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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 4th March 1874.

No. 35. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort St. George, dated Madura, 5th December 1873, No. 3777 :—

Having been favoured with a copy of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th November 1873, No. 8135, submitting for the orders of Government, in the Revenue Department, a letter dated 4th idem from Mr. Bliss, when Acting President, Local Fund Board, Madura, on the subject of my having transferred the charge of certain roads to the Municipality of Madura, I have the honour to offer the following remarks.

Enclosure 1.
One copy of a letter from the District Engineer, to the Vice-President, Madura Municipality, No. 5393, dated 18th March 1873.

2. In a letter, dated 20th February 1873, No. 955, Mr. Leggatt, the Madura Range Officer, reported that the maintenance allotment for certain roads was insufficient for those portions lying within the limits of the Madura Municipality, and he submitted an estimate, amounting to Rupees 2,800, for one of the roads in question.

3. In 1870, when I was Acting Superintending Engineer of the 5th Division, a precisely similar representation was made by Captain Hindle, the Salem Range Officer, in regard to those portions of the roads lying within the limits of the Salem Municipality; and on my submitting the question for the orders of Government, I was informed that I should make over the maintenance allotment for the portions of the road in question to the Municipality, who would have to supplement the same themselves with such funds as would be necessary to maintain the roads in question in good order.

4. It will be seen that in consequence of my acting upon these instructions, in the present instance, Mr. Bliss states that I had no authority to make the payment in question, and that such payment is in contravention of Section 27 of Act IV. of 1871.

5. I have only here to remark that Mr. Bliss is not quite accurate in the statements he makes in his letter under notice. In the first place, it was by no "oversight," as alleged by him, but by a deliberate arrangement, well known to the Local Fund Board and the Municipality, that the roads in question, maintained heretofore as "Imperial" roads by the Government, should continue to be maintained by the Local Fund Board, who accordingly supplied this department with funds for the purpose. And it appears to me, therefore, vain for Mr. Bliss to attempt to fasten on this department the responsibility of the transaction in question, but that, on the contrary, if Section 27 of Act IV. of 1871 has been contravened, as it would appear to have been, it is by the Local Fund Board themselves that such contravention has taken place.

6. It is manifest that the Local Fund Board having once sanctioned the maintenance allotment for the roads in question, it became a matter of mere detail whether the Local Fund Overseer, or the Municipal Overseer, should settle the mile-coolies' salaries and pay for the materials delivered for the maintenance of these roads.

7. My object in referring the question to the Board was not, as stated by Mr. Bliss, because I became doubtful as to the propriety of my paying the money under reference, but on account of the unadvisability of such a step, for the reasons explained in my letter, No. 5393, dated 18th March 1873, to the Vice-President, Madura Municipality.

From Lieut.-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Madura, dated Madura, 18th March 1873, No. 5393.

I have the honour to inform you that I propose to hand over to the charge of the Municipality on the 1st proximo all those portions of the roads lying within municipal limits that form part of what were formerly called Imperial roads, and the maintenance of which has continued up to the present time in the hands of the Public Works Department.

2. You are well aware that these portions of road under reference properly constitute the municipal charge, and, as the cost of their maintenance is excessive in comparison with the amount of their mileage allotment, there appears to me no good cause or reason why the orders of the Government should not be carried out in their integrity in relation to these roads.

3. The enclosed statement shows the length and the corresponding maintenance allotment of each of the high roads lying within the municipal limits. The total amount of these allotments, it will be seen, amounts to Rupees 811-10-3, and this sum I shall make over to you so soon as funds are placed at my disposal for the Local Fund Budget of 1873-74.

4. As the milemen employed on the roads in question are experienced hands, I would recommend their retention at their present posts. A list of these men is enclosed.

Transferred to the Financial Department, in which department it is understood the Board's Proceedings of 27th November are now under consideration.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
12*th December* 1873.

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

No. 36. ORDER THEREON, 4th March 1874, No. 359.

Recorded with reference to G.O., dated 29th January 1874, No. 154.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

Dated March, 4th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 4th March 1874, *No.* 359.

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Nos. 35-36.

Madura Municipality.—Letter from the District Engineer explaining the circumstance under which he transferred to this Municipality the maintenance allotments for such portions of certain Imperial roads lying within municipal limits, recorded.

District Engineers Office

No 3393. Madura 18th March 1873.

From.

Lt Col: R. A. Roberts R.E.
District Engineer, Madura.

To.

The Vice President
Municipality
Madurā.

Sir.

I have the honor to inform you that I propose to hand over to the charge of the Municipality on the 1st proximo all those portions of the Roads lying within Municipal limits that form part of what were formerly called Imperial Roads, and the maintenance of which has continued up to the present time in the hands of the Public Works Department.-

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I have &c.a.

/Sigd/ R. A. Roberts Lt. Col. RE
District Engineer, Cuddapa

(True Copy)

Robt Roberts Lt. Col. RE
District Engineer, Cuddapa

Encls: No 1. in a letter
from the District Engr.
of Madura to Ki Secretr
to Govt. P.W.D. eNo. 3777
dy 5th December 1873.

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Copy of a letter from
the District Engr Madura
to the Vice President
Madura Municipality
eNo 5393 dy 18th Nov/73.

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District Engineer's Office

No. 3777. Madura 5th December 1873.

From

Lt. Col. R. A. Roberts R.E.
District Engineer, Madura.

To.

Col. G. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.
Madras

Sir.

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Received at Madura the 8th December 1873
Municipality No. 3393
dated 18th March 73.
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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obdt Servant
Richd Robert Lt Col: R.E.
District Engineer, Madura

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Sec.t to Govt.

12th Dec.r 73 & Board's Ltr 35 of 74 received with reference to G.O. of 29th June 1874 No 154.

1873 Dept.l No. 3777

From

No. 6681

The Distt. Engineer

Madura

To

The Secretary to Govt.

P.W.D.

Madras

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Dated 5th December 73

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Making certain remarks on the Pro.s of the Bd. of Rev.: No. 8135 of 27th Nov.r 73. Submitting for the orders of Government with a letter from the Ag.t President L.F. Bd. Madura, on the subject of having transferred the charge of certain Roads to the Municipality of Madura & Transfers.

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G.O. 4 March, 1874, No. 356.

Nos. 35-6.

Madura Municipality - Letter from the District Engineer explaining the circumstances under which it transpired to this Municipality the maintenance allotments for such portions of certain Imperial roads lying within municipal limits, recorded.