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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 496. Press Mis.

214-215.

Dated 25—3— 1874.

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No. 214. Read the following letter from J. W. RUNDALL, Esq., District Engineer, Tinnevelly, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Palamcottah, 13th October 1873, No. 106 :—

I have the honour to bring the following to your notice and request the favour of instructions.

2. In November last year as Southern Range Officer I prepared estimates for the construction of Constables' huts at the salt-pans at Kuthanguli, Veziapathy, and Coilpatnam, in this district, the aggregate of the estimates being Rupees 8,800

3. In August last the Collector returned to me the estimates for the huts at Kuthanguli and Coilpatnam and requested that I would have the works carried out and that the Deputy Collector would pay the bills for the same.

4. In reply I informed Mr. Puckle that I would be happy to carry out the work but that the funds should be placed to my credit through the Accountant-General and Controller.

5. The work has accordingly been started by us.

6. To-day I have received from the Collector a letter saying that he finds he was premature in asking me to undertake the work and forwarding an extract from the Proceedings (No. 6614, of the 3rd October 1873) of the Board of Revenue stating that under G. O., No. 1709, of the 20th December 1872, Revenue Department, the transfer of funds cannot be carried out, but that the Collector is at liberty to avail himself of the advice of the Officers of the Public Works Department in carrying out the work.

7. I have, therefore, requested the Range Officers concerned to hand the works back to the Salt Department.

8. The point to which I desire to invite attention is that in already preparing estimates, in being invited to give our advice while the work is in progress, and in afterwards inspecting, measuring, and certifying to the work we really have as much trouble as if the work were directly in our charge. It is a common complaint that the cost of superintendence in the Public Works Department is enormously high, and therefore I think that any works which we estimate for, assist to construct, inspect, and pass should be carried out by us. Unless the funds are brought into our books we get no credit for such works.

9. In this district, at least, there are numerous works (and some of them extensive) carried out by the Revenue Department which we are called upon to examine and check.

10. It would often be less trouble actually to carry out the work and check it from time to time than to have to check a whole year's work at once, and that done in very irregular fashion.

11. In this case of the Constables' huts I have no doubt that they would be much better constructed if built by us than if left to the Salt Deputy Collector and a maistry. Where the Revenue Officers concerned, knowing this, are willing to give us the work I think that both it and the funds should be given and not that we should be asked for advice and another department take the credit of the expenditure and the work.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
25th March 1874.

Referred to the Financial Department for consideration of the District Engineer's apparently well-grounded remonstrance that no credit is allowed to the Public Works Department for all the trouble and labour given by works which are carried out from funds entered in the budgets of other departments. On this subject attention is also invited to the remarks of the Controller of Public Works Accounts in his letter, No. 5741, dated 3rd December 1873, which was referred to the Financial Department on the 11th idem.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
13th January 1874.

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

No. 215. ORDER THEREON, 25th March 1874, No. 496.

Recorded with reference to G. O., 2nd March 1874, No. 336.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers,

Govt. of [1874] Madras.

FINANCIAL.

Dated March, 25th.

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G. O., 25th March 1874, No. 496.

MARCH.
Nos. 214-215.

Works carried out by Public Works Officers.—Letter from the District Engineer, Tinnevelly, complaining that no credit is allowed to his department for all the trouble and labour entailed by works which are carried out from funds entered in the budgets of other departments, recorded.

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Note

It seems to me that the Board of Revenue would object to any proposal having for its object the transference of funds from their own control to that of the Public Works Department.

In the case of works connected with "Roads Constructions & Repairs", under Lath, the Collectors of Districts take a direct interest, and they are at present free from the annoyances, needless checks and Counter-checks of the Public Works Controller on the expenditure.

This is a very important point and

ought not to be lost sight of.

As regards credit being given to the Public Works Department for services rendered in connection with the preparation of plans & estimates for "huts," it will be necessary first to determine what value the Department sets on such services, and upon the receipt of such information, some means may be devised for giving the Department credit for the value by book adjustments.

For my own part I do not think any order necessary on the letter. It might be recorded with reference to G.O. of 2d March 1874 No 336.

20/3/74.

No 106. District Engrs Office. Tinnevelly
Palamcottah 13th October 1873.

From. J. W. Rundall Esquire
District Engineer, Tinnevelly.

To. Colonel G. W. Walker. R.E
Chief Engineer D. P. W.

Sir, I have the honor to bring the following to your notice and request the favor of instructions

2. In November last year as Southern Range Officer I prepared Estimates for the construction of Constables Huts at the Salt pans at Kuthanguli Vezzapathy and Koilpatnam in this District, the aggregate of the Estimates being Rupees 8,800.

3. In August last the Collector returned to me the Estimates for the huts at Kuthanguli and Koilpatnam and requested that I would have the works carried out, and that the Deputy Collector would pay the Bills for the same.

4. In reply I informed Mr Puckle that I would be happy to carry out the work but that the funds should be placed to my credit, through the Accountant General and Controller.

5. The work has accordingly been started by us.

6. To day I have received from the Collector a letter saying that he finds he was premature in asking me to undertake the work, and forwarding an Extract from the Proceedings (No 6,614 of the 3d October 1873) of the Board of Revenue, stating that under G.O. No 1,709 of the 20th December 1872. R.D. the transfer of funds cannot be

be carried out, but that the Collector is at liberty to avail himself of the advice of the Officers of the Public Works Department in carrying out the work.

7. I have therefore requested the Range Officers concerned to hand the works back to the Salt Department.

8. The point to which I desire to invite attention is, that in already preparing Estimates, in being invited to give our advice while the work is in progress, and in afterwards inspecting, measuring and certifying to the work, we really have as much trouble as if the work were directly in our charge. It is a common complaint that the cost of Superintendence in the Public Works Department is enormously high, and therfore I think that any works which we estimate for, afsist to construct inspect and pass should be carried out by us. Unless the funds are brought into our Books we get no credit for such works.

9. In this District at least, there are numerous works (and some of them extensive) carried out by the Revenue Department which we are called upon to examine and check.

10. It would often be less trouble, actually to carry out the work and check it from time to time, than to have to check a whole year's work at once and that done in very irregular fashion.

11. In this case of the Constables huts I have no doubt that they would be much better constructed if built by us than if left to the Salt Deputy Collector and a Mistry. Where the Revenue Officers concerned, knowing this, are willing to give us the work, I think that

that both it and the funds should be given, and not that we should be asked for advice, and another Department take the credit of the expenditure and the work.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obdt. Servt.

Wm. Rundall
District Engineer

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Lr: 20 December 1872. R. 159-69. Re
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Financial 1874 Department

No. 106.

From. No. 5641

The District Engineer
Trinevelly

To, The Chief Engineer
D. P. W.

5741

Dated 13th October 1873.

Received 17th

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Brings to notice certain circumstances regarding the constructing of Police Huts at Kuthanguli, Vizianagaram & Koilpatnam and requests orders on the subject.

Referred

25 March 74 Rs 490

Received Rs 490 Rupees Four hundred & ninety

2nd March 1874 No 336

Referred to Octr 13 Octr 1873

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C. Marshall Coll R.E.

Fort St. George
13th January 74 } Secy to Govt P.W.D.

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G.O. 25 Mar , 1874, No. 496.

Nos. 214. 215.

Works carried out by P.W. Officers. Letter from the Dr. Engr. Tinnevelly, complaining that no credit is allowed to his Dept: for all the ~~work~~ trouble & labor he has tailed by works wh. are carried out from funds entered in the Budgets of other Depts, recorded.