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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 153 Press Mis.

196-198.

Dated 29-1- 1874.

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Read the following papers:—

No. 196. From Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E., District Engineer, Chingleput, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort St. George, dated Guindy, 10th January 1874, No. 2743.

In reply to G.O., No. 30, dated 7th instant, I have the honour to report that the application for an estimate was made by the President, Local Fund Board, in his No. 47, 20th February 1873, and the estimate was forwarded on the 21st June and was sanctioned by Government on the 27th October. The submission of the estimate was delayed partly by the pressure of regular work, but principally by difficulty in obtaining information as to compensation required for the land on either side for future repairs under G.O., No. 2507, dated 3rd October 1871.

2. This, however, caused so much delay that I sent in the estimate without it.

3. I cannot let the opportunity pass of expressing my very serious doubt as to the widespread discontent existing beyond a few members of the Local Fund Board, who wish to drive more quickly between Chingleput and Conjeveram. The road is a very fair road at all times of the year; sandy, but well drained. There is very little traffic on it to repay the large expenditure proposed, and this ought to be carried by the new railway now in progress on the same line.

4. Several other lines proposed and estimated for traverse far more difficult country. I have every reason to believe that the people of this district would prefer, than to Conjeveram and the Chingleput roads if their opinion could be obtained.

5. I have had many requests made for the road from Trivellore Railway Station by Streepermatoor to Vendalore, from Kuam villages to Tandalam, particularly at the east end, where the soil is stiff clay, from Conjeveram towards Tetry crossing the Palar and Cheyaur with a very considerable traffic on it, and other small lines. I have never heard anybody ask for an improvement to this road except members of the Local Fund Board, who, so far as I could find, do not represent any general interest of the real ratepayers of the district.

6. I have not been able to attend the meetings of the Board as frequently as I could wish, owing to their being convened at irregular periods and with very short notice. I have lately called the attention of the President to Rule 72, and believe that I shall have better and more timely information for the future.

Transferred to the Financial Department with reference to the orders in that Department, No. 1813, dated 13th December 1873.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
15th January 1874.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 197. From Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E., District Engineer, Chingleput, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort St. George, dated Guindy, 14th January 1874, No. 2761.

I have the honour to observe that I made a mistake in saying in my No. 2743, of 10th instant, that the estimate for the road from Chingleput to Conjeveram

was sanctioned on the 27th October. The paper received by me on that date was a copy of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue forwarding the Supplemental Budget to Government.

2. I have not in fact received any authority to execute the work.

Transferred to the Financial Department in continuation of the District Engineer's letter herein quoted.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
16*th January* 1874.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 198. ORDER THEREON, 29th January 1874, No. 153.

The Government observe that the Supplemental Budget including the work in question was passed in G.O., dated 30th October 1873, No. 1597. The complaint of the Local Fund Board on 13th November, that no expenditure had been made, was somewhat premature.

2. The attention of the President of the Chingleput Local Fund Boards will be called to Colonel Moberly's remarks as to the superior claims of the other roads mentioned over that from Chingleput to Conjeveram, and he will submit his observations thereon after consulting the Local Fund Board concerned.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of 1874 Works.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c.

Dated January, 29th.

Recd. Read.

G.O., 23th January 1874, *No.* 153.

JANUARY.
Nos. 196–198.

Chingleput Circle.—This Board informed that the Supplemental Budget, including the road from Chingleput to Soorapen Choultry, having been passed by Government on 30th October 1873, their complaint on 13th November, that no expenditure was incurred on the work, was premature.

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No. 2768

CHINGLEPUT DISTRICT ENGR'S. OFFICE,
Guindy, 14th *January* 1874.

From

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
Chingleput.

To

Colonel G. H. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.

SIR,

I have the honor to observe that I made a mistake in saying in my No. 2743 of 10th instant, that the estimate for the road from Chingleput to Conjeeveram was sanctioned on the 27th October. The paper received by me on that date was a copy of the proceedings of the Board of Revenue forwarding the supplemental budget to Government.

2. I have not in fact received any authority to execute the work.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

F. Lambert
Colonel, R. E.,
District Engineer Chingleput.

15th Jany/73 110-1/2 Inds.
30 Nov/73 - 240-240
31st Oct/74 21-22 Inds 261

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Public Works
No. 114-9

The District Engineer
Chingleput

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith reference from the Secretary to Government P.W.D. No. 29 - Dated 14th Jany 1874 - number and date

I am Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Lieut. R.E.

Dated 16th Jany 1874
Received 17th Jan 1874
No. 2743
Enclosure.
No 19

Dated 13th Decr 1873.

Reports the cause of the delay in submitting the Estimate for the metalling of a road from Chingleput to Conjeeveram

Transferred.

G.W. Walker Lieut R.E.
Secy to Govt P.W.D.

Dy: Secrets
J.H.S.

To the Secretary to Government P.W.D.
15th January 1874.

No. 197.

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THE DISTRICT ENGINEER

CHINGLEPUT,
Thro 29th Jany 1874.

To

THE Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Dated 14th } Jan 1874
Received 15th } 1874
17th

No. 276

ENCLOSURE.

No 97

Begs to state that a mistake made in copying in No. 2743 of 16th Instant that the Estimate for the road from Chingleput to Conjeeveram was sanctioned on the 27 Oct

Transferred.

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Transferred to the Financial Department in continuation of the District Engineer's letter herein quoted.

G.W. Walker Lieut R.E.
Secy to Govt P.W.D.

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Financial Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the
District Engineer, Chingleput,
dated 10th and 14th January 1874,
Nos. 2743 & 2761 - thro' the P.W.D.

Order thereon. 29th January 1874. No 453

The Government
observe that the Supplemental
Budget including the work
in question was passed
in G.O. dated 30th October
1873 No. 1597. The Complaint
of the Local Fund Board
on 13th November that no
Expenditure had been
made, was somewhat
premature ~~in stating the Local~~
and the Government
cannot but feel doubtful
of the Expediency of the
large intended Expenditure
on a road which will
be superseded by a railway
at

This will not be
for many years.
I would draw the
attention of the
President of the
Madras Railway

at no distant date.

They do not however wish to interfere with the Local Fund Board's action in the matter, as the Board must be assumed to be competent to judge of what the interests of the tax payers demand.

J.B.

In attention of the President of the Chingleput L.F. Bd. will be called to Govt. Proceedings as to the inferior claims of the roads mentioned on that from Chingleput to Conjeveram. & he will submit his observations thereon after consulting the L.F. Bd. concerned

J.B.

On the subject of the roads mentioned by them I request his observations after consulting L.F. Bd. concerned

J.B.

To The Board of Revenue
" Public Works Department

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To The Bd of Rev. &c

Dated 29 Jany
Recd. 1874, No. 153

Nos. 196-8

Chingleput Circle- This Bd
informed that the Supdg Surg &c
including the road from Chingle-
put to Sonapen Choultry, having
been passed Govt on 30 Oct 73.
their Complaint in Bd Nov
that no Expenditure was
incurred on the work, was
premature.