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Local Funds—Report.

No. 287. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd April 1875, No. 808 :—

Read letters from the President of the Local Fund Boards, Salem District, dated 25th November 1874, Nos. 1,044 and 1,645.

THE Local Fund Reports of the Salem and Oossoor Circles for 1873-74 are submitted for the information of Government.

SALEM.

2. The subjoined statement compares the receipts and charges of the year with those of the previous year:—

Receipts.	1872-73.	1873-74.
	RS.	RS.
1. Balance	12,145	14,191
2. Provincial Grant for roads	17,230	25,000
3. Provincial Grant for Schools	270	270
4. Surplus Pound Fund.	1,350	2,200
5. Ferry rents	2,075	3,184
6. Avenues	1,810	2,960
7. Fishery rents	1,185	1,099
8. Miscellaneous (Special Funds)	47	125
9. Road-cess under Act III. of 1866	3,199	443
10. Land-cess under Act IV. of 1871	1,45,966	1,49,305
11. Tolls	...	1,100
12. Rate-cess (Act VI. of 1863)	123	...
13. House-tax (Act IV. of 1871)	201	214
14. Fees in Schools and Training Institutions.	59	101
15. Contributions from the Salem Municipality	1,607	824
16. Interest on Surplus Pagoda Funds ...	2,805	1,290
17. Balance of the Bungalow Fee Fund transferred to Local Funds	1,315	...
18. Receipts from Bungalows	648	250
19. Fines and Penalties.	18	301
20. Sale of Materials, &c.	19	61
21. Sale of other Property	...	1
22. Contributions on account of Sanitary purposes	2,852	1,831
23. Public Works Receipts.	180	...

Expenditure.		1872-73.	1873-74.
New Works.		RS.	RS.
1. Communications.	By P. W. D.	3,011	9,264
	,, Other Agency.	4,870	1,670
2. Sanitary and Miscellaneous.	By P. W. D.	...	758
	,, Other Agency.	350	...
Repairs.			
3. Communications.	By P. W. D.	7,635	35,822
	,, Other Agency.	99,775	55,645
4. Sanitary and Miscellaneous.	By P. W. D.	659	...
	,, Other Agency.	7,588	5,355
5. Public Works Department General Establishment		4,680	11,480
6. Petty Establishment ...		2,673	5,252
7. Tools and Plant		727	4,153
8. Contributions		617	1,571
Total Grant I...		1,32,585	1,30,970
9. Payment for Inspection...		3,151	2,689
10. Local Fund Schools ...		836	1,025
11. Salary Grants		333	571
12. Results Grants		2,388	2,282
13. Miscellaneous...		35	...
Total Grant II...		6,743	6,567
14. Hospitals and Dispensaries		3,241	4,532
15. Vaccine Establishment...		2,000	2,207
16. Sanitary Establishments, &c		6,084	4,042
17. Bungalow Establishments		601	413
18. Contributions		2,000	2,000
Total Grant III...		13,926	13,194

Receipts.	1872-73.	1873-74.	Expenditure.	1872-73.	1873-74.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
24. Public Works Refunds of Expenditure ...	...	1,251	19. Establishments at the Presidency, and in the Collector's and Local Fund Board's Offices, and contingencies	2,141	2,234
25. Miscellaneous... ...	2,383	595	20. Excess amount credited to Local Funds in 1871-72 as balance of 1870-71	2,066	...
26. Miscellaneous Debt Account	8,002	5,168	21. Refunds of sums erroneously credited to Local Funds	...	75
			Total Grant IV...	4,207	2,309
			22. Miscellaneous Debt Account	9,547	4,137
			Total Expenditure...	1,67,008	1,57,177
			23. Balance	14,191	54,587
Grand Total...	1,81,199	2,11,764	Grand Total...	1,81,199	2,11,764

3. RECEIPTS.—The year opened with a balance of Rupees 14,191 and actual receipts aggregated Rupees 1,97,573, or Rupees 4,229 more than in the previous year, making the total assets Rupees 2,11,764.

4. In their order on the budget of the year Government increased the Provincial grant for roads by Rs. 7,770, of which Rupees 3,530 were given as a moiety of the cost of the up-keep of seven Forest roads and Rupees 4,240 to supplement the reduced allotments for road repairs which the Local Fund Board found themselves compelled to adopt on account of the straitened circumstances of the fund.

G. O., Financial Department, dated 31st May 1873, No. 762.

5. The receipts from Surplus Pound Fund increased, a sum of money which was retained under the Pound Fund as a balance in 1872-73 in order to meet any emergent contingencies in connection with it was transferred to Local Funds in the year under report.

6. The increase in Ferry rents is due to the realization of the arrears of the previous year.

7. The increase under the Land-cess, viz., Rupees 3,339, was due to the realization of arrears of the preceding two years.

8. Rupees 1,100 were drawn from the toll over the Cauvery bridge at Comarapoliem in the Trichengode Taluq, which was transferred to this Circle from Coimbatore in the year under report.

Board's Proceedings, dated 4th February 1873, No. 651.

9. Rupees 214 were collected as House-tax, being the arrears due for 1872-73.

10. The contributions from the Salem Municipality are made up of Rs. 624 for the up-keep of the road from Salem to Suramungalum Railway Station, and Rupees 200 towards the cost of Educational inspection.

11. EXPENDITURE, GRANT I., PUBLIC WORKS.—According to the Registers kept in this Office the allotments sanctioned for Public Works were as follow:—

	RS.	RS.
New Works.		
Communications by Public Works Department	15,580	
Do. by Other Agency	838	
Sanitary and Miscellaneous by Other Agency	1,620	18,038
Repairs.		
Communications by Public Works Department... ...	37,600	
Do. by Other Agency	53,372	
Sanitary and Miscellaneous by Other Agency	7,350	98,322
Total...		1,16,360

12. The actual expenditure was—

New Works.		
Communications by Public Works Department	9,264	
Do. by Other Agency	1,670	
Sanitary and Miscellaneous by P. W. Department ...	758	11,692
Repairs.		
Communications by Public Works Department	35,822	
Do. by Other Agency	55,645	
Sanitary and Miscellaneous by Other Agency	5,355	96,822
Total...		1,08,514

These figures agree with those of the Accountant-General and Controller. On the whole 93·25 per cent. of the sanctioned allotment was expended, 64·81 per cent. under New Works and 98·47 per cent. under Repairs. There has been considerable improvement over the previous year when the expenditure was only 85·52 per cent. of the allotment on the whole. The allotment to the Public Works Department in 1873-74 was 46 per cent. of the whole, while in 1872-73 it was only 13 per cent. Thus a considerable amount of work was transferred to the professional Department during the year under review, chiefly under the head Repairs of Communications. The expenditure by the Public Works Department was 86·2 per cent. of the allotment. The short expenditure on New Works of communications was owing to little work having been done to the bridge on the road from Womalore to Tharamangalum as explained by the President, funds having been provided for some other works at too late a date to allow of the whole of the assignments being utilized within the official year.

13. The expenditure on Establishment was as follows:—

	President and Accountant-General.	Controller.
	RS.	RS.
Public Works Department General Establishment...	11,480	11,413
Petty Establishment	5,252	3,748
Total ...	16,732	15,161

14. The Controller's charge for supervision is 24·89 per cent. on the expenditure incurred by the Public Works Department. The charge is Rupees 67 less than that shown by the President and Accountant-General. The Board have been unable to trace the cause of this difference. The Accountant-General will be good enough to explain. The difference in the second item is stated to be due to the inclusion of the pay of certain Maistries having been charged to Petty Establishment instead of to the works. This irregularity requires further explanation, and the President will report after communication with the District Engineer.

15. The expenditure on Tools and Plant was Rupees 4,153 according to the President and Accountant-General, and Rupees 4,146 according to the Controller. The difference is a recovery which the Controller deducts from the expenditure and the Accountant-General credits as a receipt.

16. Eight hundred and eighty miles of road were maintained at an average cost of Rs. 104 per mile, 8 miles of new road were completed, and $3\frac{5}{8}$ miles in progress.

1. Branch road from Trunk Road No. V. to Alangyam road.
2. Toll gate over the Cauvery bridge at Comarapoliem.
3. Palisading the Periyari and Alagapuram tank bunds.

The works marginally noted, which were entrusted to the Revenue Department for execution, were completed. Eleven miles of the trace of a ghaut road from the foot of the Shevaroy Hills to Yercaud were formed. The road, it is stated, would cost $1\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs of Rupees. The trace has been opened as a bridle-path to a width of one yard. The foundation basement and walls of the Choultry at Yercaud were completed and materials for roof, &c., were collected. A house for the use of the Medical Officer attached to the Dispensary at Yercaud was constructed. A Travellers' Bungalow was repaired and avenues were maintained. The roads under the charge of Revenue Officers are stated to have been kept in very fair order.

17. The principal new works in progress during the year were—

Works.	Expenditure in the year.	Amount of Estimate.	Total Expenditure.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Constructing a skew bridge of 3 arches of 30 feet span each on the Salem and Cuddalore road at Krishnapuram	4,000	7,220	5,477
2. Constructing a bridge on the Womalore and Taramungalum road	1,359	4,960	1,359
3. Constructing a road from Mullapuram Railway station to Tenkerikottah	2,693	5,600	4,228
4. Tracing a cart road from the foot of the Shevaroy Hills on the Salem side to Yercaud...	1,211	1,500	1,211
5. Palisading the Periyari and Alagapuram tank bunds ...	900	2,210	2,210
6. Constructing a Choultry at Yercaud...	638	1,500	638
7. Do. a house for the Dresser attached to the Dispensary at Yercaud	120	120	120

18. The Local Fund Board made the following contributions during the year :—

			Rs.	
To Salem Municipality, being Land-cess collected within Municipal limits			170	
To	do.	do. for up-keep of Trunk Roads do. do...	400	
To	do.	do. for Office accommodation.	500	G. O., F. D., dated 15th September 1873, No. 1,308.
To	do.	do. for extension of Dispensary building	500	
		Total...	1,570	

The Accountant-General debits only Rupees 615, which sum is made up of the two first items named above, and Rupees 45 rent of avenues collected within the Municipal limits and paid to the Municipal body, which the President shows under Grant IV. The third and fourth items are shown by the Accountant-General under Grants IV. and III., respectively.

19. The expenditure under Grant I. is thus Rupees 1,30,970 according to the President and Rupees 1,30,014 according to the Accountant-General.

20. Grant II., Education.—As in the previous year there were one Deputy Inspector and three Inspecting Schoolmasters at work, the latter having charge of two taluqs each. Their salaries and allowances aggregated Rupees 2,689, of which Rupees 200 were recovered from the Salem Municipality. The following statement shows the schools visited by the Inspecting Schoolmasters :—

Names of Inspecting Schoolmasters.	Taluqs entrusted to them.	Number of Schools visited.	Average number of visits to each.	Number of Schools newly organized.
B. Subbaroyalu Naidu ...	Salem and Ahtoor ...	87	3	21
T. R. Kistna Row	Tripatore and Utengiri.	64	4	24
T. Streenevassa Row... ...	Namkul and Trichengode.	80	6	20

Rupees 571 were paid in Salary grants. There were five schools of this sort at the beginning of the year. The grant to one was stopped and another was placed on the Results system. Two new schools, one Anglo-Vernacular school at Karapur and Girls' school at Ahtoor, were brought on the list. The grants for the Girls' schools at Ahtoor and Tripatore are paid from Provincial Funds from the commencement of 1874-75. Rupees 2,282 were paid in Results grants to 181 schools out of an allotment of Rupees 4,800. There is a decrease both as regards the number of schools and the grants paid compared with the previous year. The decrease is assigned by the President to the transition state of elementary education in which no advance can be made until the Local Fund Board have completed the task of maturing the general scheme for education. The Board fear, however, that the Results system is not in favor, and that too much attention is directed to schemes for establishing Local Fund schools. The staff of Inspecting Schoolmasters, each of whom has two taluqs, appears to the Board to be too small to admit of much progress being made in the improvement of indigenous schools.

Local Fund Schools at Womalore and Haroor.

21. There were, as in last year, only two Local Fund schools maintained. The following is a statement of their receipts and charges:—

Receipts.	Rs.	*Charges.*	Rs.
Balance	53	Salaries of Teachers	836
Government Grant	270	Do. of Servants	134
Arrears on House-tax	213	Miscellaneous	55
School Fees	101		1,025
Appropriation from the General Fund ...	414	Balance...	26
Total...	1,051	Total...	1,051

The pupils in the Womalore school decreased from 42 on the 31st March 1873 to 37 on the 31st March 1874, and the average attendance was $23\frac{3}{4}$ against $29\frac{1}{4}$ in the previous year. At Haroor there was an increase of pupils from 24 to 28, but the average attendance was 25 against 27 in the previous year. In the former school the extreme carelessness of the Head Master led to the falling off of the school. His dismissal, and the appointment of a better and more experienced man, has caused a manifest improvement. The cause of falling off in the Haroor school was the inability of the single Teacher to attend to the boys divided into three classes, and it has since been remedied by the appointment of an Assistant.

22. The expenditure under Grant II. was Rupees 6,567.

23. Grant III., Sanitation.—As in 1872-73 three* Dispensaries were kept up. The proposed Dispensary at Ahtoor was not established, the building intended for its accommodation not having become available during the year. The charges of the three Dispensaries aggregated Rupees 4,532, as follows:—

* Yercaud, Namcul, and Tripatore.

	Rs.
Medical Subordinates	2,307
Clerks and Servants...	461
Diet of Patients	73
Medicines and Supplies	1,270
Contingencies	312
Rents, furniture, &c.	109
Total...	4,532

and the statistics of patients treated are given below.—

Dispensaries.	In-Patients.					Out-Patients.							Average daily sick.
	Total treated.	Cured.	Died.	Total.	Remaining.	Total treated.	Cured.	Relieved.	Absented.	Died.	Total.	Remaining.	
1. Yercaud	58	52	4	56	2	1,337	1,331	...	...	2	1,333	4	...
2. Namkul	40	35	1	36	4	3,291	3,209	6	8	1	3,215	76	56
3. Tripatore..	...	...	...	...	...	4,315	4,253	...	...	13	4,266	49	$49\frac{1}{4}$
Total...	98	87	5	92	6	8,943	8,784	6	8	16	8,814	129	...

The President has not forwarded copies of the Medical Officers' reports on ...e working of these Dispensaries. They should be sent without delay.

24. The Local Fund Board contributed Rupees 2,000 to the Salem Munici... lity for the Dispensary there.

25. Vaccination cost Rupees 2,207. There were one Superintendent who ...d charge of the two Circles in the district, four 1st Class and seven 2nd Class ...accinators employed: 10,264 persons were vaccinated at a cost of 3 Annas and ... Pies per case, and 94·09 per cent. of the cases were successful. The President ...ates that the work shows improvement compared with that done in the previous ...ear owing to the constant pressure kept up by the Local Fund Board, but the ...esults are not what they should have been, and in his opinion the staff is insuffi... ...ient for the requirements of the Circle. The transfer to the local Board is ...waited in order to revise it.

26. The expenditure on Sanitation is detailed below:—

	Rs.
Removing prickly-pear on village sites	53
Scavengering of towns and villages	3,989
Total ...	4,042

27. The fees from the eleven Travellers' Bungalows in the Circle amounted ... Rupees 250, while the salaries of the Establishment and Contingencies aggre... ...ted Rupees 413: 194 travellers halted in them.

28. The expenditure under Grant III. was Rupees 13,193 according to the ...resident and Rupees 13,693 according to the Accountant-General, who, as already ...xplained, has included under this grant the contribution for the extension of the ...lem Dispensary building.

29. Grant IV., Miscellaneous.—The expenditure under this head, amount... ...g to Rupees 2,309, is made up of the following items:—

	Rs.
Controlling Establishment..	1,998
Contingencies	236
Contribution to the Salem Municipality, being the avenue tamarind tree rent collected within the Municipal limits	45
Contribution to Mittadar of Salem, being the sale proceeds of certain trees	30
Total...	2,309

30. The Accountant-General's debit under Grant IV. is Rupees 2,764. The ...fference has already been explained under Grant I.

31. Balance.—The total expenditure amounted to Rupees 1,57,177, includ... ...g Rupees 4,137 under Miscellaneous Debt Account, leaving a balance of Rupees ...4,587.

OOSSOOR.

32. In the subjoined statement the receipts and charges of the year are compared with those of the previous year :—

Receipts.	1872-73.	1873-74.
	RS.	RS.
1. Balance	— 8,578	—10,911
2. Provincial Grant for roads	8,780	11,010
3. Surplus Pound Fund	675	1,100
4. Ferry rents	733	482
5. Avenues	5,661	5,171
6. Fishery rents	2,197	2,029
7. Miscellaneous	128	71
8. Road-cess under Act III. of 1866	720	284
9. Land-cess under Act IV. of 1871	52,550	66,255
10. Interest on Surplus Pagoda Fund	1,403	645
11. Balance of Bungalow Fee Fund.	329	...
12. Bungalow receipts	644	405
13. Fines and Penalties	2,877	426
14. Sale of Materials	28	62
15. Sale of other Property	22	7
16. Public Works Receipts	161	82
17. Public Works Refund of Expenditure	.....	657
18. Sale of Books	.....	37
19. Contributions	1,809	1,383
20. Miscellaneous	281	161
21. Advances Recoverable	2,018	1,060
Grand Total...	72,438	80,416

Expenditure.	1872-73.	1873-74.
	RS.	RS.
New Works.		
1. Communications ... {By P. W. D.	11,575	11,351
„ Other Agency.	402	15
Repairs.		
2. Communications ... {By P. W. D.	24,717	20,259
„ Other Agency.	17,449	16,800
3. Sanitary and Miscellaneous by do. ...	4,879	2,999
4. Public Works Department General Establishment	9,653	7,915
5. Petty Establishment	1,356	2,914
6. Tools and Plant	420	583
Total Grant I...	70,451	62,836
	1,739	1,846
7. Payment for Inspection	.....	117
8. Local Fund Schools	102	120
9. Salary Grants	768	1,010
10. Results Grants	.....	84
11. Purchase of Books		
Total Grant II...	2,609	3,177
	402	529
12. Vaccine Establishment, &c.	4,981	4,047
13. Sanitary Establishment, &c.	329	659
14. Bungalow Establishment, &c.		
Total Grant III ..	5,712	5,235
15. Establishments at the Presidency and in the Collector's and Local Fund Board's Offices	817	946
	73	55
16. General Contingencies		
17. Excess amount credited to Local Funds in 1871-72 as balance of the preceding year.	1,033	.....
Total Grant IV...	1,923	1,001
18. Advances Recoverable	2,654	1,204
Total Expenditure...	83,349	73,453
19. Balance	—10,911	6,963
Grand Total...	72,438	80,416

33. RECEIPTS.—The year commenced with a deficit of Rupees 10,911, thus—

	RS.
Road Fund Balance...	— 15,127
Endowment do.	+ 1,403
General do.	+ 2,813
Total...	— 10,911

34. The actual receipts of the year, which were Rupees 10,311 more than in the previous year, aggregated Rupees 91,327, and the total assets after deducting the deficit were Rupees 80,416.

35. The Provincial grant for roads was raised from Rupees 8,780 to Rupees 11,010 in consideration of the small amount at the disposal of the Local Fund Board, and of the heavy charge falling on them for repairs.

36. The Road and Land-cess receipts increased by Rupees 13,269 as compared with the collections of the previous year, and were Rupees 20,539 in excess of the estimate of the year 1873-74 owing to realization of the arrears outstanding.

37. EXPENDITURE, GRANT I., PUBLIC WORKS.—The amounts assigned for Public Works according to the Registers in this Office were—

	RS.	RS.
New Works.		
Communications by Public Works Department ...	10,999	10,999
Repairs.		
Communications by Public Works Department...	20,250	
Do. by Other Agency	16,950	
Sanitary and Miscellaneous by Other Agency ...	3,000	40,200
Total...		51,199

38. The actual expenditure was—

	RS.	RS.
New Works.		
Communications by Public Works Department...	11,350	
Do. by Other Agency	15	11,365
Repairs.		
Communications by Public Works Department...	20,259	
Do. by Other Agency	16,800	
Sanitary and Miscellaneous by Other Agency ...	2,999	40,058
Total...		51,423

These figures agree with those of the Accountant-General and Controller. On the whole 100·43 per cent. of the allotment was expended, 103·32 per cent. under New Works, and 99·64 per cent. under Repairs. The expenditure under New Works exceeded the sanctioned allotment by Rupees 366, owing it is said to the highly favorable character of the season, not a satisfactory explanation for outlay without sanction. It appears that a larger amount might have been expended, but funds were not available and work had to be stopped as early as December 1873.

39. The expenditure on Establishment was as follows :—

	President and Accountant-General.	Controller.
	RS.	RS.
Public Works Department General Establishment.	7,915	7,870
Petty Establishment	2,914	1,691
Total...	10,829	9,561

40. The difference in the first item is the amount of a refund which is deducted from the expenditure by the Controller and credited by the Accountant-General. The difference in the second item is caused by the Accountant-General taking in a debit appertaining to the previous year. The Controller's

charge for supervision was 24·88 per cent. on the expenditure by the Public Works Department.

41. In paragraph 43 of his Report the Vice-President comments upon the unsatisfactory way in which the roads were maintained by the Department Public Works. It is said that there is a marked contrast between these roads and the roads maintained by the Revenue Department, and that roads recently transferred to the Department Public Works have deteriorated since the transfer. It is not stated which class of roads bear the heaviest traffic. The local Board also complain of the high charge for Public Works Department supervision, but they forget that a portion of it is covered by the Establishment grant made from Provincial Funds.

42. The President has not reported the number of miles of road maintained, completed, and in progress. The omission should be supplied at once. One bridge of 20 feet span was completed, the abutments and wing-walls of another were built up to the spring of the arches, ten tunnels, thirteen road dams, and four culverts were completed and avenues were maintained.

43. The new works in progress during the year were—

Works.	Expenditure in the year.	Amount of the Estimate.	Total Expenditure.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Road from Kristnagiri to Maharajagady, 7 miles ...	2,431	7,480	5,506
2. Constructing a skew bridge of 20 feet span on the 12th mile of the road from Palcode to Adamanpottah ...	511	2,500	2,491
3. Road from Cauveripetnam to Palcode	1,523	7,100	3,500
4. Constructing a bridge across the Chinnar river on the 2nd mile of the road from Oossoor to Maloor	5,000	11,000	6,311
5. Road from Maharajagady to Vartnapally	1,885	4,070	3,124

44. The expenditure under Grant I. was Rupees 62,835.

45. Grant II., Education.—One Deputy Inspector and one Inspecting Schoolmaster were employed as in the previous year. One Inspecting Schoolmaster is quite insufficient for three taluqs, but an increase has since been sanctioned. Thirty-five schools against 32 in the previous year were examined for Results grants, and Rs. 1,010 were disbursed to 34 schools. The small number of schools examined in Darampury is said to be owing to the fact that, though schools were ready for examination, the allotment given having been expended it was considered useless to examine schools when there were no funds to pay the grants from. But this explanation is unsatisfactory, as the allotment might easily have been increased had the local Board suggested that measure. The General Fund closed with a balance of 8,020 Rupees. Rupees 119 were paid in Salary grants to two* schools.

14	Oossoor Taluq.
13	Kristnagiri.
8	Darampury.
35	

* Dowlatabad and Mullappadi.

46. In G. O., Financial Department, dated 5th December 1873, No. 1,769, sanction was accorded to the proposal of the Local Fund Board to take over the

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London Mission Caste Girls' school at Kristnagiri. The charges of the school aggregated Rupees 117, as follows:—

	Rs.
Salary of Teacher	88
Do. of Servants	11
Miscellaneous	18
Total ...	117

Under G. O., Financial Department, dated 14th January 1874, No. 42, the school is now supported from Provincial Funds.

47. The expenditure under Grant II. was Rupees 3,177.

48. Grant III., Sanitation.—There were no Dispensaries in the Circle.

49. Four Local Fund Vaccinators were employed and cost the Local Fund Rupees 529: 2,710 persons were vaccinated at a cost of Annas 3·1 per case, and 76·12 per cent. of the cases were successful. Besides these four Vaccinators paid from the Price Vaccination Fund operated on 7,277 persons, and 79·02 per cent. of the operations were successful. The cost was Rupees 434, or 11 Pies per case, a highly satisfactory result. The percentages of success seem low.

50. The expenditure on Sanitation is detailed below:—

	Rs.
Cleansing and repairing 13 wells	357
Removing prickly-pear	133
Sanitary Establishment, &c...	3,557
Total...	4,047

Rupees 1,330 of this expenditure was met from the Surplus Pagoda Fund.

51. There were eight Travellers' Bungalows under the control of the Local Fund Board in 1872-73. In the year under report the Bungalow at the foot of the Toppoor ghaut was purchased for Rupees 200. The charges of the Bungalows are given below:—

	Rs.
Salary of Sepoys	344
Contingencies...	81
Furniture and sundries...	34
Total ...	459

The receipts were Rupees 361. Two hundred and thirty-two travellers halted in the Bungalows.

52. The expenditure under Grant III. was Rupees 5,235.

53. Grant IV., Miscellaneous.—The expenditure under Grant IV. for Establishments and general contingencies was Rupees 1,001.

54. Balance.—The total expenditure, including Rupees 1,204 debited to the Miscellaneous Debt Account, was Rupees 73,453, leaving a balance of Rupees 6,963.

BOTH CIRCLES.

55. The President is requested to state, as early as possible, the total number of members, official and non-official, on each Board; the number of Meetings held

during the year; and the average attendance of each class of members at the Meeting, reporting at the same time how the system of Local Fund Board has worked.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 288. ORDER THEREON, 29th April 1875, No. 958.

SALEM.—The increase in the percentage borne by the expenditure on public works to the allotments is satisfactory; but with the large closing balance of Rupees 54,587 the Government must express their dissatisfaction that more funds were not allotted for expenditure in time to admit of their being utilized within the year.

2. In paragraph 43 of the report it is said that, owing to the exertions of the Inspecting Officers "the number of village schools during the year under report considerably increased and their character improved." The Government are unable to reconcile this statement with the fact that a comparison with the previous year shows a decrease both as regards the number of schools and the grants paid.

3. OOSSOOR.—As remarked by the Board of Revenue the highly favorable character of a season affords no satisfactory ground for incurring expenditure without sanction. With reference to the complaint made regarding the high charge for supervision the Board of Revenue will furnish all Local Fund Boards with a copy of paragraph 3 of G.O., dated 9th April 1875, No. 800, with the intimation that the Government do not at present see their way to make any more liberal arrangements. The propriety of sanctioning the entertainment of separate Local Fund Public Works Establishments is under consideration, but compliance with the proposal made by the Oossoor Local Fund Board that the repairs of all roads should be entrusted to the Revenue Department is quite out of the question.

4. The Government learn with much dissatisfaction that though there were ample funds on hand a number of schools ready for examination were left unexamined on the plea that the Budget allotment had been expended. The President will report whether any application for an increased allotment was made by the Educational Officers of the District.

(True Extract.)

Offg. Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Accountant-General.
,, Sanitary Commissioner.
,, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
,, Director of Public Instruction.
,, President of the Municipal Commission, Salem.

Exd J. Tulloch.

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