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No. 169. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th March 1872, Miscellaneous No. 1927 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting President of the Local Fund Board, Ganjam, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chetterpore, 2nd March 1872, No. 33 :—

I have the honour to forward, herewith, an extract from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board of the Chetterpore Circle, dated the 22nd February 1872, pointing out the low state of the finances of the Local Funds and the causes which have led to it as well as the necessity for executing all the works provided in the Budget of 1871-72, and request that the Board will be pleased to move the Government to grant a loan of Rupees 25,000 to the Local Fund Board, to be re-paid from the savings of future years.

2. In the event of the application being favourably entertained, the Local Fund Board would be glad to know the terms on which the loan would be made.

*Extract from the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Chetterpore Local Fund Board, held on the 22nd February 1872, at the Collector's Office, Chetterpore.*

1. The total receipts up to the end of January amount to Rupees 59,634, while the anticipated income for the year is Rupees 1,19,350, i. e., not quite half the estimate has been realized, though ten months of the year have elapsed.

3. The total expenditure has reached Rupees 70,544, i. e., it has exceeded the receipts by Rupees 10,910.

4. 1. The Board proceed to consider the question of the advisability of applying to Government for a loan to enable them to carry on the works already budgetted for in the current year.

2. It has been shown above that only half the estimated income has been realized, and that the expenditure has already exceeded the receipts by Rupees 11,000 nearly.

3. The further charges to be incurred during the year are as follow :—

|                                                                                     | RS.    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Grant I., Public Works ... ..                                                       | 26,373 |
| „ II., Education ... ..                                                             | 2,147  |
| „ III., Sanitation, Medical Services, and Public and Charitable Institutions ... .. | 2,912  |
| „ IV., Miscellaneous ... ..                                                         | 382    |
| Total ...                                                                           | 31,815 |

4. Under none of these heads is it possible to make any saving of importance. It is absolutely necessary that the expenditure under Public Works should not be curtailed because employment is so much required by the poorer classes at this particular crisis, and the head comprehends the bulk of the liabilities.

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5. The amounts already collected, and which should be collected, are as follow :—

|                         | Already collected. | To be collected. | Total.    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Opening balance ... ..  | Rs. 7,500          | Rs. ...          | Rs. 7,500 |
| Provincial grant ... .. | 18,650             | 3,730            | 22,380    |
| Special Funds ... ..    | 2,652              | 1,518            | 4,170     |
| Cess on land ... ..     | 30,821             | 54,469           | 85,300    |
| Total ...               | 59,633             | 59,717           | 1,19,350  |

6. Of the sums to be credited under Provincial grant and Special Funds, amounting together to Rupees 5,218, the greater portion will probably be available.

Some of the special funds, such as ferry and fishery-rents, being of an uncertain character, Rupees 5,000 may be taken as the balance to be collected.

7. The amount to be collected under "Cess on land" is, in round numbers, Rupees 54,500.

8. It is to be noted, however, that this by no means represents the amount of actual current balance.

9. The kists are collected with reference to the Fasli year, and as the current official year, 1871-72, commenced three months before the expiration of the Fasli year 1280 (1870-71), there was, of course, a balance belonging to the official year 1870-71 still uncollected on 1st April 1871.

10. The following abstract shows the demand, collection, and balance, both current and arrears, up to the end of January 1872 :—

|                    | DEMAND.    |            | COLLECTION. |          | BALANCE. |            |
|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------|----------|----------|------------|
|                    | Arrears.   | Current.   | Arrears.    | Current. | Arrears. | Current.   |
| Berhampore ... ..  | Rs. 10,021 | Rs. 23,456 | Rs. 9,377   | Rs. 5    | Rs. 614  | Rs. 23,451 |
| Goomsoor ... ..    | 3,862      | 15,620     | 3,711       | 901      | 151      | 14,719     |
| Zemindaries ... .. | 13,133     | 46,222     | 13,133      | 3,705    | .....    | 42,517     |
| Total ...          | 27,016     | 85,298     | 26,221      | 4,611    | 795      | 80,687     |

11. This shows that out of a sum of Rupees 27,016 arrears Rupees 26,221 have been collected, leaving a balance still due from the Government taluqs of Rupees 795, and that out of the current demand of Rupees 85,298 only Rupees 4,611 have been collected, leaving a balance of Rupees 80,687.

12. The great slackness in the collection of the current demand is attributable mainly to the state of the season. A great portion of the area which is included in the Chatterpore Local Fund Circle has been suffering from loss of crops owing to the complete failure of the north-east monsoon. The jummalbundy of the Government taluqs has not yet been completed, and until that is over there is generally a difficulty in realizing the road cess. Further, in regard to Zemindaries and Inamdars, orders for the collection of the cess have only recently been issued, partly owing to mistake and partly to an attempt to obtain returns from Inamdars, which has failed of success owing to the returns received being altogether untrustworthy.

13. It should not be forgotten that at the close of January 1871 a very similar state of things existed.

Out of an arrear demand of Rupees 15,982 a sum of Rupees 15,655 had been collected, while of the then current demand of Rupees 46,619 only Rupees 6,555 had been realized. By the end of March 1871 a further sum of Rupees 12,646 was brought to credit.

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14. It is expected that by the end of March next further collections of Rupees 15,000 may be made under the head of "Cess on land." This sum added to the anticipated collections of Rupees 5,000 under Provincial and Special Funds makes a total of Rupees 20,000.

15. The collections, actual and anticipated, amount, then, to Rupees 79,633; \* the expenditure, actual and anticipated, amounts to Rupees 1,02,359; † the deficit is, therefore, Rupees 22,726.

16. The Board are, therefore, of opinion that it is imperative upon them to lay the matter before Government and to request that a loan of Rupees 25,000 may be made to them to meet the necessities of the case.

17. There must, they fear, be a considerable falling off in the collection of the current year's cess on land.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,  
Acting President.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. Circumstances which are clearly stated in the Proceedings of the Local Board of the Chatterpore Circle threaten the circle with a deficit of Rupees 22,726 at the least.

3. The season has been so adverse that only Rupees 45,831 out of an estimate of Rupees 85,300 can be expected from the land cess. The necessities of the people demand work, so that expenditure cannot be stopped.

4. These circumstances, the Local Board are justified in asking for a loan on the same ground as Government have been making extraordinary grants on Mr. Thornhill's representations.

5. The loan might be allowed without interest, and re-paid in five annual instalments.

(True Copies and Extract.)  
(Signed) J. GROSE,  
Secretary.

No. 170. ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1872, No. 341.

The Government admit that the exceptional circumstances of the year warrant an application which would ordinarily be inadmissible.

2. The income of the Fund is deficient from causes beyond the control of the Board, and which must equally affect the State revenues. The necessity for continuing the works in hand, if only as measures of relief, is unquestionable.

3. The Government accordingly resolve to sanction the application for an advance of Rupees 25,000, to be re-paid without interest by yearly instalments of Rupees 5,000.

(True Extract.)

*[Signature]*  
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.  
" Revenue Department.  
" Public Works do.  
" Accountant-General.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

