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No. 83. Read the following letter from R. E. NORFOR, Esq., Officiating District Engineer, South Arcot, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Pattambakum, 11th September 1873, No. 104:—

I do not think that the system which prevails in this district, of the Local Fund Boards submitting estimates for large works direct to Government through the Revenue Board, without passing through the offices of the Inspecting Engineers, is altogether correct. I may be wrong in this supposition, and would, therefore, solicit your orders on the subject in question.

Enclosure 1.
Copy of Board's Proceedings.

2. I take, for instance, the estimate and plan for a suspension bridge across the Vellaur river near Chellambram, which forms the subject of the enclosed copy of Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st August 1873.

3. The plan and estimate, with report, were, in the first instance, submitted by Mr. deClosets direct to the President, Local Fund Board; they were then handed over to me for examination and returned in due course, with my countersignature to the President, by whom they were placed before the members attending the meeting held on the 30th May 1873; being approved and passed at this meeting, the papers were all sent on by the President to the Revenue Board for submission to Government.

4. I have no doubt that these papers will be ultimately referred to the Inspecting Engineer, but I would submit that the approval of this officer should be obtained *before* such papers are placed before the members of the Local Fund Board for consideration. What I mean is that plans and estimates for works of an important nature, such as the one in question, should first meet with the approval of the entire professional department before the Local Fund Board are called upon to contribute or not so many rupees towards construction. This is all they really have to do, as the merits of the design are matters of a purely professional nature, and it would, in my opinion, be out of their province to cut down estimates or alter designs of works for which this Department may be held responsible; at the same time, it would save much time were the designs and estimates approved by the Inspecting Engineer in the first instance.

5. I have now before me a design for a bridge of 10 arches of 50 feet span to be built at Virdachellum, for which Rupees 17,160 are allotted in the current year's budget. The specification report for this I have just finished, and the papers will, I hope, be ready for despatch in a few days.

Transferred to the Financial Department, with a recommendation that an addition be made to the Rules for working the Local Board Act calculated to utilize the services of the newly appointed Inspecting Engineers, by requiring District Engineers to submit to them, for professional opinion, plans and estimates for such roads, bridges, or buildings as they may consider it necessary or advisable not to lay before the Boards without further advice.

OOTACAMUND, *24th September* 1873.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
11*th November* 1873.

No. 84. ORDER THEREON, 11th November 1873, No. 1665.

The Governor in Council does not consider it desirable to make any change in the system hitherto in force.

2. The District Engineer should prepare the plans and estimates and forward them to the President of the Local Fund Board as he now does.

3. The opinion of the Inspecting Engineer can, if necessary, be sought by the Revenue Board or by Government when the project is submitted for sanction, without the delay in which the proposed change is certain to result.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

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

Erd. J. H. Burns.

GOVT. OF INDIA
FINANCE
To be sent REGISTERED
Regd. No. 1
Dated November, 1918.
From
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Finance Department.
To
The Chief Engineer,
P.W.D.
Subject Loan of Engineers to Local Boards.
Sir,
I am directed to forward herewith a copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Local Boards Department, No. 1111, dated the 1st November, 1918, on the subject noted above, and to say that the Governor in Council is prepared to lend the services of Messrs. Bell, Wade, and Brassett, to enable the Local Boards to carry out the proposals mentioned in the letter under reply.
I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Secretary to the Govt. of India.
Finance Department.
NOVEMBER
1918 23 24.

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Capt. R.E.
Secy: to Government
P.W.D.

Calcutta
24th Sept 1918.

Oct. 7 October 1873. No. 31-33.

1873 Oct. 7 Received
from Mr. Wilbur F. Cogswell
Asst. Engr.
Mr. Chief Engineer's
Letter
Dated 4th
Recd 18th Oct. 1873
Ent. 26th Same
Ref to 104 Let. 134
Expressing that the
Enclosure of Estimates for
large repairs for the Canal
direct
Board to Grant them the
Sum of Thousand dollars
pursuing this the proper course
as Superintendent as enquired,
and Solicits early action
thereon.

Transferred

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Financial Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Offg. Sr. Engineer, Southern Circle, dated 11th September 1873 No 104, with endorsement of Secy. to Govt, Public Works Dept., dated 24th Septr. 1873.

Order thereon. Ordered. 11th Novr. 1873. No 1665.

The Governor in Council does not consider it desirable to make any change in the system hitherto in force.

2. The District Engineers should prepare the plans and estimates and forward them to the Presidents of the Local Fund Boards as heretofore does.

3. The opinion of the Inspecting

Inspecting Engineer can, if necessary, be sought by the Revenue Board or by Govt. whom the project is submitted for sanction, without the delay in which the proposed change is certain to result.

To,

The Public Works Dept.

— Board of Revenue.

Revenue Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Offg. District Engineer South Arcot dated 11th September 1873. No. 104. with Endrs. &c. as noted in the margin.

Ordered,

That the adoption of the course proposed does not seem to require any alteration of the existing Local Fund Rules which merely direct that the District Engineer should prepare plans and Estimates and forward them to the President with his signature. The procedure prior to the sanction of the plans may be regulated departmentally.

To

The Public Works Dept.

" Board of Revenue.

Copy of the Rules

Under Rule 36 seems to be the only one having on the subject. The District Engineer has been instructed in the Draft for Inspection Duty Engineer in the Rules.

I think it may
run the risk of the
Army charge - The O.C.
Engineer should see
from the Colonial Sec.
Minutes & Land Office
if the Parliament or
the two Houses - & how they
came before the Ho. of Assb.
& what of them are Minutes
can inform the Premier
of the Surveying Expd.
To know this reference
to the District Engineer
will lead to quarrelling
& delays -

The G. O in the Dom
is out of order & Gen.
Parading - The subject
should have been duly
enquired into at the
M.S. note of the A.W. Sec. for
views & argument

Cost of
Report -

Govt. of } 187 { Colony.

To _____

Dated
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Financial

To

The Public Works Dept.

Dated Nov^r 11. } 1873, No. 1005

Recd. }

Nos. 83. 84.

South Arcot Dist. F. Excava-
tion considered necessary,
as suggested, in the System
hitherto in force for prepar-
ing Ests. for L. F. Works, is the
opinion of the Supt. Engr.
Can, if necessary, be Consult-
by the Bd. of Rev. or Govt, when
a proj^ct is submitted for
Sanction.