Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 8th November 1873.

No. 35. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th October 1873, No. 2,110 :—

Read the following letter from R. W. BARLOW, Esq. Acting Collector of the Chingleput District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Saidapet, 18th September 1873, No. 421 :—

RUPEES 6,958-4-3, being collections made on account of Road cess, having been erroneously credited to Land Revenue in some of the taluqs, I have the honour to request the sanction of the Board to my refunding the amount in question, by debiting to "Land Revenue" under "Revenue Refunds," and crediting the same to Local Funds.

2. The erroneous credits in question are more than two years old, and have been caused, partly from excessive eagerness on the part of the Tahsildars to reduce the Land Revenue arrears, and partly, from carelessness on the part of the subordinate officials in the taluqs, in not comparing the balance standing against each village, as shown in the Taluq Accounts, with that shown in the Village Account itself.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Saidapet	353	15	4
Madurantakam	6	14	1
Conjeveram	2,786	11	4
Trivellore	3,441	14	3
Ponneri	368	13	3
	6.958	4	3

3. I annex in the margin, Statement of the sums erroneously credited to Land revenue in each taluq.

SUBMITTED for the sanction of Government.

2. The erroneous credits should be investigated with a view to determining whether the land revenue demand in liquidation of which the Local Fund collections were credited is not recoverable. It still subsists and should be restored to the accounts.

3. The Board believe that the practice now brought to notice whereby Local Funds seriously suffer in many cases, is not uncommon. It has recently been brought to notice that it prevailed extensively in the South Arcot District. Tahsildars should be strictly enjoined to see that the collections of land revenue and local cesses advance together; and Treasury Officers should scrutinise the taluq returns of collections with vigilance, in view to the detection and prevention of the practice in question.

No. 36. ORDER THEREON, 8th November 1873, No. 1,247.

Miscellaneous.

REFUND sanctioned Rs. 6,958-4-3.

2. The Board's instructions are approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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1. Refund sanctioned Rs 6958..4..3.

2. The Board's instructions are approved

P.D.

8th November 1873.

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