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No. 169. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th August 1874, No. 2191:—

Read Report from the President of the Local Fund Board, Coimbatore Circle, dated 30th October 1873, No. 45.

THE Local Fund Report of the Coimbatore Circle for 1872-73 will be submitted for the information of Government.

2. RECEIPTS.—According to the Accountant-General the total assets were Rupees 2,92,134, inclusive of an opening balance of Rupees 13,641. According to the President they were Rupees 2,91,379, including an opening balance of Rupees 12,820. The difference in actual receipts is caused by differences in the following items:—

	President.	Accountant General.
	Rs.	Rs.
Bungalow fees, etc.	1,221	535
Public Works receipts	188	1,091
Miscellaneous	109	456
Do. Debt account	822	193

3. Taking the President's figures the Revenue of the year, excluding the opening balance, was Rupees 94,706 more than in 1871-72. In 1872-73 the Provincial grant for Roads was increased by Rupees 25,435. Ferry rents yielded Rupees 949 more, Avenues Rupees 369 more, Fishery and Grass rents Rupees 222 more, the Road and Land-Cess Rupees 65,192 more, Tolls Rupees 3,091 more, Fees in schools Rupees 35 more, Market rents Rupees 632 more, Sale of other property Rupees 178 more, and the Miscellaneous Debt account Rupees 20 more. Rupees 3,300 were credited to the Local Fund during the year under report, being the Provincial grant-in-aid for the Konghiem school for two years (1871-72 and 1872-73). Rupees 2,585 were received in contributions from other Circles and a Municipality for the purposes noted in the margin. Rupees 33 were realized by the sale of school books, the Pollachy Dispensary furnished Rupees 1,378 in Interest, Rents and Donations, etc., the eight Travellers' bungalows* which were transferred to the Local Fund Board during the year contributed Rupees 1,221 in fees, Sandy-pettah rents amounted to Rupees 64, and Public Works receipts to Rupees 188. On the other hand Rupees 3,000 less were credited from the Surplus Pound Fund, Rupees 8 less from Choultries, Rupees 62 less from sale of materials, Rupees 830 less from contributions for works from private individuals, and Rupees 189 less from sale of manure.

		Rs.
From	Bindigal Circle for roads	1,949
Do.	Nilgiri Circle for Educational inspection...	275
Do.	do for Vaccination	762
Do.	Coimbatore Municipality for Educational inspection	500
	Total...	2,585

*1. Goodalóor.
2. Sattiamungalam.
3. Hassanoor.
4. Collegal.
5. Chengapully.
6. Avenashy.
7. Nulloor.
8. Caroor.

G. O., Financial Department, dated 5th and 26th July 1872, Nos. 805 and 949.

4. The Provincial grant for Roads as allotted in G. O., dated 15th January 1872, No. 30, amounted to Rupees 20,240. Subsequently Rupees 14,000 and Rupees 3,115 were sanctioned on account of the re-construction of the road between Malliempolliem and Coodoomoody, and the restoration of the Noyel bridge, respectively.

G. O., Financial Department, dated 6th April 1872, No. 468.
Do. dated 12th February 1873, No. 212.

5. The increase in Ferry rents, Fish rents, and Tolls on roads and bridges was due to competition at the sale.

6. The annual grant for the Konghiem middle class old Rate School is Rupees 1,650. In 1871-72 the grant, though entered in the Budget, was not credited to the Local Fund, and hence two years' grants were credited in the year under report.

7. The increase in Road and Land-Cess was due partly to the realization of arrears, which had remained uncollected in 1871-72 owing to the novelty of the system and the late date at which the demand was fixed, and partly to more punctual collections of current dues.

8. EXPENDITURE, GRANT I., PUBLIC WORKS.—The allotments sanctioned for Public Works according to the Registers maintained in this Office were—

		Rs.	
New Works	Communications by P. W. Department	53,847	
	Do. by Other Agency	1,306	
	Educational by P. W. Department	2,000	
	Sanitary and Miscellaneous by do.	674	
	Do. do. by Other Agency	170	
			57,997
Repairs. ...	Communications by P. W. Department	1,10,789	
	Do. by Other Agency	2,610	
	Sanitary and Miscellaneous by P. W. Department...	3,087	
	Do. do. by Other Agency ...	1,819	
			1,18,305
	Total...		1,76,302

9. The actual expenditure as given in the three accounts before the Board was as follows—

		President.	Accountant-General.	Controller.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
New Works.	Communications by P. W. Department ...	41,764	40,140	39,175
	Do. by Other Agency ...	809	1,109	809
	Sanitary and Miscellaneous by P. W. Department	46	.....	.....
	Do. do. by Other Agency.	1,019	877	877
		43,638	42,126	40,861
Repairs ...	Communications by P. W. Department ...	1,07,653	1,08,775	1,00,9[illegible]
	Do. by Other Agency ...	4,113	4,113	4,113
	Sanitary and Miscellaneous by P. W. Department	2,661	2,789	2,662
	Do. do. by Other Agency.	2,333	2,474	2,474
		1,16,790	1,18,181	1,17,587
	Total...	1,60,428	1,60,307	1,58,448

10. The expenditure given by the Controller is 89·87 per cent. on the allotment sanctioned. The President accounts for the short expenditure on New Works, Communications, as follows:—

"Rupees 6,248 out of the unspent balance under "New Works" is a portion of the allotment for the Malliempolliem and Coodoomoody road, which work could not all be finished in one season.

	Rs.
Noyel bridge	2,165
Widening culverts at Caroor	1,111
Improving embankments on Caroor, Vangul, and Neroor road	510
Toll house and gate at Sattiamungalum	78

The balances noted in the margin remained unspent owing to the late dates on which sanctions were received. If my proposal for reconstructing the bridge on the Coimbatore and Pollachy road estimated to cost Rupees 2,170, and another between Pollachy and Malabar frontier, estimate Rupees 3,260, had received timely attention an additional sum of Rupees 5,430 would have been spent during the year. Rupees 1,927 out of the allotment of Rupees 5,000 for the Hassanoor ghaut and Ajjeepuram road remained unworked, probably owing to the peculiar difficulty of getting work done in this jungly locality."

11. The expenditure on Establishments was as follows:—

	President.	Accountant-General.	Controller.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Public Works Department General Establishment...	33,810	44,768	46,658
Petty Establishment...	4,029	5,313	5,470
Total...	37,839	50,081	52,128

12. The Controller's charge for supervision is 31·07 per cent. on the expenditure by the Public Works Department on works.

13. The expenditure on Tools and Plant was Rupees 1,066 according to the President, and Rupees 1,690 according to the Accountant-General and the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

14. There were 1,295½ miles of road maintained, but expenditure was incurred only on 1,006½ miles; the remaining portion either did not require repair, or there were no funds to spend upon it: 10⅝ miles of new road were completed, and 26 miles were in progress: 23 culverts and irrigation tunnels were built, and 2 large bridges and a toll house were in progress. The President's remarks on the roads made after inspecting them show that the roads are on the whole in fair order.

A sum of Rupees 2,000 was allotted for constructing a building for the Konghiem school, but the estimate for the work was sanctioned on the 27th March 1873, and it was not possible to incur any expenditure. A female ward was added to the Pollachy Dispensary, and the Dispensary building itself improved. A bandy-pettah at Avenashy, and a tiled shed at the Pollachy market were built; the improvements to the Caroor bungalow were completed, a large number (twenty-four) of Choultries, a few (three) tanks and wells, certain (six) Travellers' bungalows, Bandy-pettahs (three), and Markets (three) were repaired, and Avenues were maintained.

15. The principal new works in progress were—

	Rs.
1. Burghoor ghaut, new trace	92
2. Widening and improving the trace from Hassanoor, *via* Guddasal and Byloor, to Ajjeepuram in Collegal Taluq.	3,003
3. Constructing a road from Talavady, *via* Codumbully, to [illegible]ur ghaut	604
[illegible]nd road diversions near Dharapuram...	11,313
[illegible] Chennimallay and Perindoray road	4,[illegible]
5. Chengapully and Koonnatoor road	4,873
6. Chengapully and Koonnatoor road	4,603
7. Padycor and Ootoocooly road	7,002
8. Malliempolliem and Coodoomoody road	950
9. Noyel bridge near Coimbatore	
10. Arasoor bridge and road diversion between Sattiamungalum and Erode	1,169
11. Improving Attany road between Sattiamungalum and Bhowany	2,869

16. The Accountant-General shows an expenditure of Rupees 34 on contingencies which the President omits.

17. The expenditure under Grant I. was Rupees 1,99,333 according to the President, and Rupees 2,12,112 according to the Accountant-General.

18. GRANT II., EDUCATION.—Two Deputy Inspectors and five Inspecting Schoolmasters prepared and inspected 318 Pial schools, which drew Results grants amounting to Rupees 9,908, and also attended to four other schools, two of which received Salary grants, aggregating Rupees 187. The attendance of pupils at the Salary Grant schools was thirty-six. The attendance at the Results Grants schools should be reported.

19. The budget provided for the formation of Unions and the levy of House-tax in connection with two* old Rate schools and one† Salary Grant school, and in subsequent orders‡ the requisite draft notifications for collecting the tax were sanctioned. It was proposed by the President to form a Union in connection, also, with the Peria Agraharam Salary Grant school, but the proposal was disallowed by the Board of Revenue in their review of the Budget. The House-tax in the other three cases, though sanctioned, was not collected.

* Konghiem and Sooloor.
† Kattur Tirumallay Naikenpolliem.
‡ G. Os., Financial Department, 31st July and 26th August 1872, Nos. 1,003 and 1,135.

20. The following statement shows the receipts and charges of the schools:—

Schools.	Balance.	Receipts.	Total.	Expenditure.
	RS	RS.	RS.	RS.
Konghiem	966	3,337	4,303	618
Sooloor	...	1	1	122
Kattur Tirumalay Naikenpolliem	...	...	...	114
Peria Agraharam	...	...	...	73
Total...	966	3,338	4,304	927

21. The attendance at the Konghiem school is reported to have been at the time of inspection forty-three pupils, and that at the Sooloor school seventeen pupils.

22. The expenditure under Grant II. was Rupees 16,750.

23. GRANT III., SANITATION.—The Local Fund Board maintained three Dispensaries,* one of them (the Pollachy Dispensary) being an endowed institution, and contributed towards the support of one in the Coimbatore Municipality. The Pollachy Dispensary had an income of Rupees 1,378, made up of Rupees 1,176 interest on funded capital, Rupees 191 cash balance handed over by the Dispensary Committee to the Local Fund Board, and Rupees 11 sale of medicines. The charges were the Salaries of the Surgeon, Hospital Assistant and servants, Rupees 2,134, Contingencies Rupees 723, and Improvements to the building Rupees 470, making in all Rupees 3,327. The subjoined statement shows the work of the Pollachy and of the two other Dispensaries:—

* Caroor, Dharapuram, and Pollachy.

Dispensaries.	In-patients. No.	Discharged.	Died.	Remained.	Out-patients. No.	Discharged.	Died.	Remained.
Caroor	...	...	...	...	1,257	1,247	1	9
Dharapuram	...	...	...	...	1,091	1,061	...	30
Pollachy	265	233	11	21	4,733	4,700	6	27
Total ..	265	233	11	21	7,081	7,008	7	66

24. Ten permanent and two temporary Vaccinators vaccinated 29,465 subjects at a cost of Anna 1-5 each person, and 90·08 per cent. of the cases were successful. The President believes that these results are unequalled, and the Board have reason to believe that vaccination is nowhere more successful than in Coimbatore.

25. Rupees 1,022 were spent on sanitation as detailed below:—

	RS.
1. Cleansing tanks and wells	372
2. Improving village-site	330
3. Sanitary arrangements at fairs and festivals	239
4. Scavengering of villages and towns	81
Total...	1,022

26. The Establishment employed in the eight Travellers' bungalows cost Rupees 313, but the number of travellers who halted in them during the year is not stated by the President. The information should now be furnished.

27. Rupees 687 were spent on account of Markets establishment and contingencies. There are three Markets in the Circle, viz., Metoopoliem, Pollachy and Avenashy.

28. There are fifty-one endowed Choultries in the Circle made over to the Local Fund Board in 1871-72. In 1872-73 they had an income of Rupees 6,055, made up of an opening balance of

Rupees 1,207, and of the usual Government grant of Rupees 4,848; while the charges which comprised the cost of establishment and contingencies amounted to Rupees 4,371, leaving a balance of Rupees 1,684.

29. The expenditure under Grant III. was Rupees 13,814 according to the President, and Rupees 13,642 according to the Accountant-General.

30. GRANT IV., MISCELLANEOUS.—Controlling, etc., Establishments cost Rupees 2,691, but general contingencies and other items are shown to have cost Rupees 509 by the President, and Rupees 1,041 by the Accountant-General.

31. The Accountant-General debits Rupees 524, or Rupees 111 less than the President under the Miscellaneous Debt account.

32. BALANCE.—The President deducts a total expenditure of Rupees 2,33,732 from total assets amounting to Rupees 2,91,379, and shows a balance of Rupees 57,647. The Accountant-General deducting an expenditure of Rupees 2,46,760 from assets, amounting to Rupees 2,92,134, makes the balance Rupees 45,374.

33. LOCAL FUND BOARD.—The Local Fund Board contain eighteen official and eighteen non-official members. At three Meetings there was not a *quorum*. At the other sixteen the average attendance was five. The attendance of each class (official and non-official) should be reported. Three official and nine non-official members did not attend a single Meeting during the year.

34. A Memorandum will be sent to the President showing wherein his accounts appear to be wrong, and he will be requested to submit revised accounts drawn up in accordance with the Accountant-General's statement.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

ORDER THEREON, 26th August 1874, No. 1433.

No. 170.

Recorded.

2. The report is satisfactory on the whole, and particularly so in the case of the Vaccination operations.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
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" Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Accountant-General.
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To

The BOARD of REVENUE,

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Dated August, 20th.

Rcd. 25 Sept. Encl.

G.O., 20th August 1874, No. 1439.

AUGUST

Nos. 169-170.

Coimbatore Circle.—The Local Fund report of this circle for 1872-73 submitted by the Board of Revenue recorded, with the remark that the report is satisfactory on the whole, and particularly so as to the case of the Vaccination operations.

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