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No. 244. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 24th August 1875, No. 1,713 :—

ABSTRACT.—Informing the Board that Government cannot restore the Provincial Grants withdrawn from the Madura and Dindigul Circles, &c.

No. 245. ORDER THEREON, 27th September 1875, No. 1,422.

Miscellaneous.

To Government of India, dated 27th May 1864, No. 906.
From Government of India in G. O., 20th July 1864, No. 1,279.

ORDERED that the papers noted in the margin be communicated to the Financial Department with the remark that the Government of India, having in 1864 deliberately sanctioned the transfer of Fishery Rents to Local Funds, G. O., Public Works Department, dated 19th November 1874, No. 3,278, must be cancelled absolutely.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Financial Department.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Board of Revenue.

Ex'd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of Madras.
REVENUE.
To
The FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT,
&c., &c.
Dated September, 27th.
SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 244-245.
History Books.—Communicating to the Financial Department certain papers relating to the transfer of —— to Local Funds; and remarking that the Government of India having in 1861 deliberately sanctioned the transfer, G. O., Public Works Department, 19th November 1874, No. 3,278, must be cancelled absolutely.

Local Funds—Rents.

Read the following papers:—

No. 163. Proceedings of Government, in the Public Works Department, dated 20th October 1874, No. 2991-A.

ABSTRACT.—*Capital and Revenue Accounts of Irrigation Works.*—Issuing detailed instructions for the guidance of the Deputy Controller in starting the accounts.

No. 164. Proceedings of Government, in the Public Works Department, dated 19th November 1874, No. 3278.

ABSTRACT.—*Irrigation Budget for* 1874-75.—Passing orders on letter from the Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts affording explanation as regards the differences between the actual receipts of 1872-73 as entered in Part VII. of the Budget and that entered in the books of his office.

No. 165. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th July 1875, No. 1975.

Read the following letters:—

From W. McQUHAE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Shembaganoor, 23rd May 1875, No. 64.

I HAVE the honor to submit copy of Resolution, No. 90 of 1875, passed by the Madura Local Fund Board, pointing out that they have no such balances as Government suppose, and requesting that Government Order, dated 27th April 1875, No. 944, Financial Department, may be reconsidered, and I beg to support their request on the grounds already stated in my letter in connection with the Dindigul Circle.

2. The following is the state of the Road Fund:—

Actual balance on 31st March...				Rs. 90,733-9-5
Deduct.				
Cost of Department Public Works supervision at 25 per cent. on their expenditure, viz.,	Rs.	A.	P.	
Rupees 1,39,645-15-2	34,911	7	10	
Opening balance in Budget of 1875-76	15,000	0	0	
Allotments to incomplete works passed by the Local Fund Board	76,550	0	0	
	1,26,461	7	10	

There is, therefore, a deficiency of Rupees 35,727-14-5, and the order in question will make the fund bankrupt, unless the Department Public Works do much less work than is anticipated.

3. The money can be utilized without delay if Government will only be pleased to hold the proper persons responsible. I have never yet seen the District Engineer compelled to expose and account for the defects of his department. That duty is left to some member of the Local Board, who is generally treated with angry contempt by the District Engineer, and Resolutions of the Boards are words and

nothing more. I may venture to say that, with the exception of the energetic Vice-President at Dindigul, every one is tired of fighting without hope and without support, but Government can put matters right by a single order.

4. I need not remind the Board of Revenue that there is scarcely a mile of made road in the Ramnad Zemindary, though it has paid road-cess for years. There is no part of the Presidency where money is more required than in Madura, and I trust that the Board of Revenue will support my earnest request that we may not be punished for the past errors of a Government Department which we have for nearly four years done our best to correct.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Extract from Proceedings of Local Fund Board.

From the same Officer, dated Shembaganoor, 24th May 1875, No. 65.

I HAVE the honor to submit Resolution, No. 51 of 1875, passed by the Dindigul Circle Board, with a Minute by the Vice-President and four explanatory statements, and I venture to support the Board's request that Government Order, dated 27th April 1875, No. 944, Financial Department, may be reconsidered on the grounds that the balances are not half what Government supposed them to be; that the order in question will put a stop to most important new works; and that the people of the Circle cannot justly be fined Rupees 38,000, because the Public Works Establishment has been inefficient and allowed balances to accumulate in the beginning of the new Local Fund system.

2. The money is most urgently wanted in Madura, a large portion of the district being more utterly destitute of roads than any other part of Southern India, and, in my humble opinion, the whole of the money can be utilized without delay if Government will only be pleased to supply the District Engineer with an adequate establishment, and to hold him responsible for the performance of his duties.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

EXTRACT from the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board, Dindigul Circle, passed at a Meeting held on 20th May 1875.

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Proceedings, No. 51 of 1875.

Read the following papers:—

1. Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 619, dated March 15th, 1875.
2. G.O., No. 944, dated April 27th, 1875, Financial Department.
3. Minute by the Vice-President, dated May 17th, 1875.

The President is requested to represent without delay to Government the error they have fallen into as to the amount of the Local Fund Balances and the state of virtual bankruptcy to which the Road Fund has been reduced by the orders above recorded, and to urge them to reconsider them. It is understood that an Executive Engineer has recently been posted to the Range and will shortly join, so that there should be no doubt as to the possibility of the expenditure within the year of the major part, if not all, of the funds in hand. Funds will also probably be required before the year closes for opening out the traces Major Law has been specially deputed to make,

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and if the retrenchments now ordered are carried out it will be impossible to supply them. Many most useful and important works enumerated in the Vice-President's Minute must also be deferred or left incomplete.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. McQUHAE,
President.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

MINUTE by the Vice-President, Local Fund Board, Dindigul Circle.

Two Government Orders have recently been received, which so seriously diminished the funds at the disposal of the Local Fund Board, that I think it necessary to draw the special attention of Members to them before moving a resolution with regard to them at the next meeting.

2. The first is G.O., dated 19th November, 1874, No. 3278, Public Works Department, communicated with Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 619, dated 15th March 1875. This is that all items of revenue derived from Irrigation Works maintained from Imperial Funds shall be credited to Irrigation Revenue under Public Works with effect from 1st April 1874, instead of, as previously in some cases, to Local or Special Funds. Under this order so much of the Local Fund receipts of the year 1874-75 as fell under the head of "Fisheries" and as was derived from Irrigation Works maintained from Imperial Funds will now have to be refunded. How much this will be, I cannot exactly say. Information must be obtained from the Collector's office. But I imagine I am not far wrong in thinking that at least Rupees 6,000 will have to be refunded out of the total sum of Rupees 8,353 received. For the same reason a deduction must be made from the anticipated income of the current year (1875-76). The Budget provision is Rupees 6,500, out of which I estimate that Rupees 4,500 will now have to be credited to Irrigation (i.e., Imperial) Revenue instead of to Local Funds. Add these two sums together and we get a total of Rupees 10,500 by which amount the funds at the disposal of the Local Fund Board during the current year will fall short of what was anticipated.

3. This is a serious loss, but not so serious as will be occasioned if G.O., dated 27th April 1875, No. 944, is carried into effect. This Order has been passed on the Proceedings of the Revenue Board (No. 655, dated 19th March 1875) reviewing the special reports submitted from the district in reply to the orders of Government passed upon consideration of the Local Fund Report of 1872-73. These special reports were called for in consequence of the dissatisfaction felt by Government at the slow progress of expenditure in that year (1872-73). They treated of the transactions of 1873-74, and of the then current year (1874-75) up to date. In reviewing them the Revenue Board remarked with regard to expenditure in the then current year that "if receipts and expenditure proceed in the same proportion as in the first seven months, there will be a balance of Rupees 1,44,814 at the end of 1874-75."

4. When so remarking the Revenue Board seem to have entirely overlooked the notorious fact that receipts are always proportionately greater in the former than in the latter months of the year and always must be so, so long as the chief collections of revenue, and therefore of land-cess, are between April and July or August. With expenditure, of course, it is the other way. From various causes it is always proportionately heavier in the latter than in the former months of the official year.

5. Both these causes have contributed to vitiate the Revenue Board's estimate of the balance at the close of 1874-75. The actual receipts were Rupees 1,46,113 as against an estimate of Rupees 1,44,300, and there are no material or unusual arrears that I am aware of. But of the receipts over 73 per cent. were collected in the first seven months of the year, and less than 27 per cent. in the last five. Similarly with the expenditure. This amounted (so far as I can calculate from the Progress Reports, in the absence of the passed Public Works Accounts which have not yet been received from the Controller) to Rupees 1,47,592 as against a Budget allotment of Rupees 1,73,130. The causes of this great falling off need not now be considered. What I wish to point

out is that of the expenditure nearly 55 per cent. was in the last five months of the year, as against 45 per cent. only in the first seven.

6. As I said before, the Revenue Board failed to notice this, and therefore estimated the closing balance of 1874-75 at Rupees 1,44,814, or almost exactly double its actual amount (Rupees 77,611).

7. Most unfortunately also Government have failed to notice the erroneous nature of the Revenue Board's assumption, and on the ground that "it is exceedingly improbable that it will be found practicable to spend those large accumulations in addition to the revenues of the current year, and that money is urgently required in other parts of the Presidency," have reduced the allotment from General Revenues made to this circle for the current year by Rupees 38,000. Add to this the loss upon fishery rents above mentioned, and the funds at our disposal during the current year will be seen to have been reduced by no less than Rupees 48,500.

8. The whole of this reduction is from the Road Fund. I show below how completely it will cripple us.

9. The Road Fund transactions of the past year may be briefly summarized as follows :—

Cr.	RS.	*Dr.*	RS.
Balance in hand, 1st April 1874 ...	63,584	Expenditure during year	1,18,531
Receipts during the year	1,11,923	Balance on 31st March 1875 ...	56,976
Total ...	1,75,507	Total ...	1,75,507

10. The General Fund transactions were as follow :—

Cr.	RS.	*Dr.*	RS.
Balance 1st April 1874	9,595	Expenditure during year	25,996
Receipts during year	30,775	Balance 31st March 1875...	14,374
Total ...	40,370	Total ...	40,370

11. The transactions of the Endowment Fund need not be particularized, but it may be stated that the balance in hand has increased during the year by Rupees 350 (from Rupees 5,911 to Rupees 6,261).

12. The Road Fund Balance, however, which is far the largest and which is that which has chiefly attracted unfavorable notice, has decreased during the year by Rupees 6,608 or nearly 10 per cent. Though the General Fund Balance has increased the cause is clear and has been to a great extent unavoidable. It is the delay which has occurred in finishing the Periakolum Hospital, and in deciding on a plan for the hospital at Uttamapoliyam and in obtaining sanction for the Ammenaikanur Dawk Bungalow, all of which works will require heavy allotments during the current year, so that the whole of the General Fund will be fully utilized and no portion of it will be available for diversion to the Road Fund.

13. The Road Fund Balance, again, though apparently in excess of the Budget opening balance of the current year by Rupees 38,976 (Rupees 56,976 — 18,000), is not really so. The fact is that when the Budget was made out it was very well known that the actual balance would be about Rupees 50,000 ; but it was also known that a great part of the actual balance would be required for reallotment to works left incomplete at the end of 1874-75 ; and only so much of it was therefore carried forward and made available for allotment in the Budget as seemed likely not to be required for this purpose. I was acting as President at the time, and I remember that I explained this in my covering letter ; and my recollection is that the Board of Revenue objected that the principle on which the balance to be carried forward had been calculated, as above, was incorrect. Nevertheless, as they allowed the figures, though incorrectly calculated, to stand, it cannot, I think, now be fairly argued that the excess of the actual over the estimated balance justifies the retrenchment now ordered.

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14. As it is, I find that, of the excess of Rupees 38,976 in the actual over the estimated balance, no less than Rupees 21,606 are required for allotment to works left incomplete at the end of last official year. The usual Incomplete Works Statement showing how this sum is arrived at has been prepared, and will be laid before Thursday's meeting. Besides this, about Rupees 5,000 each will be required for the road from Dindigul to Trichinopoly, and for extra gravelling required to the road from Dindigul to Palni, both of which demands were, I remember, mentioned as certain to be made in my covering letter forwarding the Budget for 1875-76. These absolutely necessary appropriations aggregate Rupees 31,606 ; and there is a further sum of Rupees 8,000 due from 1874-75 to Road No. 38-A, branch to Bodinaikanur from road from Periyakolum to Gudalur, on which no expenditure was possible last year owing to delay in the preparation of the estimate, and for which only Rupees 5,000 are provided in the current year's Budget, though there can be no doubt that if the work is put in hand at once and pushed on vigorously very much more can be spent before the 31st of next March. No one can say that this road is not urgently required, and, as it is proposed to construct it in the Revenue Department, it will not interfere with other expenditure by the Department of Public Works.

15. The whole of the excess balance being thus disposed of it is clear that none of it is left to set off against the decrease of Rupees 48,500 shown above in paragraph 7. But the total Budget allotment for New Works in the current year is only Rupees 47,010. If this retrenchment is to be made, therefore, the newly-proposed roads marginally noted, for which estimates are under preparation, and which are urgently required (in some cases to open up communication with the Railway), must be postponed ; work must be stopped, with an absolute certainty of heavy consequent loss, on Roads Nos. 32 (Dindigul to Aravakurchi, *via* Vedasandur) and 47 (Tirumangalam to Strivelliputtur), the latter a most important line of communication which has been under construction for several years and is now nearly finished ; and Roads Nos. 5 (Madura to Allinagaram, also a most important road some years under construction), and 36-A (a railway feeder urgently required to be completed as soon as the Railway is open) must be left incomplete for at least another twelve months.

No. 33-A, Branch from Eriode to Vedasandur.
" 34-A, " " Vadamadura to Eriode.
" 44, Pulkanuth to Dharapuram.
" 49, Usilampatti to Sinakasi.

16. It is impossible to suppose that Government can have intended thus to render the Road Fund of this circle practically bankrupt, or to doubt that they will be ready to consider their Order, No. 944, dated 27th April 1875, Financial Department, on its necessarily disastrous effects being pointed out to them. I think, therefore, the President should be requested to represent the circumstances without delay, and at Thursday's meeting shall move a resolution to this effect.

10. The following papers are circulated, herewith, for the information of Members :—

(*a.*) Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 619, dated 15th March 1875.
(*b.*) G.O., No. 944, dated 27th April 1875, Financial Department.
(*c.*) Statement showing all Local Fund Receipts in 1874-75.
(*d.*) " " " Expenditure "
(*e.*) " " Road Fund Receipts and Expenditure in 1874-75.
(*f.*) " " General Fund " " in 1874-75.
(*g.*) Budget of 1875-76.
(*h.*) Incomplete Works Statement of 1875-76.

(Signed) H. W. BLISS,
Vice-President.

KODAIKANAL,
17*th May* 1875.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 3 to 6.—Statements.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G.O., Financial Department, dated 27th April 1875, No. 944.

2. The following figures are taken from the Local Fund accounts for March 1875, and are approximately correct. The charge for Department Public Works supervision at 25 per cent. is included

	Madura.			Dindigul.		
	Road Fund.	Endowment Fund.	General Fund.	Road Fund.	Endowment Fund.	General Fund.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Receipts	2,34,259	17,659	64,945	1,75,250	6,046	40,917
Charges	1,78,436	1,123	38,087	1,16,118	530	24,125
Balance ...	55,823	16,536	26,858	59,132	5,516	16,792

The total balances were then in Madura Rupees 99,217, and in Dindigul Rupees 81,440.

3. The balances estimated by the Board on seven months' actuals were much higher, and, though they related to the whole Local Funds, the retrenchments made by Government affect only the Road Funds. The following figures show the necessary revision in the Road Fund Budgets, and the effect of the retrenchments on the Road Fund programme for the year :—

	Madura.	Dindigul.
Receipts—	RS.	RS.
Balance	55,820	59,130
Cess	94,000	54,000
Allotments, &c.	26,250	15,070
Tolls	.....	4,000
	1,76,070	1,32,200
Expenditure—		
Works and Repairs... ...	1,11,610	91,810
Public Works Department Establishment	27,900	21,280
Tolls and Ferries	.....	500
General Management ...	1,310	1,070
Contingencies	100	200
Tools and Plant	1,120	920
Reserve	12,030	7,310
	1,54,070	1,23,090
Balance...	22,000	9,110
	1,76,070	1,32,200

4. Thus there are available for incomplete works Rupees 34,030 in Madura, and Rupees 16,420 in Dindigul. The lists of incomplete works for the two circles have been received with the President's letters, dated 22nd May 1875, No. 63, and dated 31st May 1875, No. 67, and contain demands as follows :—

	Madura.	Dindigul.
	RS.	RS.
Road Fund	76,550	21,631
Endowment Fund	6,039	505
General Fund	6,221	10,117
	88,810	32,253

5. The sums stated as required from Endowment and General Funds can be provided. As regards the Road Fund lists, the Board observe that the Madura list contains seventeen new works, Rupees 58,735, and ten repair works, Rupees 17,815 ; but of these, no expenditure whatever was incurred on the items shown in the margin (for which a sum of Rupees 43,290 is provided) up to the close of 1874-75. These are not in the proper sense of the word incomplete works, but merely allotments left unutilized by the Public Works Department. If these be struck out there will remain a requirement of Rupees 33,260 for incomplete works properly so called.

New Works—	
Item 2	13,640
„ 3	10,000
„ 11	1,950
„ 12	116
„ 14	380
„ 15	2,600
„ 16	640
„ 17	1,030
	30,356
Repairs—	
Item 19	525
„ 21	220
„ 23	4,600
„ 24	2,300
„ 25	2,439
„ 26	2,850
	12,934
	43,290

6. In the Dindigul list only two small items, aggregating Rupees 640, are of this character. The demand in Dindigul is therefore Rupees 20,991. These amounts seem necessary, and will be allotted in separate Proceedings.

7. But there is another formidable cause of financial embarrassment, viz., the refund of the sums received from fishery rents in 1874-75, and the loss of the amounts taken credit for under the same head for 1875-76, which are necessitated by the G.O., Public Works Department, dated 19th November 1874, No. 3,278. It is probable that the whole, or nearly the whole, receipts under this head are derived from irrigation works and will fall within the order quoted.

The amounts are :—

	Madura.	Dindigul.
	RS.	RS.
1874-75 (Actuals)...	12,880	8,353
1875-76 (Budget)...	13,000	6,500
	25,880	14,853

8. Allotments have already been made from the Madura Road Fund Reserve, Rupees 2,830, and from that of Dindigul, Rupees 2,800. The total deficit in the Road Funds are therefore as follows :—

	Madura.	Dindigul.
	RS.	RS.
Available...	34,030	16,420
Incomplete works	33,260	20,991
Allotted from reserve	2,830	2,800
Fishery rents	25,880	14,853
	61,970	38,644
Deficit	27,940	22,224

Without the refund of fishery rents, the Madura deficit will be Rupees 2,060 and that of Dindigul Rupees 7,371, besides establishment charge, should that not be met from savings in the budget grants. These sums could be met in Madura by small reduction of some allotments or by savings, and in Dindigul by transfer

from certain unsanctioned works in the budget of 1875-76 for which Rupees 19,000 have been entered. The President estimates that the receipts of the current year will exceed the estimate by Rupees 35,000, owing to collections of arrears of cess from Ramnad and Shevagungah. But some further explanation as to the accrual of this large sum must be given, and if it accrues, it will be properly allotted as proposed to the works entered in the incomplete list, but above ordered to be struck out.

9. It will be apparent to Government from the foregoing statement that unless grants amounting to Rupees 26,000 and 22,000 respectively are restored, or unless the orders regarding fishery rents be kept in abeyance, the programme of the year cannot be carried out, and serious inconvenience will be caused. The Board would prefer that the fishery rents should be left to the Local Funds, and they feel bound to remark that the orders in question must cause great inconvenience in all Local Fund Circles. The amount of fishery rents, nearly all of which fall under the order, is Rupees 98,000 in round numbers; and, as the order requires refund for 1874-75, the result is that the estimates of 1875-76 will be thrown out by about two lakhs of Rupees. The order reached the Board in December when it was too late to take its effect into account in dealing with the Local Fund Budget for that year. The Board would be glad if Government could at least allow the introduction of the new system to be postponed till 1876-77. If this be done, the Local Boards in Madura will do very well in 1875-76, notwithstanding the loss of the Provincial grant.

10. The accumulation of balances in the Madura District, which has led Government to withdraw the grants for the current year, is due to short outlay by the Public Works Department, and it is hard, as pointed out by the President in strong terms, that the district should suffer as well by losing Government money, of which it would otherwise have got the benefit, as by the inefficiency of the Engineers. The expenditure by the department in 1874-75 was in Madura 66·9 per cent. of the allotment and in Dindigul 69·3 per cent. only.

	Madura. Rs.	Dindigul. Rs.
Allotment, Public Works Department	2,08,811	1,24,557
Outlay	1,39,646	86,359
	69,165	38,198

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 166. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th July 1875, No. 2,090.

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vellore, 29th June 1875, No. 355:—

I HAVE the honor, with reference to paragraph 3 of the Proceedings of the Board, dated 15th March last, No. 619, to report that no sum of the kind referred to in paragraph 2 of those Proceedings was credited to either Local or Special Funds from April 1874.

2. Adverting to the remarks of the C ief Engineer for Irrigation on paragraph 43 of Lieutenant Christie's Note, r corded in G.O., Public Works Department, dated 20th October 1874, No. 2,991-, I beg that the Board will be pleased instruct me whether "Irrigation evenue" includes "Fishery Rents." If e proceeds of these rents are not hereafter to be credited to Local Funds, the ss will be a very serious decrease in e Local Fund Revenue of this district, asmuch as Rupees 14,578-9-2, as shown the margin, were credited to that head uring the past fourteen months from pril 1874.

	Chittoor Circle. Rs. A. P.	Vellore Circle. Rs. A. P.
From April 1874 to March 1875 ..	4,682 5 4	7,213 14 4
In April 1875 ...	522 6 7	1,314 0 1
,, May ,, ...	306 6 3	539 8 7
	5,511 2 2	9,067 7 9
		5,511 2 2
Total... ...		14,578 9 2

SUBMITTED for the orders of Governm nt.

2. It appears to the Board that it s intended that Fishery Rents derived from Irrigation works should be credited to Irrigation Revenue, as pointed out in Board's Proceedings, dated 15th July 1875, No. 1,975. This interpretation will entail great inconvenience on Local Funds.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 167. Proceedings of the Board f Revenue, dated 14th August 1875, No. 7398 (Miscellaneous).

Read the following letter from W. M QUHAE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura, to H. E. TOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madura 30th July 1875, No. 91:—

With reference to paragraph 3 of the evenue Board's Proceedings, No. 1975, ated the 15th July 1875, I have the onor to note in the margin the amount f the arrears of land-cess due by the states of Ramnad and Shevaganga up o Fasli 1284.

	Rs. A. P.
Ramnad Zemindari	32,823 10 9
Shevaganga Zemindari, including arrears of the previous year	69,928 8 6
Total ...	1,02,752 3 3

2. Rupees 55,912-15-9 of this sum ave already been collected, and it is hoped that the remainder will also be pai up within the current year.

Submitted to Government with eference to paragraph 8 of Board's Proceedings, 15th July 1875, No. 1975.

2. It appears that the President's s atement that the collections of cess in 1875-76 will exceed the estimate by Rupees 35,000 in the Madura Circle is well founded; and consequently that there will not in any case be a deficit in that

Local Fund at the close of the year, even allowing for the refund of the fisher rents.

3. But the Board hesitate to make any allotments for the works referred to paragraph 5 of the Proceedings quoted pending the orders of Government.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 168. ORDER THEREON, 24th August 1875, No. 1713.

The Governor in Council has carefully considered these papers.

2. It appears from them that the only consideration given to the question Fishery rents was in, and on, paragraph 13 of Lieutenant Chrystie's Memorandu embodied in Public Works Proceedings, dated the 20th October 1874, No. 2991-A

3. It was assumed by Lieutenant Chrystie, and in the marginal note on th paragraph alluded to, that the rents were recent grants to Local Fund Board whereas the fact is that the great bulk of the Fishery rents are very old establishe items of Miscellaneous Revenue standing on a perfectly distinct footing fro Irrigation Revenue, and originally much more of the nature of Moturpha, an assigned for local purposes.

4. The propriety therefore of the assumption by the Public Works Depar ment of all Fishery rents is questionable, and the Governor in Council directs th as regards them all action be suspended in G.O., Public Works Department, date 19th November 1874, No. 3278, pending submission of detailed accounts of th amount and origin of the Fishery rents in each district which will be called f in the Revenue Department.

5. The Board of Revenue will be informed that the Government are unab now to restore the Provincial grants withdrawn from the Madura and Dindig Circles, but the suspension of the G.O. of the Public Works Department abo cited will afford some measure of relief to the Circles.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Board of Revenue, with Public Works Proceedings, Nos. 2991-A and 3278.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

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The Govt. observe that the revenue from fisheries has risen from Rupees 6 to £8000 Rs since its grant under G.O. dated 7th Jan 1864.

Rec'd 15th Sept. 1875.
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This is a conclusive reason against the transfer of Fishery Rents to L.F. The G.I. having in the Public Works Department sanctioned deliberately loans for Local Funds.

The L.F.S.O. must now be considered absolutely

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two months.

For orders 1422/27

M.E. 24: Aug/75 No. 1713.

In their letter of 27 May 1864. In 906. this Govt. applied to the Govt. of India for a formal transfer of fish rents pointing out that this had been done in Bengal. The proposal was formally sanctioned by the G.O. dated 7 Jan 1864 vide P.C. 20 Jan 1864 No 1279.

It seems therefore unnecessary to reopen the question now.

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Certainly - Should be left to Local Govt.

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ordered that the papers
from Govt of India dt: 27 May 64 No 90 } noted in the
from Govt of India in F.D. 20 Jul 64 No 1279 } margin be
communicated
to the Financial Department
with the Remark that
the Govt: of India having
in 1864 deliberately
sanctioned the transfer
of Fishery Cess to Local
Funds G.O. Govt. of Bo dt
19th Nov: 74 No 3278. must
be cancelled absolutely
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