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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 3rd May 1872.

No. 21. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th April 1872, No. 2742 (Miscellaneous):—

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 15th March 1872, No. 1988 (Miscellaneous).

Read letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, dated 28th February 1872, No. 18.

The Local Board were right in their intention, but they should have resolved *not* to call for tenders themselves (for the work is entrusted to the Public Works Department), but to request the Superintending Engineer to try calling for tenders unless he saw some great objection to doing so.

2. This should now be done. If Colonel Fischer refuses to try calling for tenders, and his reasons seem to be inconclusive, it will be open to the President to address the Board of Revenue again.

3. The Board concur in the observations made in the former part of paragraph 6 of the Collector's letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

Read letters from the President of the Local Fund Boards, Godavery District, dated 2nd and 6th April 1872, Nos. 37 and 38.

According to Rule XXXVI. the Superintending Engineer is to prepare estimates, and according to Rule XL. works of this kind are to be executed by the Public Works Department unless a special order to the contrary is passed by Government. Hence the remarks of the Board in paragraph 1 of the Proceedings now read again were strictly correct.

2. The state of the case seems to be this. The Local Fund Board think the cost of carrying gravel entered in certain estimates unnecessarily large; and believe that, if tenders are called for, it will be found that the work can be done more cheaply. The Superintending Engineer strongly dissents, but has not given his reasons; on the contrary he seems to think the Local Fund Board have no right to tender advice, and intends to address Government direct on the subject.

3. As far as the Board of Revenue can judge the views of the Local Fund Board are reasonable and entitled to consideration. As delay is caused by the position taken by the Superintending Engineer, Government will be requested to direct him to submit his explanation, as soon as possible, *through the President of the Local Fund Board.*—Rule XXXIX.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
3rd May 1872.

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, 3rd May 1872, No. 617.

Instructions, to the Superintending Engineer, in conformity with the last paragraph of the Board's Proceedings, dated 15th April, will be issued in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
" Board of Revenue, with enclosures returned.

Exd. J. Wright.

MISCELLANEOUS No. 1988 REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 15th March 1872.

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This should now be done. If Col. Fischer refuses to try calling for tenders and his reasons seem to be inconclusive it will be open to the President to address the Board of Revenue again.

The Board concur in the observation made

made in the former part of para 6
of the Collector's letter.

/True Extract/

(Sd) J. Grove
Secretary

To The President Local Fund Board &
Godavery District
Copy to the Acting Superintending Engineer 1st Division

/True Copy/

J Grove
Secretary.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 15th March 1872.

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Revenue Department.

MISCELLANEOUS No. 2142

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 15th April 1872.

Read Jaguir Board's Proceedings 16th March 1872 nos. 2142 & 2158.

Read letter from the ~~Collector of~~ President Local Fund Board Godavery dated 2nd & 16th April 1872, No. 87 and 238

According to Rule XXXVI the Superintending Engineer is to prepare estimates and according to Rule XL works of this kind are to be executed by the Public Works Department unless a special Order is passed by Government. Hence the remarks of the Board in para 1 of the Proceedings now read again were strictly correct.

The state of the case seem to be this. The Local Fund Board think the cost of Carrying gravel entered in certain estimates unnecessarily large; and believe that if tenders are called for it will be found that the work can be done more cheaply. The Superintending Engineer strongly dissents, but has not given his reasons; on the contrary he

he does not think the Local Fund Board have any right to tender advice and information to the Government direct on the subject.

I refer you to the Board of Revenue who will judge the merits of the Local Fund Board's reasonable and sensible recommendation. As to the question raised by the proviso in the Bill, the Superintending Engineer, Government will be requested to direct him to submit his explanation to the Board of Revenue and the President of the Local Fund Board. Rule XXXIX.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

/True Extract/

Ebsle
Secretary

To
The Offg Chief Secretary to Government
Financial Department

with Board's Proc: 15th March 1872 No. 1753.

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No 744

Submitting with remarks letters from Supt. President, Local Fund Boards, Godavery &c., on subject of objection of Supt. Cargo to inviting tenders for carrying out certain work.

Mr Anderson

Gov. of 1872 Madras

Financial

No 20

The Public Works Dept.

Ltr

dated 31st May 1872

Rec'd 3rd June 1872. No. 617

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Requesting the P.W. Dept to call for explanations from the Judg. Engr. 1st Divn, respecting his objections to calls for tenders for carrying gravel on accounts of certain works on the [illegible] Rly.

Submitted.

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[illegible] Rly

[illegible] Section

[illegible] Rly Co.

[illegible] tenders for carrying out certain works.