dated
16th May 1865. No. 2530.
Dec 13/90/65
Statement referring
to expenditure on account
of Langarkhanas with the
available funds in certain
Districts of the Madras
Presidency during 1863-64.*

Rev. 1865. Department.

Wm. H. Smith
No. 1370.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

To All Collectors, &c.

Wm. H. Smith
No. 1370.

Dated 16th May 1865.

Despatched 19th May

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No. 2,530.

Submitting report on the Langelkhanas of the
Madras Presidency during 1863-64 with State-
ment showing the extent of relief afforded, and
the expenditure incurred at each institution.

Wm. H. Smith

William Smith

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The Government

received the request the
opinion of the Revenue
and General on the pro-
posed mode and process
of the 11 of the above pro-
ceedings before the
of the

Wm. H. Smith
No. 2,530.

Despatched

29th May/65

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