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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

17th July 1878, No. 1248.

Local Funds—Tramways.

Read the following paper:—

No. 86. *Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th June 1878, No. 1596.*

Read the following letters:—

From H. J. STOKES, Esq., Acting President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd May 1878, No. 42.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Miscellaneous No. 4263, dated 29th April 1878, I have the honor to submit copy of the Proceedings, No. 60 of 1878, passed by the Local Fund Board, Madura Circle, expressing their opinion on the subject of raising the land-cess from 9 Pies to 1 Anna in the rupee, with reference to the proposal to have a tramway constructed from Dindigul to join the Madras Railway reported on in my No. 158, dated 13th May 1878.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Proceedings of the Local Fund Board, Madura Circle, dated 20th May 1878, No. 60.

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Read Revenue Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 4263, dated 29th April 1878, forwarding copy of G.O., dated 1st April 1878, No. 606, and calling for an expression of the Madura Circle Board's views regarding an enhancement of the land-cess from 9 Pies to 1 Anna in the rupee to meet interest on a loan for the construction of a tramway proposed to be opened from Madura to Ramnad and Keelakarai.

The Board is of opinion that it is highly undesirable in the present season to take any steps that will have the effect of increasing local burdens. They observe that they have before them no means of estimating the probable financial result of making a tramway, and think that in default of full statistics they are not in a position to recommend allotment of Local Fund money towards an undertaking which may end in loss.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. J. STOKES,
Acting President.

From H. J. STOKES, Esq., Acting President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 4th June 1878, No. 46.

In continuation of my letter, dated the 22nd May 1878, No. 42, I have the honor to submit copy of the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board of the Dindigul Circle, No. 60 of 1878, expressing their opinion on the subject of raising the land-cess from 9 Pies to 1 Anna in the rupee, with reference to the proposal to have a tramway constructed from Dindigul to join the Madras Railway reported on in my No. 158, dated 13th May 1878.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Extract from the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board, Dindigul Circle, passed at a Special Meeting held on the 31st May 1878.

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Read President's foot-note to Revenue Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 4263, dated 29th April 1878, forwarding copy of G.O., dated 1st April 1878, No. 606, and calling for an expression of the Board's views regarding an enhancement of the land-cess from 9 Pies to 1 Anna in the rupee to meet the prime cost of constructing steam tramways instead of roads in the district.

Read also Extract from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board, Madura Circle, No. 66, of 20th May 1878.

The question on which the Board has to decide is, whether it is expedient to enhance the land-cess from 9 Pies to 1 Anna per rupee to provide tramways along the main roads of this district so constructed as not to interfere with existing roads and consequently not relieving the Local Fund Board altogether of the cost of those roads.

2. The opinion of the members present is in accordance with the opinion of the Madura Board, that for the present no extra burden should be laid on the people. The cultivators have not benefited in this dry district by the high prices prevalent during the famine as on the average they have had but li the surplus over what they require for consumption.

3. Whether the construction of such tramway will pay hereafter and whether the land-cess should be raised to meet the cost of their construction, can only be decided on after a careful estimate for this district such as that framed by Mr. Thomas for Tanjore, of the advantages to be gained, and the probable financial results.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. J. STOKES,
Acting President.

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2. The project of a railway from Madura to Ramnad, &c., is certainly a promising one at first sight, and it is very desirable indeed that it should be thoroughly investigated with a view to a determination being arrived at as to whether it should be carried out or not. The Board are not aware how the expenses of such an investigation can be met, but in the face of the earnest expression of opinion by the Local Fund Board, they would not advocate raising the cess this year.

3. If the cost of the examination of the proposed line can be met, the sources whence this work, if approved, can be carried out must be decided upon hereafter.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 87. ORDER THEREON, 17th July 1878, No. 1248.

Recorded, pending the receipt of the figures and estimates which have been and still are in course of investigation.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Public Works Department.
" Revenue Department.

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