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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 6th March 1874.

No. 47. Read the following letter from T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 7th February 1874, No. 7192:—

No. 23, dated 4th February 1874, from the Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the District Engineer, Presidency.
No. 5164, dated 6th February 1874, from the District Engineer, Presidency, to the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
No. 7193, dated 7th February 1874, from the Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts in reply.

I have the honour to annex, for the information and orders of Government, a copy of the correspondence marginally noted, relative to the screw-piles used on the Madras Pier and charged for in the accounts against the grant from Provincial Funds made for the restoration of the pier.

From T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel J. GODDARD, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, dated Fort St. George, 4th February 1874, No. 23.

With reference to your No. 5101, of the 3rd instant, I have the honour to observe that with the exception of Provincial Stores, the first supply of which was received in April 1872, everything in the Store Department was and is classed as "Imperial."

2. The piles referred to were received in March 1870, and according to the usual practice of issuing Imperial Stores at a valuation when required for other than Imperial works, they were so issued for the renewal of the Madras Pier which is now a Provincial work.

3. I knew nothing of the intention expressed in the 4th paragraph of G.O., No. 2975, of the 16th December 1872, and I do not know how my predecessor interpreted that order, but had it come under my notice before the charge for piles was made against the Provincial Allotment, I certainly should have addressed Government to make certain that Mr. Grainger's argument, as stated in the 9th paragraph of his letter printed with the Government Order in question, was rejected after full consideration of the subject.

4. It seems to me that the circumstance of the piles being available creates no valid claim on the part of Provincial to have them without payment. As the pier was apparently in a complete and serviceable state when it was damaged in May 1872, it is conceivable that the piles might have been used or sold for other purposes between 1870 (when they were received) and 1872 (when the pier was damaged), and if this be conceded, I think it must also be admitted that Provincial could not have claimed from Imperial a refund of the value of the piles used or sold for other purposes, and therefore, as above remarked, the circumstance of the piles being available does not, in my opinion, entitle Provincial to get them free of charge.

From Colonel J. GODDARD, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, to T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Fort St. George, 6th February 1874, No. 5164.

In reference to G.O., No. 2975, dated 16th December 1872, I have the honour to inform you that I am prosecuting the pier repairs on the presumption that material to the value of Rupees 32,744-13-7 is available, and is not to be deducted from the sum of Rupees 98,400.

2. Should you have any doubts as to the correctness of my proceedings, I beg you will immediately obtain the orders of Government for my guidance.

From T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel J. GODDARD, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, dated Fort St. George, 7th February 1874, No. 7193.

In reply to your letter, No. 5164, of the 6th instant, I have the honour to state that if Government on consideration of my letter, No. 23, of the 4th instant, to your address, should still think

that Provincial should not be charged with the value of the piles recently used on the pier at Madras, I shall arrange to remove the debit already made against the work.

2. A copy of this correspondence will be forwarded to Government for orders.

Referred to the Financial Department for early decision of the question raised as to whether the materials obtained from England for the repair of the Madras Pier, when that structure was an Imperial work, should now be issued at a valuation; the assumption in paragraph 4 of the orders in the Public Works Department, No. 2795, dated 16th December 1872, being that when the pier was transferred to the Provincial Account all appurtenances were included. The grant which the Financial Department were requested to make in the orders above quoted was calculated on this basis.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11*th February* 1874.

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

No. 48. ORDER THEREON, 6th March 1874, No. 369.

The Governor in Council is decidedly of opinion that the unexpended stock of materials specially imported for the repair and maintenance of the Madras Pier appertained to the work, and was transferred with it from Imperial to Provincial.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
,, Master Attendant, Madras.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of Madras.

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To

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 6th.

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G.O., 6th March 1874, No. 369.

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Master Attendant Madras

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The Public Works Dept.

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