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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
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Local Funds—Reports.

No. 242. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th March 1875, No. 588 :—

Read Reports from the President, Local Fund Boards, South Arcot District, dated 25th November and 7th December 1874, Nos. 104 and 105.

THE Local Fund Reports of the Cuddalore and Virdachellam Circles for 1873-74 will be submitted for the information of Government.

CUDDALORE.

2. The subjoined statement gives a comparison of the receipts and charges of the year with those of the previous year.

Receipts.	1872-73.	1873-74.	Expenditure.	1872-73.	1873-74.
	RS.	RS.	<i>New Works.</i>	RS.	RS.
1. Balance	19,448	51,118	1. Communications by Public Works Department	45,522	56,516
2. Provincial grant for roads	52,140	49,640	2. Sanitary and Miscellaneous, Public Works Department	1,930	8,462
3. Surplus Pound Fund ...	2,607	1,467			
4. Fishery rents	6,156	4,969	<i>Repairs.</i>		
5. Miscellaneous (Special Funds)	997	1,372	3. Communica- { P. W. D. 76,842 91,507 tions. { O. A ... 168		
6. Road-cess under Act III. of 1866	1,401	130	4. Sanitary and { P. W. D. 101 1,841 Miscellane- { O. A ... 210		
7. Land-cess under Act IV. of 1871	1,68,424	1,22,437	5. Public Works Department Supervision ...	35,696	41,230
8. Sale of books	30	260	6. Petty Establishment ...	4,642	4,117
9. Choultries, Markets, &c.	438	435	7. Tools and Plant ...	949	2,596
10. Balance of Bungalow Fee Fund	542	546	8. Contingencies	12	...
11. Fees from bungalows ...	443	...	9. Contribution to Cuddalore Municipality ...	500	412
12. Sale of materials ...	5	...	10. Compensation for lands.	164	...
13. Contribution from private individuals in aid of works	130	200			
14. Balance of District Road Fund on the 31st March 1871	19,382	89	Total Grant I ...	1,66,568	2,06,849
15. Public Works Receipts.	1,234	...	11. Payment for Inspection.	3,032	2,974
16. Do. refund of expenditure	...	132	12. Purchase of books ...	473	37
17. Miscellaneous	75	...	13. Results Grants ...	3,682	5,152
18. Miscellaneous Debt Account	1,125	5,765	14. Contribution to Cuddalore Municipality for Schools	165	309
			Total Grant II ...	7,352	8,472
			15. Hospitals and Dispensaries	...	294
			16. Vaccine Establishment.	1,464	1,573
			17. Sanitary Establishment, &c	416	2,833
			18. Bungalow Establishment, &c.	682	2,059
			19. Choultries do	894	392
			20. Contribution to Cuddalore Municipality for Hospitals	2,330	1,941
			Total Grant III ...	5,286	9,092

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Receipts.	1872-73.	1873-74.	Expenditure.	1872-73.	1873-74.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
			<i>Repairs.—(Continued.)</i>		
			21. Establishments at the Presidency and in the Collector's, &c., Offices.	1,857	1,606
			22. General Contingencies.	181	334
			23. Refund of tank fisheries		48
			24. Do. of rental of manure		12
			Total Grant IV ...	2,038	2,000
			25. Miscellaneous Debt Account	3,319	7,109
			Total Expenditure ...	1,84,563	2,33,522
			26. Balance	51,118	5,038
Grand Total ...	2,35,681	2,38,560	Grand Total ...	2,35,681	2,38,560

3. RECEIPTS.—The Provincial Grant for roads was Rupees 2,500 less than that assigned in 1872-73. This amount was the special grant assigned once for all in 1873-74 for the Merkanum and Tindivanam road. The grant for 1873-74 is made up of Rupees 44,640, Ordinary Grant, and Rupees 5,900, Special Grant, for the Pondicherry and Merkanam road.

4. The road and land-cess receipts were Rupees 47,258 less than in the previous year and Rupees 13,563 less than the estimate of the year. The falling off is due to the bad character of the season having necessitated remissions to a considerable extent and to collections of Land Revenue during the last two months of the year under report having been suspended, pending the settlement of the claims to remission.

5. EXPENDITURE, GRANT I., PUBLIC WORKS.—The Registers kept in this Office show the following allotments as having been sanctioned for Public Works:—

<i>New Works.</i>			
Communications by Public Works Department	RS.	RS.	
Do. by other Agency	62,757	9	
Sanitary and Miscellaneous by P. W. D.	16,780		
Do. by Other Agency	1,510		
		81,056	
<i>Repairs.</i>			
Communications by Public Works Department	RS.		
Do. by other Agency	1,00,767		
Sanitary and Miscellaneous by P. W. D.	1,825		
	2,091		
		1,04,683	
Total ...		1,85,739	

6. The President makes the allotment Rupees 1,70,108, or Rupees 15,631 less. The largest difference occurs under New Works, Sanitary and Miscellaneous, by the Public Works Department, and is caused by the President not having taken into account the additional allotments, amounting to Rs. 6,960, sanctioned

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for the Villapuram and Trikalore Dispensary buildings in Board's Proceedings, dated 6th September 1873, Miscellaneous No. 5,696.

7. The actual expenditure was—

<i>New Works.</i>			
		RS.	RS.
Communications by Public Works Department	...	56,516	
Sanitary and Miscellaneous by do.	...	8,462	
			64,978
<i>Repairs.</i>			
		RS.	
Communications by Public Works Department	...	91,507	
Do. by Other Agency	...	168	
Sanitary and Miscellaneous by Public Works Department.	...	1,841	
			93,516
Total ...			1,58,494

8. This expenditure, which agrees with that shown by the Accountant-General and Controller of Public Works Accounts, is 85.27 per cent. of the sanctioned allotment. The percentage of expenditure on allotment for each class of works is shown below:—

New Works of Communications	...	90.04
Do. Sanitary and Miscellaneous	...	46.26
Repairs, Communications	...	89.35
Do. Sanitary and Miscellaneous	...	88.04

The expenditure under New Works, Sanitary and Miscellaneous, was very unsatisfactory. The President gives no explanation of the cause of short expenditure.

9. With regard to the short expenditure on New Works and Repairs of Communications, the President says that it is attributed by the Acting District Engineer, Mr. Norfor, to the want of rain which prevented the spreading of metal on some of the roads and to the estimate having been sanctioned, or funds granted for some of the works late in the year.

10. The President again brings to notice that certain expenditure on the

Expenditure incurred in 1872-73 on road from Merkanum to Pondicherry.	5,000	works marginally named does not appear to have been brought to account under Local Funds as yet. The Board of Revenue noticed the point in paragraph 10 of their Proceedings, reviewing the Local Fund Report of 1872-73. The attention of the Controller of Public Works Accounts will now be called to the subject, and he will be requested to report thereon.
Deduct amount debited in the accounts of 1872-73	2,500	
Balance to be still adjusted	2,500	
Expenditure on road from Merkanum to Tindivanam	5,000	
Expenditure on road for repairing the embankment between Merkanum and Thembakam	3,600	
Total ...	11,100	

11. The expenditure on Establishment was as follows:—

	President and Accountant-General.	Controller.
	RS.	RS.
P. W. D. General Establishment	41,230	39,416
Petty Establishment	4,117	4,117
Total ...	45,347	43,533

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The difference in the first item is owing to the Accountant-General's figure including Rupees 1,814, a debit appertaining to 1872-73, but not brought to account by him in that year. The charge for supervision, as made by the Controller, is 24.89 per cent. of the outlay by the Public Works Department.

12. The President remarks that the condition of the communications throughout the district may be said to be good. 787 miles of road were maintained in good order, 16½ miles of new road completed and 6¼ miles in progress. Certain tunnels, dams, and culverts were completed, and materials for the Villapuram and Trikalore Dispensaries and the Tindivanam Choultry were collected. The town of Tindivanam was improved by the formation of thirty streets, clearing of drainage channels, and construction of forty-five tunnels. The Travellers' Bungalows at Punruty, Villapuram, Oolundoorpet, and Tindivanam, and a well near the Oolundoorpet Bungalow were repaired.

13. The principal new works in progress were—

Works.	Expenditure in the year.	Amount of the Estimate.	Total Expenditure.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Re-metalling the road from Cuddalore to Salem frontier via Punruty ...	5,678	24,500	21,677
2. Re-metalling portion of road from Cuddalore to Salem frontier via Virdachellam ...	1,246	3,460	3,406
3. Road from Pondicherry to Merkanum ...	17,845	49,000	45,831
4. Re-gravelling the road between Tindivanam and Pondicherry by Kilianoor and constructing 1 tunnels ...	1,899	5,000	1,899
5. Metalling 18 miles (Tindivanam to Ginjee) of the road from Merkanum to Samulputty on the line of railway via Tindivanam, Ginjee, Trinomalay, and the Chengama pass ...	7,294	8,000	7,294
6. Improving the approaches to Chunampet salt works from Alatoor ...	2,949	3,183	2,949
7. Re-metalling the 1st, 2nd, and part of the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th miles of road from Villapuram to Pondicherry ...	4,117	10,000	9,617
8. Re-metalling road from Pondicherry to Tindivanam by Mylum ...	8,513	18,550	8,513
9. Constructing a road from 56th mile Salem frontier road to Thundrampet by Sathanoor ...	1,280	5,500	5,500
10. Constructing a road from Trinomalay to pass between Kovitty Hills and Padoor to the Cheyaur river at Conjee ...	3,200	9,200	7,200
11. Road from 120th mile of Trunk Road No. 8 to join the 22nd mile of road from Cuddalore to Salem frontier ...	1,146	5,560	3,849
12. Constructing a Hospital at Villapuram ...	2,003	9,300	2,003
13. Do. do. at Trikalore ...	2,000	9,350	2,000
14. Completing two wells at Oolundoorpet ...	386	2,730	386
15. Improving drainage, constructing tunnels, and gravelling all the streets in the town of Tindivanam ...	2,000	4,000	2,000
16. Constructing a choultry at Tindivanam ...	2,073	7,300	2,073

14. A sum of Rupees 412 was contributed out of an allotment of Rupees 500 to the Cuddalore Municipality towards the cost of maintaining the district roads passing through municipal limits.

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15. The expenditure under Grant I. was Rupees 2,06,849.

16. GRANT II., EDUCATION.—As in the previous year, one Deputy Inspector and three Inspecting Schoolmasters were employed. There were 349 schools (exclusive of 38 schools in the Cuddalore Municipality), or 123 more schools than in the previous year under inspection, and results grants, aggregating Rupees 5,152, were paid to 163 schools.

17. There were no Local Fund Schools. A sum of Rupees 309 was paid to the Cuddalore Municipality as a grant-in-aid for schools.

18. The expenditure under Grant II. was Rupees 8,472.

19. GRANT III., SANITATION.—There were no Local Fund Dispensaries in the Circle. It was proposed in the Budget to establish one at Villapuram and another at Trikalore, but they were not opened. A sum of Rupees 294 is shown as having been spent on "Miscellaneous—Rent, Furniture, &c.," in Statement 2, but no particulars of the charge are given in the Report. A sum of Rupees 1,941 was contributed to the Cuddalore Municipality for the Dispensary there.

20. Two first-class and five second-class Vaccinators under a Superintendent, who supervised both Circles, vaccinated 14,044 persons, at a cost of 1 Anna 9½ Pies per case, and 98.83 per cent. of the cases were successful. These results are very satisfactory, and compare very favorably with those obtained in the previous year.

21. Out of a Budget Grant of Rupees 5,000 for Sanitation, Rupees 2,833 were expended as follows:—

	RS.
Excavating and repairing three wells ...	600
Improving village sites and town in three taluqs ...	1,990
Scavenging and removing prickly-pear, &c. ...	36
Purchasing burning and burial grounds at Villapuram ...	122
Medicines ...	21
Lighting Ponniar Bridge ...	64
Total ...	2,833

22. There are three endowed choultries in the Circle, and they receive fixed annual money allowance of Rupees 435 from Government. There was a balance of Rupees 305 at the credit of the institutions whose total assets thus aggregated Rupees 740. The charges amounted to Rupees 383, leaving a balance of Rs. 356. A sum of Rupees 8 is shown as having been expended on contingencies for an unendowed choultry, but the name of the choultry is not stated.

23. The establishment and other charges of the four Travellers' Bungalows in the Circle amounted to Rupees 2,058. The President will report the number of travellers that halted in them during the year.

24. The expenditure under Grant III. was Rupees 9,092.

25. GRANT IV., MISCELLANEOUS.—The cost of controlling, &c., establishments general contingencies, and some re-funds aggregated Rupees 2,000.

26. BALANCE.—The total expenditure and balance were Rupees 2,33,521 and Rupees 5,038, respectively.

27. LOCAL FUND BOARD.—The President is requested to report the total number of Members, Official and Non-official, on the Board, the number of meetings held during the year and the average attendance of each class of Members at the meetings.

VIRDACHELLAM.

28. In the subjoined statement the receipts and charges of the year are compared with those of the previous year.

29. The road and land cess receipts show a diminution of Rupees 29,038 compared with those of the previous year owing to the unfavorable character of the season. Compared with the estimate of the year, there was an excess of Rupees 7,518 owing to the alteration of the Kistbundy introduced in Fasli 1283. The excess would have been greater but for the unfavorable character of the season.

30. EXPENDITURE, GRANT L, PUBLIC WORKS.—The following amounts sanctioned for Public Works according to the Registers kept in this office:—

for Public Works according to the Reg.				RS.	RS.
<i>New Works.</i>					
Communications by P. W. D.	...	...	...	65,055	
Do. by O. A.	...	...	...	1,150	
Sanitary and Miscellaneous by P. W. D.	...	...	...	12,480	78,685
<i>Repairs.</i>					
Communications by P. W. D.	...	...	...	42,885	
Educational by O. A.	...	...	...	40	
Sanitary and Miscellaneous by P. W. D.	...	...	...	2,493	45,418
Total ...					1,24,103

31. The allotments as given by the President differ from the above. The largest difference is in the first item, because the President has omitted the allotment of Rupees 17,160 made in the Budget for a bridge over the Manimookathanady at Virdachellam on the ground that the work was not taken up for execution at all during the year under report.

32. The actual expenditure was—

	President and Accountant-General.	Controller.
	RS.	RS.
<i>New Works.</i>		
Communications by P. W. D.	40,663	40,663
Do. by Other Agency	838	...
Sanitary and Miscellaneous by P. W. D. ...	3,872	3,872
	45,373	44,535
<i>Repairs.</i>		
Communications by P. W. D.	41,506	41,180
Sanitary and Miscellaneous do.	2,350	2,350
	43,856	43,530
	89,229	88,065
		587
Tolls and Ferries	...	...
	89,229	88,652

33. The difference in the second and fourth items is occasioned by the Accountant-General including in his debits charges appertaining to 1872-73, but not brought to account in that year by him. The charge on account of Tolls and Ferries is shown by the President and Accountant-General under Establishments. The Accountant-General and Controller will be requested to favor the Board with their remarks as to the cause of this charge being debited under different heads in their offices. Charges for Tolls and Ferries is a separate head in the Budget.

34. The total expenditure was 71·35 per cent. on the sanctioned allotment. Under New Works only 56·59 per cent. was expended and under Repairs 97·13 per cent.

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35. The expenditure on Establishment was as follows:—

	President and Accountant-General.	Controller.
	RS.	RS.
P. W. D. General Establishment	23,231	22,070
Petty Establishment	3,348	2,744
Tolls and Ferries	587	...
Total	27,166	24,814

36. The Controller's charge for supervision is 24.66 per cent. on the expenditure incurred by the Public Works Department. It is Rupees 1,161 less than the amount debited by the President and Accountant-General. The difference appertains to the previous year not brought to account in that year by the Accountant-General.

37. The difference in the charge for Petty Establishment is also due to the Accountant-General including Rupees 604 which was not debited in 1872-73.

38. It is reported that no new roads were completed during the year, but that ten miles of the roads from Kallakurchy to Sankarapuram and from Poodoochuttram to Porto Novo were in progress. 366 miles of road were maintained in order. The Vice-President mentions that the communications were in fair order. Thirty-two tunnels and one bridge were completed. Materials were collected for the choultries at Mangalam and Teagadroog and for the Dispensary at Virdachellam.

Some alterations were made to the Bungalows or tool-sheds. Five Travellers' Bungalows and a choultry were repaired.

39. The principal new works in progress were—

Works.	Expenditure in the year.	Amount of the Estimate.	Total Expen- diture.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Metalling the 9th, 12th, 13th, and 14th miles of the road between Virdachellam and Porto Novo Shateatope road	10,884	11,550	10,884
2. Metalling branch road from Poodoochuttram to Porto Novo, four miles	10,005	14,000	10,005
3. Metalling a portion of the road from Paravanaur bridge to Coleroon	3,530	10,800	10,802
4. Metalling Trunk Road No. 9	2,177	8,850	2,177
5. Constructing a bridge of 3 vents of 12 feet span on the 24th mile of the road from Cuddalore to Salem frontier by Virdachellam	1,377	2,300	1,377
6. Fifteen tunnels on the Tittagudi and Virdachellam road	1,962	2,000	1,962
7. Metalling 8th, 9th, and 10th miles of Oolundoorpet road	2,061	2,500	2,061
8. Metalling the 7th mile of the Tittagudi and Virdachellam road	1,907	2,000	1,907
9. Forming a road from Kallakurchy to Sankarapuram	2,012	35,660	2,012
10. Constructing 22 tunnels from 60th to 73rd miles of the road from Cuddalore to Salem frontier.	2,753	5,975	2,753
11. Constructing a choultry at Mangalam	1,804	6,400	1,804
12. Constructing a Civil Dispensary at Virdachellam	1,016	10,930	1,016
13. Constructing a choultry at Teagadroog	992	7,000	992

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40. A sum of Rupees 1,010 was contributed to the Negapatam Local Fund for roads.

41. The expenditure under Grant I. was Rupees 1,18,747.

42. GRANT II., EDUCATION.—There were, as in the previous year, one Deputy Inspector and two Inspecting Schoolmasters employed in the Circle. The former examined 125 Village Schools for results grants against sixty schools in the previous year. The Inspecting Schoolmasters in charge of the Virdachellam and Kallakurchy Taluqs brought twenty-nine new Village Schools under inspection, but the Inspecting Schoolmaster in charge of the Chedambaram Taluq only one new school. There were thus thirty new schools brought under inspection during the year besides one Local Fund School (Teagadroog) which was opened in February 1874. Rupees 3,468 were paid in results grants. The number of the schools to which the grants were paid and the number of pupils in them should be reported.

43. The Budget provided for the continuance of the six Rate Schools taken over in 1871-72 and for a new school at Teagadroog. The income of the schools consisted of Rupees 192, school fees, and Rupees 810, Government Grant. The charges aggregated Rupees 2,136 as follows:—

	RS.
1. Salaries of masters	1,408
2. Do. of servants	252
3. Miscellaneous	476
Total	2,136

The Vice-President states that all the Local Fund Schools, except that at Tillavadangam, are reported to have progressed satisfactorily during the year, the school at Bhowanagiri occupying the first place both as regards strength and educational results. The backwardness of the Tillavadangam School is attributed to the unpopularity of the teacher who has since been transferred to another place, and the Deputy Inspector reports that the change has had the desired effect.

44. The expenditure under Grant II. was Rupees 8,948.

45. GRANT III., SANITATION.—The Dispensary proposed to be established at Virdachellam was not opened, but the endowed Dispensary at Chedambaram was maintained at a cost of Rupees 1,074 made up as follows:—

	RS.
1. Medical Subordinates	720
2. Clerks and servants	121
3. Contingencies	89
4. Miscellaneous—rent, furniture, &c.	144
Total	1,074

No dieting charges were incurred, there being no accommodation for treating patients. 4,001 out-patients were treated, of whom six were Europeans and the rest Natives. 3,970 patients were discharged, one died, and thirty remained under treatment. The Medical Officer complains of the want of accommodation. When the report of the Deputy Inspector-General is received, the matter will, no doubt, receive attention.

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46. Two first class, two second class and one temporary Vaccinator employed during the year vaccinated 5,065 persons, at a cost of three annas and one pie per case, and 97.49 per cent. of the cases were successful.

47. Out of Rupees 3,600 allotted for Sanitary Establishments, &c., Rupees 488 were spent in making sanitary arrangements at festivals at Chedambaram, Virdachellam, and Sreemashanum. The Vice-President states that the remainder of the allotment, which was for digging and repairing tanks and wells, was expended; but the bills for the expenditure not having been received in time, the outlay has not been exhibited in the accounts of the year under report.

48. The establishment and contingent charges of the Travellers' Bungalows amounted to Rupees 1,489. The number of travellers who halted in the bungalows was 93, and the fees collected amounted to Rupees 232.
Ammamet, Teagadroog, Kallakurchy, Chinna Salem, and Kaladur.

49. Two endowed choultries were maintained by the Local Fund Board. The Government Grant for them, viz., Rupees 126, was realized and expended in paying servants and on contingencies.
Vellar Anicut Choultry and Hydes' Choultry.

50. The expenditure under Grant III. amounted to Rupees 4,160.

51. GRANT IV., MISCELLANEOUS.—The expenditure under this head consisted of Rupees 1,519 for controlling, &c., establishments, Rupees 194 for general contingencies, and Rupees 109 for refund of road-cess, making in all Rs. 1,822.

52. BALANCE.—The total expenditure and balance were Rupees 1,36,894 and Rupees 65,323, respectively.

53. LOCAL FUND BOARD.—There were fourteen Members on the Local Fund Board, seven official and seven non-official. Business was transacted at thirteen meetings held during the year, and the average attendance of the Members was five, three official and two non-official.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 243. ORDER THEREON, 23rd April 1875, No. 916.

The expenditure by the Public Works Department in the Cuddalore Circle appears to have been satisfactory on the whole, except as regards Sanitary and Miscellaneous works, for which a comparatively small amount was allotted, and the failure to utilize which is perhaps capable of explanation. The failure to expend more than 56.59 per cent. of the allotment for new works in the Virdachellam Circle is open to grave remark, and appears to be chiefly attributable to delay in the preparation of estimates. It will be considered in the Public Works Department whether the demand for estimates was more than the District Establishment could reasonably be expected to satisfy, and how far blame attaches to the District Officers of the Department of Public Works.

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2. Fair progress seems to have been made in both Circles in the extension of Result Grant Schools, though little appears to have been done in the Chedambram Taluq. In every case the number of children under instruction should be shown.

3. The failure in both Circles to establish the proposed new Dispensaries within the year was unsatisfactory, but the efforts made by the Cuddalore Board for the extension of vaccination were attended with an unusual amount of success, 14,044 persons having been vaccinated at an average cost of 1 Anna and 9½ Pies per operation. In the Virdachellum Circle the average cost was 3 Annas and 1 Pie, an average however which compares favorably with that obtained in many other Circles.

4. The Governor in Council regrets to observe that the European Public Bungalows have been allowed to become a very serious burden on the Local Funds, and desires that full explanation may be afforded.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
.. President of the Municipal Commissions, South Arcot.
.. Public Works Department.
.. Revenue Department.
.. Director of Public Instruction.
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