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Local Funds—Reports.

No. 114. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th June 1876, No. 1636.

Read again the following Reports from the President of the Local Fund Boards, Salem District, dated 15th and 21st October 1875, Nos. 1,248 and 1,269.

THE Local Fund Reports of the Salem and Oosoor Circles for 1874-75 will be submitted for the information of Government.

SALEM CIRCLE.

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

Receipts.	1873-74.	1874-75.	Expenditure.	1873-74.	1874-75.
	RS.	RS.	<i>New Works.</i>	RS.	RS.
1. Balance.....	14,191	54,587	1. Communications. { P. W. D.	9,264	12,485
2. Provincial Grant for Roads.	25,000	25,000	{ O. Agency.	1,670	2,780
3. Do. for Schools	270	270	2. Sanitary and Mis- { P. W. D.	768	699
4. Surplus Pound Fund	2,200	2,000	{ O. Agency.	...	2,052
5. Ferry Rents.....	3,184	2,288			
6. Avenues	2,960	12,611	<i>Repairs.</i>		
7. Fishery Rents.....	1,099	2,099	3. Communications. { P. W. D.	85,822	88,541
8. Miscellaneous (Special Funds)	125	102	{ O. Agency.	55,645	58,336
9. Road-cess.....	443	442	4. Sanitary and Mis- collaneous	5,355	5,951
10. Land-cess.....	1,49,805	1,18,530	5. Public Works Department General Establishment.....	11,480	12,982
11. Tolls	1,100	710	6. Petty Establishment	5,252	3,988
12. House-tax	214	...	7. Charges in connection with Tolls and Ferries.....	...	38
13. Fees in Schools and Training institutions	101	134	8. Tools and Plant.....	4,153	749
14. Contribution from the Salem Municipality	824	599	9. Contingencies.....	...	71
15. Interest on Surplus Pagoda Funds	1,390	1,290	10. Contributions.....	1,571	2,900
16. Sale of Books	...	11	11. Amount paid to Salem Municipality being the Road-cess collection within the limits.....	...	123
17. Hospitals and Dispensaries.	...	...			
18. Fees, Rents, &c., on Bungalows	250	401	<i>Total, Grant I...</i>	1,30,970	1,41,895
19. Fines and Penalties	301	405			
20. Sale of Materials, &c.....	61	16	12. Payment for Inspection	2,689	1,477
21. Sale of other property	1	32	13. Local Fund Schools	1,025	883
22. Contribution on account of sanitary purposes	1,881	2,599	14. Salary Grants.....	571	260
23. Public Works Receipts	...	9	15. Results do.	2,282	3,290
24. Do. Refunds of Expenditure.....	1,251	449	16. Purchase of Books, &c.....	...	317
25. Miscellaneous	595	2,825			
26. Do. Debt Account...	5,168	3,019	<i>Total, Grant II...</i>	6,567	6,176
			17. Hospitals and Dispensaries ...	4,532	5,830
			18. Vaccine Establishment	2,207	2,307
			19. Sanitary do.	4,042	5,168
			20. Choultries do.	...	187
			21. Bungalow do.	413	553
			22. Contributions	2,000	2,290
			<i>Total, Grant III...</i>	13,194	19,245
			23. Establishments at the Presidency, &c., and contingencies.	2,234	2,178
			24. Amount transferred to Bungalow Fund	...	1,315
			25. Refunds erroneously credited to Local Funds	75	...
			<i>Total, Grant IV...</i>	2,309	3,493
			26. Miscellaneous Debt Account ...	4,137	3,030
			<i>Total Expenditure...</i>	1,57,177	1,73,839
			Balance...	54,587	51,779
<i>Grand Total...</i>	2,11,764	2,25,618	<i>Grand Total...</i>	2,11,764	2,25,618

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3. RECEIPTS.—The actual receipts of the year exclusive of the balance were Rupees 1,71,031 or Rupees 26,542 less than in the previous year. There was an increase in ten items, but it was large only in one, *viz.*, Avenues, which produced Rupees 9,651 more than in the previous year owing to the rent of the Tamarind trees along the avenues in the Tripatore Taluq for the years 1871-72, 1872-73 and 1873-74, which was erroneously credited to the Jungle Conservancy Fund, Proceedings, dated 12th Oct. 1874, No. 2,966. having been, under the orders of the Board, transferred to Local Funds in the year under report. On the other hand, there was a decrease in eleven items, but the decrease is comparatively small except under Land-cess which yielded Rupees 35,775 less than in the previous year. This is ascribed to the fact that the arrears having been realized in the previous year, the collection in 1874-75 was confined to the current demand, which could not be fully realized owing to a little slackness on the part of the Tahsildars notwithstanding the pressure put upon them by the Collector.

4. EXPENDITURE, GRANT I., PUBLIC WORKS.—The following allotments were sanctioned on account of Public Works:—

New Works.		RS.	RS.
Communications ...	{ Public Works Department ...	13,276	
	{ Other Agency ...	3,080	
Sanitary and Miscellaneous.	{ Public Works Department ...	861	
	{ Other Agency ...	2,060	
			19,277
Repairs.			
Communications ...	{ Public Works Department ...	40,100	
	{ Other Agency ...	66,920	
Sanitary and Miscellaneous..	Do. ...	6,500	
			1,13,520
Total ...			1,32,797

This does not include a sum of Rupees 1,500 sanctioned from the General Fund Reserve in Board's Proceedings, dated 18th August 1874, Miscellaneous No. 5,609, for constructing a bandy-stand at Tripatore. The President appears to have placed this allotment under "Contributions."

5. The actual expenditure was—

New Works.		President and Acct.-General.	Examiner.
		RS.	RS.
Communications ...	{ Public Works Department.	12,485	12,447
	{ Other Agency ...	2,780	2,780
Tolls and Ferries ...	Public Works Department.	38	38
Sanitary and Miscellaneous..	{ Public Works Department.	899	899
	{ Other Agency ...	2,052	2,052
		18,254	18,216
Repairs.			
Communications ...	{ Public Works Department.	38,541	38,541
	{ Other Agency ...	58,336	58,336
Sanitary and Miscellaneous..	Do. ...	5,951	5,951
		1,02,828	1,02,828
Total ...		1,21,082	1,21,044

6. There is a difference of Rupees 38 between the figures of the President and Accountant-General, and those of the Examiner. The amount is a recovery of expenditure which the Examiner deducts from the gross expenditure, but which the Accountant-General credits to the receipts.

7. Taking the Examiner's figures, the total expenditure was 91.14 per cent. of the total sanctioned allotment. Under New Works, 94.49 per cent. of the allotment was expended, and under Repairs 90.49 per cent. Contrasting these results with those obtained in the previous year, it is observed that there was a great increase in the percentage of expenditure to allotment under New Works, but a decrease in the percentage under Repairs chiefly owing to short expenditure by "Other Agency." This is attributed to heavy rains and fever of a severe type in the Tripatore and Uttengherry Taluqs, which prevented work being executed to advantage.

8. The charge on account of establishment was as follows:—

	President and Acct.-General.	Examiner.
	RS.	RS.
Public Works Department Supervision ...	12,982	12,982
Petty Establishment under Other Agency...	3,983	4,054
Total ...	16,965	17,036

9. The first item is exactly 25 per cent. of the expenditure by the Public Works Department as given by the Examiner. The second item as given by the Examiner is Rupees 71 more than that given by the President and Accountant-General. The cause of this difference cannot be traced in this office. The Accountant-General is requested to explain the discrepancy.

10. With reference to paragraph 33 of the Circle Report, the Board observe that the cost of the Local Fund Petty Establishment, which is exclusively under the control of the Revenue Department, has been correctly charged to Local Funds in addition to the contribution of 25 per cent. on the expenditure by the Public Works Department for the supervision of Local Fund works by that Department—*vide* Board's Proceedings, dated 8th November 1875, Miscellaneous No. 10,062.

11. About 920 miles of road were maintained, three-and-half miles of new road completed, and three miles were in progress. Excepting a few roads in the Head Assistant Collector's division, the roads in the Circle under both Public Works and Revenue Officers are stated to have been kept in fair order. The general state of communications is reported to have been greatly improved. Besides road works, the Chuttrum at Yerkaud was under construction and was nearly completed. The conversion of the Ahtur Taluq Cutcherry into a building for a dispensary was in progress. Six travellers' bungalows were repaired, sundry minor works were executed in connection with hospitals, soldiers' sheds, &c., and avenues were maintained.

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12. The principal new works in progress were—

Items.	Estimate.	Expenditure in the year.	Total Expenditure.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Constructing a Bridge on the Woomalore and Taramangalam Road	4,960	2,952	4,311
2. Constructing a Skew-bridge of three arches thirty feet span each across Kistnapuram River on the road from Salem to Cuddalore.	7,220	1,760	7,236
3. Tracing a cart road from the foot of the Shevaroy Hills on the Salem side to Yercaud and cutting it into a bridle-path... ..	3,760	2,460	3,671
4. Constructing a road from Mullapuram to Tengericotah	5,600	1,347	5,576
5. Constructing a road from Tripatore to Poodoopet	3,770	1,774	1,774
6. Converting old Taluq Cutcherry at Athur into a Dispensary	2,060	2,052	2,052

13. A sum of Rupees 3,028 was paid in contributions as follows:—

	RS.
To Salem Municipality for Town Road	400
Do. do. for Office accommodation	500
Do. do. for Hospital extension	500
Do. being the Road-cess collected within the limits	128
Towards erection of a Bandy-stand at Tripatore	1,500
Total	3,028

It is not apparent why the expenditure of Rupees 1,500 for the bandy-stand at Tripatore is shown as a contribution. The President will explain.

14. The expenditure under Grant I. was Rupees 1,41,895.

15. GRANT II., EDUCATION.—Three Inspecting Schoolmasters were employed at a cost of Rupees 1,477, of which Rupees 100 were recovered from the Salem Municipality. They visited 177 villages and prepared for inspection 3 salary grant, 101 results grant and 118 other schools. The work accomplished by the staff shows improvement over that of the previous year.

16. The two Local Fund (Middle-class) schools at Woomalore and Haroor were maintained at a cost of Rupees 833. The income being Rupees 404. The average attendance of pupils was twenty-eight at Woomalore and thirty-six at Haroor, showing an increase of four and eleven pupils, respectively, as compared with the attendance during the previous year. The schools are reported to have improved in quality also.

17. The scheme for establishing fifty-eight schools sanctioned in G.O., Financial Department, dated 27th October 1874, No. 1,834, was not introduced during the year under report, as almost all the schools embraced in the scheme had already been examined and paid their results grant.

18. A sum of Rupees 259 was paid in salary grants to three schools with sixty-three pupils, and results grants aggregating Rupees 3,290 were paid to one hundred and one schools with 2,250 pupils.

19. The expenditure under Grant II. was Rupees 6,176.

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20. GRANT III., SANITATION.—Four dispensaries were maintained, of which the one at Athur was opened on the 11th December 1874. The charges aggregated Rupees 5,830 as follows:—

	RS.
Medical Subordinates	2,976
Clerks and Servants	544
Diet of Patients... ..	181
Medicines, &c.	1,499
Contingencies	320
Miscellaneous, Rent, Furniture	310
Total	5,830

21. The subjoined statement shows the working of the institutions:—

Dispensaries.	1873-74.	1874-75.			Discharged.	Died.	Remained.
	In and Out-patients.	In-patients.	Out-patients.	Total.			
	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.
1. Yercaud... ..	1,395	64	1,406	1,470	1,436	11	23
2. Namkul... ..	3,331	45	2,527	2,572	2,506	1	65
3. Tripatore	4,315	7	4,405	4,412	4,373	8	31
4. Athur	...	...	1,223	1,223	1,213	...	10
Total	9,041	116	9,561	9,677	9,426	20	129

22. As regards old dispensaries the results were in advance of those obtained in the previous year, except at Namkul where there was a large falling off in the number of out-patients which is not explained. The dispensaries are in charge of Medical Officers of the Warrant Grade, but the President is anxious to replace them by Hospital Assistants as soon as officers of the latter grade are available.

23. As in the previous year, one Superintendent who supervised the work in both Circles and eleven Vaccinators were employed: 9,714 persons were vaccinated at a cost of 3 Annas 9½ Pies per case and 91.77 per cent. of the cases were successful. These results show a falling off as compared with those of the previous year. This is ascribed to fever and the heavy rains in the Tripatore and Uttengherry Taluqs interfering with the work of the Vaccinators.

24. The expenditure on Sanitation was Rupees 3,168 out of an allotment of Rupees 12,000 as follows:—

	RS.
Improvement of Water-supply... ..	2,136
Do. Village-sites	1,150
Scavenging Establishment, &c.	4,787
Feeding Paupers in the Athur Poor-house	95
Total	8,168

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25. A sum of Rupees 2,635 out of this expenditure was met from the Surplus Pagoda Fund, the receipts of which aggregated that amount in the year under report as follows:—

27. The outlay under Choultries, *viz.*, Rupees 187, represents the expenditure incurred on lighting and establishments for the Chuttrums at Sooramangalam and Jollarpet Railway Stations.

28. Three-hundred and eighty-nine travellers used the eleven bungalows under the control of the Local Fund Board, paying Rupees 401 in fees, &c., for the accommodation. The cost of the establishment and contingencies aggregated Rupees 552, and that of repairs to six bungalows Rupees 547, making in all Rupees 1,099.

	RS.
For the Dispensary at Salem	2,000
For Poor-house at Salem, G.O., Financial Department, dated 13th January 1875, No. 58... ..	200
Total ...	2,200

30. The expenditure under Grant III. was Rupees 19,245.

31. GRANT IV., MISCELLANEOUS.—The charges under Grant IV. were—

Establishment	Rs.
General Contingencies	1,948
Amount transferred to Bungalow Fund, <i>vide</i> G.O., Financial Department, dated 29th May 1875, No. 1,167...	230
	1,314
Total	3,488

32. BALANCE.—The total expenditure including Rupees 3,030 debited to the Miscellaneous Debt Account aggregated Rupees 1,73,839, leaving a balance of Rupees 51,779.

33. LOCAL FUND BOARD.—Excluding the President, there were twelve official and eighteen non-official members. Thirteen meetings were held with an average attendance of 5.54 official and 2.84 non-official members.

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36. EXPENDITURE, GRANT I., PUBLIC WORKS.—A sum of Rupees 47,951 was allotted for Public Works as follows:—

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37. The actual expenditure was—

	President and Acct-General.	Examiner.
	RS.	RS.
New Works. { Communications, By Public Works Department	8,744	8,665
{ Communications, By Other Agency.	50	...
	8,794	8,665
Repairs ... { Communications, By Public Works Department	14,387	14,387
{ Communications, By Other Agency.	16,725	16,725
{ Sanitary and Miscellaneous, By Other Agency	4,313	4,313
	35,425	35,425
Total...	44,219	44,090

38. The differences in the first and second items between the accounts of the President and Accountant-General and those of the Examiner are owing to recoveries of expenditure effected under those heads being deducted from the gross expenditure in the one case and credited as receipts in the other. There was short expenditure by the Public Works Department under New Works. The Vice-President mentions that the short outlay was in connection with three works, and that although the Public Works Department were frequently urged to press forward with these works, the Board's representations were disregarded by the officer then in charge of the range. The expenditure under New Works was 73.95 per cent. of the sanctioned allotment, and that under Repairs 98.31 per cent. On the whole 91.94 per cent. of allotments were expended.

39. The expenditure on Establishment was as follows:—

	President.	Acct.-Genl. and Examiner.
	RS.	RS.
Public Works Department General Establishment	3,833	5,763
Petty Establishment	1,950	1,950
	5,783	7,713

The difference in the first item between the accounts of the President and those of the Accountant-General and Examiner is owing to the deduction by the President of the cost of the Petty Establishment from the total charge for supervision. As already explained in the case of the other Circle, the charge for Petty Establishment, which in this district works exclusively under the Revenue Department, has been ordered to be treated as an additional charge besides the 25 per cent. The debit made by the Examiner is 25 per cent. on the expenditure by the Public Works Department as given by him.

40. Four hundred and forty-four miles of road were maintained in fair order, 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles of new road were completed, and 16 miles of road were under construction. Seven Bungalows and six Chuttrums were repaired, and avenues were maintained.

41. The following new road works were in progress:—

Items.	Amount of Estimate.	Expenditure in the year.	Total Expenditure.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Road from Kistnagiri to Maharajahidi	7,480	1,492	6,998
2. Do. from Caveripatnam to Palcode... ..	7,100	2,616	6,116
3. Do. from Maharajahidi to Vartanapully	4,070	957	4,081
4. Constructing a bridge across the Chinnar River on the road from Oosoor to Maloor.	10,000	3,601	9,912

42. The expenditure under Grant I. was Rupees 50,846 according to the President, and Rupees 52,776 according to the Accountant-General.

43. GRANT II., EDUCATION.—Two Inspecting Schoolmasters appear to have been employed, the second Inspecting Schoolmaster having been appointed during the year under the sanction conveyed in G.O., Financial Department, dated 26th August 1874, No. 1,432. One hundred and ninety-eight villages were visited and two salary grant, forty-four results grant, seventeen Local Fund, and thirty other schools were prepared for inspection.

44. The Budget provided for the establishment of twenty-nine Local Fund schools chiefly by the conversion of the existing results grant schools into Local Fund schools. The Government approved the proposal, but desired that the schools should be conducted on the combined salary and results grant system as recommended by the Director of Public Instruction. Only sixteen schools, however, were eventually opened somewhat late in the year. Their receipts and charges are shown below:—

Receipts.	Amount.	Expenditure.	Amount
	RS.		RS.
School Fees	485	1. Fixed Salaries... ..	1,106
		2. Results Grants	1,052
		3. Miscellaneous	80
Total ...	485	Total ...	2,238

45. Results grants were paid to only fourteen schools which were examined, one school having been closed and the other not having been ready for examination. There were 522 scholars attending the fifteen schools on the 31st March 1875.

46. Salary grants aggregating Rupees 157 were paid to three schools with 114 pupils.

47. Rupees 294 were paid in results grants, but the number of schools is not stated. The President will supply the omission, reporting at the same time the average attendance of pupils at the schools.

48. The expenditure under Grant II. was Rupees 3,467.

49. GRANT III., SANITATION.—The Budget provided for the establishment of a new dispensary at Kistnagiri, but it was subsequently located at Dharampuri

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instead, under the sanction conveyed in G.O., Financial Department, dated 11th May 1874, No. 815. The institution was opened late in the year (16th September 1874), and cost Rupees 885. Two thousand nine hundred and twenty-four out-patients were treated, of whom 2,769 were discharged, 11 died and 144 remained.

50. Six Vaccinators vaccinated 5,610 persons at a cost of 2 Annas and 4 Pies per person, and 83.70 per cent. of the operations were successful. Besides these, four Vaccinators paid from the Price Vaccination Fund operated on 4,534 persons. The attention of the Sanitary Commissioner is requested to the remarks of the Vice-President at paragraph 32 regarding the absence of supervision.

51. A sum of Rupees 6,236 was expended on Sanitation as detailed below:—

	RS.
1. Cleansing Tanks and Wells	2,209
2. Removing Prickly-pear	665
3. Scavengering Towns and Villages	3,362
Total	6,236

Rupees 1,363 of this expenditure was met from the Surplus Pagoda Fund credited to this Circle.

52. The establishment, &c., charges of the nine bungalows under the control of the Local Fund Board amounted to Rupees 481, and repairs to seven bungalows to Rupees 393. Against this expenditure Rupees 336 were realized as fees from 225 travellers.

53. The expenditure under Grant III. was Rupees 8,409.

54. GRANT IV., MISCELLANEOUS.—The expenditure under Grant IV. was Rupees 1,389.

55. BALANCE.—The total expenditure including Rupees 1,404 debited to the Miscellaneous Debt Account and Balance were—

	President.	Accountant-General.
	RS.	RS.
Expenditure... ..	65,515	67,445
Balance	11,844	9,914
Total	77,359	77,359

56. LOCAL FUND BOARD.—There were eight official and eleven non-official members on the Board. Twelve meetings were held with an average attendance of four official and three non-official members. The interest taken by the non-official members in the business of the Board is stated to be increasing.

57. Statements showing the receipts and charges in both Circles on account of Roads, Education and Sanitation are appended as directed by Government.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

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No. 115. ORDER THEREON, 21st July 1876, No. 1275.

Ordered to be recorded. The special statements submitted by the Board show that there were large unexpended balances under Education and Sanitation. The limited expenditure under the former head was due to the late date at which the schemes for the establishment of schools in these Circles were sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

W. H. French
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

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- .. Sanitary Commissioner.
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