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Local Funds—Reports.

No. 116. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd June 1876, No. 1454 :—

Read report from the President of the Local Fund Board, Coimbatore Circle, dated 27th November 1875, No. 58.

THE Local Fund Report of the Coimbatore Circle for 1874-75 will be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The annexed statement shows in one view the receipts and disbursements of the year compared with those of the previous year :—

Receipts.	1873-74.	1874-75.	Disbursements.	1873-74.	1874-75.
	RS.	RS.	New Works.	RS.	RS.
1. Opening Balance	45,374	— 18,996			
2. Provincial Grant for Roads	22,945	21,718	1. Communications... { By P.W.D.	74,223	54,627
3. Do. for Schools	1,650	2,050	{ By Other		
4. Surplus Pound Fund	3,799	2,815	{ Agency.	250	1,933
5. Ferry Rents	6,065	6,285	2. Educational... { By P.W.D.	1,487	1,639
6. Arenues	1,573	1,390	{ By P.W.D.	4,268	5,759
7. Fishery Rents	1,102	787	3. Sanitary and Mis- { By Other		
8. Road-coss	51	3	cellaneous. { Agency.	2,952	1,460
9. Land do.	1,79,500	1,86,826			
10. Tolls	7,740	5,931	Repairs.		
11. School Fees	44	84	4. Communications... { By P.W.D.	1,15,527	1,13,283
12. Contr. from Nilgiri { By Other			{ Agency.	8,546	10,292
" " " { By P.W.D.			{ By Other		
" " " { Agency.			{ Agency.	2,872	1,510
14. Contribution to Coimbatore { By P.W.D.			5. Public Works Department Sa- { By P.W.D.		
Municipality for Inspection. { By Other			{ Agency.	50,117	39,216
15. Contribution to Erode Mu- { By P.W.D.			{ By Other	5,048	27
nicipality for Inspection... { Agency.			7. Petty Establishment.....	1,697	621
16. Contribution to Erode Mu- { By P.W.D.					
nicipality for Vaccination... { By Other			Total, Grant I ...	2,69,564	2,11,887
17. Sale-proceeds of Books	50	50			
18. Hospitals and Dispensaries...	212	200	9. Inspection	6,383	2,343
19. Government grant for Chut- { By P.W.D.			10. Local Fund Schools	861	893
trums	4,848	4,943	11. Salary Grants	31	410
20. Market Rents	2,364	8,140	12. Results do.	13,256	11,847
21. Sale of Materials	181	19	13. Purchase of Books.....	625	540
22. Do. of other property.....	192	22			
23. Do. of manure of bandy- { By P.W.D.			Total, Grant II ...	21,151	16,543
petta	...	165			
24. Bungalow fees	658	257	14. Hospitals and Dispensaries	5,471	7,310
25. Contribution for works from { By P.W.D.			15. Vaccine Establishment, &c.....	2,343	2,393
private individuals	3,317	2,355	16. Sanitary do.	675	4,369
26. Public Works receipts.....	129	80	17. Markets	523	5,732
27. Refunds of expenditure	6,336	12,179	18. Choultries	2,940	3,043
28. Miscellaneous	1	...	19. Bungalows	463	168
29. Do. Debt Account.	1,218	1,091	20. Contributions.....	859	2,350
			Total, Grant III ...	13,174	26,265
			21. Establishment at the Presidency { By P.W.D.		
			and in the Collector's and Local { By Other		
			Fund Board's offices.....	3,096	3,150
			22. Other items	365	55
			Total, Grant IV ...	3,464	3,185
			23. Miscellaneous Debt Accounts...	2,459	413
			Total Expenditure ...	3,00,810	2,58,292
			Balance ...	18,896	19,095
Grand Total ...	2,90,814	2,39,197	Grand Total ...	2,90,814	2,39,197

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3. RECEIPTS.—The year commenced with a deficit of Rupees 18,996 made up as shown in the margin. The actual receipts amounted to Rupees 2,58,193 and exceeded those of the previous year by Rupees 12,753. This was the result of a gross increase of Rupees 19,780 in seven items against a gross decrease

Road Fund	—	RS. 32,841
Endowment Fund ...	+	316
General do.	+	13,529
Total	—	18,996

of Rupees 7,027 in nineteen items. The decreases are all of small amount except under Provincial Grant for roads and tolls. The Provincial Grant included Rupees 20,240 ordinary grant and Rupees 1,748 special grant credited with reference to G. O., Financial Department, dated 19th June 1875, No. 1,314. In 1873-74, the special grant amounted to Rupees 2,705. As regards tolls, the decrease was chiefly due to the fact that in the year under report the collections were made at three gates only against four in the previous year.

4. The increases are important under Land-cess, Market-rents and Refunds of Public Works expenditure. The Land-cess collections were Rupees 7,326 more than in 1873-74 when there was a falling off owing to the threatened scarcity.

5. Market-rents increased by Rupees 5,776 in consequence of the extension of the fee system in markets, with reference to G. O., Financial Department, dated 21st November 1873, No. 1,701.

6. A sum of Rupees 12,179, or Rupees 5,843 more than in the previous year, was credited as refunds of Public Works expenditure and is made up of:—

New Works, Communications. Public Works Department....	RS. 8,723
Public Works Supervision	2,014
Petty Establishment... ..	1,442
Total... ..	12,179

The first item is evidently an adjustment made with reference to paragraph 11 of Board's Proceedings, dated 10th June 1875, No. 1,566, reviewing the report of 1873-74, requesting the Examiner to cause the expenditure on certain Irrigation sluices which was by mistake debited to Local Funds instead of to the Irrigation Cess Fund to be written back in the accounts. It is observed, however, that the amount to be adjusted was Rupees 8,741—*vide* Board's Proceedings quoted above. The Examiner, Public Works Accounts, is requested to explain the cause of the difference.

7. The second item appears to be the proportionate share of the cost of Public Works Supervision due on the first item. It was however given as Rupees 2,175 in the Board's Proceedings already referred to. The Examiner is requested to explain the discrepancy.

8. The third item is an adjustment made in connection with an erroneous debit made in 1872-73 on account of Petty Establishment.

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9. EXPENDITURE—GRANT I., PUBLIC WORKS.—The allotments sanctioned for Public Works according to the registers kept in the Board's Office were as follows:—

New Works.		RS.
Communications. P. W. Dept.		33,710
Educational. Do.		1,653
Sanitary and Miscellaneous. { P. W. Dept.		6,634
	{ Other Agency	3,266
Total		45,263

Repairs.		RS.
Communications	{ P. W. Dept.	1,13,153
	{ Other Agency	10,534
Sanitary and Miscellaneous... ..	{ P. W. Dept.	5,435
	{ Other Agency	3,157
Total		1,32,279
Grand Total		1,77,542

10. The actual expenditure was—

New Works.		President and Accountant-General.	Examiner.
		RS.	RS.
1. Communications. P. W. Dept.		34,627	25,904
2. Do. Other Agency		1,033	1,020
3. Do. P. W. Dept.		1,629	1,629
4. Sanitary and Miscellaneous. P. W. Dept.		5,759	5,759
5. Do. Other Agency		1,400	1,400
Total		44,518	35,722

Repairs.		President and Accountant-General.	Examiner.
		RS.	RS.
6. Communications. P. W. Dept.		1,13,233	1,13,233
7. Do. Other Agency		10,292	10,292
8. Sanitary and Miscellaneous. P. W. Dept.		2,420	2,420
9. Do. Other Agency		1,510	1,510
Total		1,27,505	1,27,505
Grand Total		1,72,023	1,63,227

11. There are differences in the first, second, and fifth items between the accounts of the President and Accountant-General and those of the Examiner. The difference in the first item is due to the adjustment noticed in paragraph 6 *supra*.

12. The difference in the second item is the amount of compensation paid for road metal dug out of private land for the branch road from Pollachy road to Pothanore road, and that in the fifth item is the expenditure incurred in the removal of prickly-pear at Sooloor. These two items are not included in the Examiner's accounts as they did not pass through his books.

13. As the Examiner's accounts in the case of this Circle do not show the real outlay on works but only the net outlay, after making the necessary deductions for adjustments, the Board have adopted the President's and Accountant-General's figures for comparison of expenditure with allotments. The total

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actual expenditure according to their figures was 96.89 per cent. of the total sanctioned allotment. Under New Works the expenditure was 98.35 per cent. of the allotment and under Repairs 96.39 per cent.

14. The charges on account of Establishment were—

	President and Accountant- General.	Examiner.
Public Works Department Supervision...	Rs. 39,216	Rs. 37,202
Petty Establishment	27	...
Total ...	39,243	37,202

The difference in the first item is the proportionate share of the cost of Public Works Supervision due on the expenditure on certain Irrigation sluices erroneously debited to Local Funds. The Examiner deducts its from the gross charge, while the Accountant-General credits it to receipts.

15. The cause of the difference in the second item cannot be traced in this office. The Accountant-General is requested to explain it.

16. The cost of supervision as charged by the President and Accountant-General was 24.86 per cent. on expenditure by the Public Works Department as given by them.

17. The cost of Tools and Plant was Rupees 621 against Rupees 1,697 in 1873-74.

18. There were 1,340 miles of road in the Circle; 1,008 miles were maintained in good order, 331 miles were completed during the year, and two old buildings were converted into Dispensaries at Caroor was completed and that at Dharapuram was in progress. Fifteen chuttrums, three musafirkhanas, two travellers' bungalows, and several tanks and wells were repaired or improved and avenues were maintained.

19. The following are some of the principal new works in progress during the year:—

Works.	Amount of the Estimate.	Expendi- ture in the year.	Total Expendi- ture.
1. Improving the road from Coimbatore by Sooloor, Pulladam, and Avenachypolliem to Konghiem...	Rs. 28,200	Rs. 7,339	Rs. 10,839
2. Constructing a bridge of nine arches across the Ooppar river	30,000	4,426	23,689
3. Constructing a road from Dharapuram to Tirupoor Railway station and to Konghiem via the proposed bridge over the Ooppar at Nunjayampolliem	36,090	5,657	22,274
4. Improvements on the road from Coimbatore Railway station to the Madura frontier at the Amravaty river	40,000	3,730	3,730
5. Opening the road from Collegal to the junction of Bylore via Dokunhully	65,000	7,999	8,703
6. Tracing and opening bridle-path from Hassanoor via Guddusal and Bylore to Ajjipuram	1,46,800	1,681	22,694
7. Building a school-house at Konghiem	3,140	1,639	3,126
8. Constructing a Chuttrum at Tirupoor	5,820	3,449	5,820
Do. do. at Talawady	3,720	2,025	3,469
Do. a Dispensary at Caroor	3,100	1,100	3,100
Do. do. at Dharapuram	2,800	300	1,000

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20. The expenditure under Grant I. amounted to Rupees 2,11,887.

21. GRANT II., EDUCATION.—Five Inspecting Schoolmasters, four on Rs. 35 each and one on Rs. 30, were employed.

Nilgiri Local Fund Board	Rs. 175	They visited 922 villages and prepared
Coimbatore Municipality	100	545 result schools for inspection. The
Erode do.	50	cost of the staff was Rupees 2,848, of
	325	which Rupees 325 were recovered as
		detailed in the margin. The contribu-

tion from the Nilgiri Local Fund Board was on account of arrears for the previous year.

22. Two schools were maintained from Local Funds, viz., those at Konghiem and Sooloor. The average attendance of the boys in these schools was forty-five and thirteen respectively. The latter has since been abolished.

The charges on account of the Konghiem middle-class school were Rs. 701, or, deducting the school fees, Rs. 617, and the cost of educating each pupil was therefore Rupees 13.11.4. A building for this school was completed in the year under report. Rupees 410 were paid as Salary grants. No information is given in the report concerning the schools to which the grants were paid. The President will report the number of schools and the average attendance at each. In 1873-74, Rupees 21,000 were granted, but it was not all expended.

that the schools had been made results grant schools. Results grants, amounting to Rupees 11,847, were given to 410 schools against Rupees 13,256 to the same number of schools in 1873-74. The attention of the Director of Public Instruction is requested to the remarks in paragraph 9 of the President's report to the effect that the Treasury Deputy Collector found on his inspection that the boys in the Results grants schools were ignorant of every thing except the text books, and that in many cases the grants appeared to be in inverse ratio to the attendance and qualifications of the scholars.

23. The expenditure under Grant II. was Rupees 16,543.

24. GRANT III., SANITATION.—Seven dispensaries at the places noted in the margin were maintained by the Local Fund Board during the year. The Municipal Act was introduced into the town of Caroor on the 1st November 1874, and the dispensary at that place has been made over to the Municipality. The charges incurred up to the date of transfer were Rupees 1,536. After the transfer, the Local Fund Board appear to have contributed Rupees 350.

25. The dispensaries at Pollachy and Dharapuram are old ones, while the last four are apparently new ones established during the course of the year, vide G.O., Financial Department, dated 24th April 1874, No. 680. The total expenditure incurred on all the Dispensaries was Rupees 7,810.

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26. The annexed table shows the working of six out of the seven Dispensaries. No information is given regarding the institution at Mettapolliem:—

Dispensaries.	In-patients.	Out-patients.	Total.	Dis-charged.	Died.	Re-mained.
	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.
Pollachy	319	5,251	5,570	5,488	21	61
Caroor	4	6,859	6,863	6,790	8	65
Bhowany	8	213	221	210		11
Jharaparam		3,656	3,656	3,639	4	13
Satiangalam	1	269	270	263	1	6
Collegal		399	399	393		6
Total ...	332	16,647	16,979	16,783	34	162

27. One Superintendent, eleven permanent, one supernumerary, and four temporary vaccinators operated on 23,499 persons at a cost of 1 anna 11½ pies per case, and 86·8 per cent. of the cases were successful, showing an increase of 4½ pies in the cost per head and a decrease of 7 per cent. in the number of successful cases as compared with results of the previous year.

28. Out of an allotment of Rupees 4,416, Rupees 4,369 were utilized on sanitary works as detailed below:—

1. Cleansing tanks and wells	RS.
2. Scavenging of towns, &c.	649
3. Fairs and festivals	718
Total ...	2,070
	4,369

It is observed that nearly one-half of the total outlay was on sanitary arrangements at fairs and festivals.

29. The number of markets increased from ten to fifteen. The aggregate rents collected were Rupees 8,140 and establishments and contingencies cost Rupees 5,732.

30. Fifty-one old Choultries and a new one erected and endowed at Tiroopoor, vide G.O., dated 1st December 1874, No. 1,473, were under the control of the Local Fund Board. The total cost was Rupees 3,043 against Rupees 2,940 in the preceding year.

31. As in 1873-74, eight travellers' bungalows were kept up by the Circle Board. The total fees collected from the 101 travellers who halted in them aggregated Rupees 257, while the expenditure on establishments and contingencies amounted to Rupees 168.

32. Rupees 2,250 were contributed to Municipalities for the upkeep of the Dispensaries at the following places:—

Coimbatore	RS.
Erode	1,000
Caroor	900
	350
Total ...	2,250

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33. The expenditure under Grant III. amounted to Rupees 26,265.

34. GRANT IV., MISCELLANEOUS.—The charges for controlling establishments and contingencies were Rupees 3,185.

35. BALANCE.—The total expenditure, including a sum of Rupees 412 debited to the Miscellaneous Debt Account, was Rupees 2,58,292 against an income of Rupees 2,39,197, leaving a deficit of Rupees 19,095 at the close of the year, which is made up of a debit balance of Rupees 26,617 under Road Fund and a credit balance of Rupees 7,522 under the Endowment and General Funds.

36. LOCAL FUND BOARD.—Thirteen meetings were held during the year attended by eleven official and eight non-official members out of thirty-six members, including the President (eighteen official and eighteen non-official), constituting the Board. The average attendance of official members was four and that of non-official two. It is reported that the grant of travelling allowance to non-official members had no effect on their attendance.

37. Statements showing the receipts and charges on account of Roads, Education, and Sanitation are appended.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,

Acting Secretary.

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Ordered to be recorded. The Local Fund Board commenced and ended the year with a deficit. The cause appears to be chiefly the expenditure under the Road Fund. His Grace the Governor in Council trusts that effectual measures will be taken for confining future expenditure within the means at the Board's disposal.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

- „ Revenue Department.
- „ Public Works Department.
- „ Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
- „ Sanitary Commissioner.
- „ Director of Public Instruction.
- „ Accountant-General.
- „ President, Municipal Commission, Coimbatore.

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