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No. 675. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th October 1866, No. 7,289 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 21st August 1866, No. 2,155, Revenue Department.

ABSTRACT.—Reviewing the Board's Proceedings, submitting report on the operations of the Local Funds during 1864-65, and calling upon the Board to exercise a timely and efficient supervision over the proceedings of the District Officers, and see from month to month that a fair use is made of the money which they seem inclined to allow to lie idle in their Treasuries, and to submit at an early date a report shewing the manner in which the Board propose to carry out these instructions, &c.

1. Resolved that the foregoing Order be communicated to all Collectors.

2. In paragraph 4 of the Order, the Government notice the smallness of the expenditure out of the available amount of the District Road Fund, and they request the Board to exercise a timely and efficient supervision over the proceedings of District Officers. The Board beg to assure Government that they are anxious to do everything in their power to ensure the most complete employment of the fund. They frame the best estimate that they can of the available funds, and allot them to the fullest extent. They place the amount to be expended by the Public Works Department at its disposal; the Revenue Officers have their share made available, and regular monthly Statements of the District Road Fund receipts and charges are obtained from the Collectors.

3. There was some improvement in the expenditure during 1865-66, nearly fifty-seven per cent. having been spent out of the available sum. In the Districts noted in the margin, the per-centage of expenditure to the available balance ranged from fifty to eighty-six per cent. In the other districts the expenditure was below fifty per cent., and in the District of Madras it was so low as eighteen per cent. The matter will be specially noticed when reviewing the Local Fund Reports for 1865-66.

Ganjam	50
Godavery	57
Nellore	55
Bellary	53
Kurnool	86
North Arcot	56
South Arcot	81
Trichinopoly	59
Tinnevelly	51
Coimbatore	56
South Canara	66
Malabar	67

4. According to the Local Fund Budget for the current year 1866-67, the amount available for expenditure is Rupees 7,60,739, and out of this no less than Rupees 7,24,529 is allotted for expenditure; but the monthly Statements having been received from the Collectors only up to 31st July 1866, much progress cannot yet appear. The Board have, however, reason to believe that these Statements do not accurately exhibit the expenditure incurred by the Public Works Department, as the Progress Reports from the Executive Officers for each month are not generally received by the Collectors within the 15th of the following month, so as to admit of the expenditure by the Department being included in the monthly Statements

submitted to the Board. The Board have addressed a Circular Memorandum to the Collectors on this point, noticing also the apparently disproportionate expenditure up to July last out of the available amount; and after their replies are received, arrangements will be made to enable the Collectors to shew in their monthly Statements, the full expenditure on works by the Public Works Department up to each month.

5. If the monthly Statements shew accurately the entire expenditure up to each month, the Board can have a monthly General Statement of the available funds, and the expenditure in each district prepared, and can address the Collectors of those districts in which the expenditure may appear inadequate. This appears to the Board to be the best plan for carrying out the instructions of Government, as under it the expenditure in the districts will come under the supervision of the Board once a month.

6. Adverting to paragraph 5 of the Order, the particular attention of the Collectors of the districts noted in the margin of that paragraph is called to the smallness of the expenditure in 1864-65, and the Board trust that the Collectors concerned will take special care to utilize the District Road Fund in the best manner possible in the current year.

7. Referring to paragraph 8 of the Order, the Board beg to state that out of the balance of Rupees 1,14,206, which remained at the end of 1864-65 on account of the Pound Fund, a sum of Rupees 85,278 was ordered to be transferred to the District Road Fund in 1865-66.

8. As regards the expenditure noticed in paragraphs 9 and 10 out of the Jungle Conservancy Fund, the Board trust that it is unnecessary now specially to call the attention of the Collectors to the subject, as they have recently and urgently pressed the subject on their notice, and instructed them how best to employ the money at their disposal. The attention of the Collector of South Arcot will, however, be called to the remarks of Government in paragraph 10, as to no expenditure having been incurred from the Fund in that district during 1864-65.

9. With reference to paragraph 13 of the Order, the Government will be informed that out of the balance of 10,000 Rupees remaining at the end of 1864-65, a sum of Rupees 3,000 was applied in 1865-66 for the repair of Bungalows in Malabar. In the current year, the grant-in-aid, which is annually allowed for the maintenance of Bungalows, has been reduced from Rupees 18,770 to 10,000 Rupees, and the Board do not, therefore, think that funds will be available in all the districts for the repairs of Bungalows, though in some districts it may be possible to apply small sums for that purpose out of the funds in hand.

10. The Collectors of the districts noted in the margin of paragraph 14 of the Order are requested to state whether the charges for the establishment in the Chuttrums and Lungerkhanahs referred to cannot be reduced with reference to the amount of expenditure incurred in them for charitable purposes.

11. The particular attention of the Collectors is called to paragraph 16 of the Order of Government, and the Board trust that the Collectors will not fail to take an active part in the matter. The Local Fund Budgets for 1867-68, which were due on 1st September, have not yet been received from many of the districts;

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which circumstance shews that the Collectors attach little importance to punctuality in these matters.

No. 676. ORDER THEREON, 30th October 1866, No. 2,931.

Local Funds, No. 7.
Account.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" all Collectors.

Subject.

Submitting remarks on certain points noticed by Government in their orders on reports of Collectors on the operations of Local Funds during 1864-65, and communicating Government Proceedings to all Collectors.

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