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17th April 1872.*

No. 216. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th April 1872, No. 2621 (Miscellaneous):—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vizagapatam, 16th March 1872, No. 169:—

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings, No. 128, dated January 18th, 1872, in which the Budget Estimates of the Vizagapatam and Narsipatam Local Fund Circles are reviewed.

2. In paragraph 5 of the Proceedings under reply, I am requested to bring the subject of tolls before the Local Fund Boards, keeping in view the instructions of Government contained in G. O., No. 619, dated 9th May 1871, paragraph 22. I would point out that the existing roads in the district are ordinary works, that there are no ghauts and but one bridge, that of Chittivalsah, which occurs on a road constructed and hitherto maintained at the expense of the Maharajah of Vizianagram, and on which, therefore, it would be hardly fair to levy a toll.

3. In paragraph 6, I am directed to submit proposals for a house-tax for the support of the Parvatipur School. With reference to this direction, I would observe that the balance on account of the Parvatipur School at present in hand is sufficient to maintain the school for two years.—*Vide* my letter of January 11th, 1872, No. 21.

4. With reference to paragraph 10, I have the proposed expenditure on avenues was charged to "Roads" with the instructions laid down in Board's Proceedings, No. 29th, 1871, Board's Proceedings, dated October 14th, 1871, No. 1362, directing expenditure on avenues to be entered under the head "Sanitary and Miscellaneous" was received subsequently to the despatch of the budget.

5. In paragraph 12, the Board of Revenue have transferred the allotment of Rupees 10,000, provided by the Local Fund Board, for the road from Chittivalsah to Bimlipatam to, 1st, the road from Vizagapatam to Kassipore; 2nd, to the reconstruction of a damaged portion of the salt-road from Karassa to Malaguda. With regard to the second of these works I would make the following observations:—

This road was originally* constructed to connect the two pans of Karassa and

* *Vide* paragraph 2, enclosure 1 of Mr. Thornhill's letter, No. 98, dated October 14th, 1859.

† *Vide* Mr. Fane's letter, No. 381, dated March 30th, 1860.

Nellimookoo at a time when it was proposed to form a salt depôt at Gazuwaka; it was also intended to facilitate communication with Nellimookoo should the supply of salt at Karassa† run short. Since that time the Nellimookoo pans have been abolished, while those of Ballacheruvu have been retained. The supply at Karassa has never failed, and the intention of constructing a depôt at Gazuwaka has been abandoned. The road which crosses the whole of the drainage which falls into the Vizagapatam swamp has been twice carried away, and if now restored must always be liable to similar mishaps. The necessity for the road has passed away, and it seems hard that the limited resources of the Local Fund Board should be applied to unprofitable roads when those funds are so much needed for really useful works. The road from which it is proposed to transfer the funds, *i.e.*, the road from Chittivalsah to Bimlipatam, is a continuation of the most important road in the whole district; that from Vizianagram to Chittivalsah the main line of communication between the

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interior and the chief port of the district. The traffic on this road far exceeds that on any other road in the district, and that portion of the road which lies between Chittivalsah and Bimlipatam is far too narrow for existing requirements. Under the circumstances I hope that this transfer may be reconsidered.

6. In paragraph 14, it is remarked that the principle laid down in Rule 29 of the Local Fund Rules has not been observed. The necessity of providing for works already either sanctioned or in progress renders it impossible to carry out this principle.

7. Paragraph 16.—The amount to be contributed by the four Municipalities, respectively, will be communicated as soon as it has been ascertained.

8. Paragraph 21.—The contributions to Civil Dispensaries at Vizagapatam and Palcondah are entered under "Salaries of Medical Subordinates" and "Supplies" owing to the non-receipt of Board's Proceedings, dated November 18th, 1871, No. 4779 (paragraph 26), directing that such contributions should appear under the head "Miscellaneous" till after the despatch of the budget.

9. Paragraph 22.—The point raised in this paragraph has already been disposed of in my letter, No. 937, dated December 20th, 1871, in which a letter from the Maharajah of Vizianagram was enclosed declining to make over the Vizagapatam Dispensary to the Local Fund Board or Municipality.

10. Paragraph 23.—The sum of Rupees 1,000 now provided for sanitary purposes may be advantageously expended in cleaning the streets of some of the chief towns and in taking sanitary precautions, where necessary, at the feasts at Ankapilly, Upucaka, Simachellum, and Srinegavarapukota.

11. Paragraph 25.—No provision was made for controlling establishment at the Presidency under the instructions conveyed in the Board's Proceedings, dated September 19th, 1871, No. 4024.

12. Paragraph 29.—The road-cess alluded to in this paragraph is road-cess payable for the first three months of 1872-73, under Act III. of 1866, by estates which have compounded.

The question whether house-tax shall be imposed on the Parvatipur Union during 1872-73 will be submitted for the orders of Government. It seems to be unnecessary. The estimated balance at the beginning of 1872-73 is Rupees 1,490 (of which Rupees 450 represents subscriptions for a building), and the annual expenditure is Rupees 380.

2. The arguments in paragraph 5 are conclusive, and the Board resolve to request Government to allow "the restoration of a damaged portion of the salt road from Karassa to Malaguda" to be struck out of the incomplete list. The Board will be prepared to transfer the allotment provided for this road to the road from Bimlipatam to Chittivalsah when it is sanctioned.

3. With regard to paragraph 6, the Collector will submit a detailed report showing the works now maintained and in progress in each taluq, &c., the annual cost of repairs of each work in existence, the estimated cost of each work in progress, the expenditure already incurred, and the expenditure required to finish it.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

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ORDER THEREON, 17th April 1872, No. 522.

The Board's recommendations in respect of the Parvatipur house-tax and the repair of the road referred to are approved.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Officiating Chief Secretary.

to the Board of Revenue.
Revenue Department
Public Works
Accountant-General

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To
THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c.,

Dated April, 17th.

Recd. & 21st.

Encl.

G. O., 17th April 1872, No. 522.

APRIL.
Nos. 216-217.

Approving of the suggestions of the Revenue Board against the imposition of the house-tax on the Parvathipur Union during 1872-73, and striking out from the 'Incomplete List' the damaged portion of the salt road from Karasasthalegruda.

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25th April 1872