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Famine Expenditure.

Passing orders on the proposals of the Collector of Bellary and the Board of Revenue to meet — from the surplus balances of the *Cattle Pound Fund* and *Agricultural Services*.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Mis. No. 1374, dated 12th April 1897.

Read—the following letter from H. A. STUART, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 12th March 1897, Cur. No. 128 :—

I find that there is in the villages of this district a great want of good sources of water-supply—a want which is felt every hot weather and exists in an intensive form this year. The funds of the district and taluk boards are wholly inadequate to meet the cost of deepening existing, or sinking new wells in even a fraction of the villages in which these improvements are required, and it has occurred to me that the surplus pound funds might legitimately be devoted to supplementing the other resources available for supplying these grievous needs.

2. The surplus pound funds of the Bellary district have of late years been considerable.

In 1894–95 Rs. 10,000 were contributed to agricultural services and in the following year the amount was Rs. 8,000, these sums being, respectively, 36·52 and 34·10 per cent. of the total receipts. The revised estimate for 1896–97 provides a surplus of Rs. 6,835, and the budget for 1897–98 gives a surplus of Rs. 6,041. I would ask, therefore, that no further credits be taken to agricultural services and that, with effect from the current quarter, the surplus funds be set aside for the improvement of wells and drinking ponds for cattle. As President of the District Board I have already received estimates which exceed in amount the whole of the funds that may thus be made available and many more estimates are coming in.

3. Under section 18 of the Cattle Trespass Act, the surplus pound funds may, with the sanction of the Government, be utilized for any purposes of public utility. I can imagine no purpose of greater public utility than the supply of drinking water in the dry and dusty villages of the Deccan.

I trust, therefore, that the Board will support my proposal and forward it for the sanction of the Government. It would be a double boon if that sanction could be given at an early date.

Resolution—Mis. No. 1374, dated 12th April 1897.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Board strongly supports the Collector's proposal that the surplus pound receipts of the Bellary district may be devoted to the improvement of the drinking-water sources. Mr. H. A. Stuart suggests that the existing wells may in some cases be deepened, whilst new wells may be sunk in places where water is otherwise unobtainable. The Board understands Mr. Stuart to contemplate the improvement of the drinking-water supply for both man and beast, and is of opinion that the money in question may well be devoted to so laudable an object.

3. The surplus at present stands at between Rs. 6,000 and Rs. 7,000 *per annum* and, as in other districts, is credited to Provincial Revenues under the form of a contribution to agricultural services. The accounts of "Agricultural services" at the end of 1895–96 showed a closing balance of Rs. 2,65,109. The Board notes that, under section 18 of the Cattle Trespass Act I of 1871, the surplus pound funds may be devoted to any object of public utility at the discretion of Government.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ Collector of Bellary.

Endt. Mis. No. 2397, Revenue.

Transferred to the Financial Department.

OOTACAMUND,
12th May 1897.

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

G.O., No. 399, Revenue, dated 28th May 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders on the fortnightly review of the Bellary district for the period ending 15th April 1897, and asking for early orders on the proposal to utilise Surplus Pound funds for improving the sources of water-supply.

ORDER—No. 466, Financial, dated 10th June 1897.

The Government agrees with the Board in its opinion as to the expediency of devoting public funds to the improvement of drinking-water sources, but considers that the expenditure should be debited to *33. Famine Relief.*

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
„ Famine Commissioner.
„ Accountant-General.
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