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Local Funds—Roads.

Read the following papers:—

No. 191. EXTRACT from a letter from the District Engineer, Madura, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort St. George, dated 7th May 1875, No. 467.

As directed in G.O., No. 215, under date the 27th ultimo, I have the honor to state that the Sub-Engineer, Madura Range, in his docket, No. 74, of the 5th instant, informs me that the construction of the road from Thovariman to Malacal on the sanctioned estimate of Rupees 5,110 had been almost completed before he took charge of the range and that he cannot say who is responsible for the preparation of an inadequate estimate by omitting to provide for metalling, &c., but that he observes from the sanctioned estimate of Rupees 5,110 above mentioned that it was framed by late Taluq-Overseer Moothoosawmy Pillay and that the work has been executed by Overseer E. R. Soobroya Iyer.

2. The estimate of Rupees 5,110 is enclosed for information and for re-transmission to this office when no longer required by Government.

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4. I beg also to add that the road to Malacal runs along the bank of the Vygay river through wet cultivation for the whole way nearly so that in wet weather it is impassable almost for traffic, I therefore recommended it should be properly metalled as otherwise the original cost would be thrown away.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Major, R.E.,
Offg. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 192. No. 527.

MEMORANDUM.

Financial Department Order, No. 758, dated 6th April 1875.

The submission of a supplemental estimate of Rupees 9,400 to make the road from Thovariman to Malacal *substantially good* has been ordered to receive attention in the Public Works Department.

2. The Chief Engineer desires, therefore, to take this opportunity of observing that it must be very difficult for District Engineers and Range Officers so to frame their road estimates as always to embrace the whole work to be done when the Local Fund Boards have it in their power arbitrarily to disallow any portion of the work they may have estimated for as necessary. The Proceedings of the Madura Board do not appear to the Chief Engineer to be very consistent so far as he can judge from some late orders in the Financial Department, the estimates to which they relate not having themselves come under his notice.

3. For instance, Colonel Walker finds that in Proceedings recorded with G.O., No. 890, of 20th April, the Local Fund Board returned an estimate for revision as being too high. The probability is that it was reduced by striking out work, for want of which the road will not give satisfaction when finished as in the case now under review. Again, in G.O., No. 909, of 23rd April, Proceedings of

the same Board were sanctioned, in which extra and better description of work had been passed without objection. It appears to me quite possible, therefore, that the officer who prepared the original estimate, which is complete so far as it goes, and seems to have been fully carried out, may not be much to blame in this matter.

4. I do not, in fact, think that estimates for roads should, or can be made to, embrace the whole work to be done to them. All that is necessary is that Local Fund Boards should satisfy themselves, before passing estimates, that they do provide for supplying all existing defects on the roads to which they refer, which the Boards may at that time desire to be dealt with; and District Engineers should, as a rule, make it a point not to sign estimates for road-work which they have not examined on the spot.

17*th May* 1875. (Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer, D.P.W.

To the Financial Department.

No. 215.

Transferred, with the District Engineer's report, for disposal in the Financial Department.

17*th May* 1875. (Signed) J. O. HASTED, Major, R.E.,
Offg. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 193. ORDER THEREON, 24th May 1875, No. 1136.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue in continuation of G.O., dated 6th April 1875, No. 758.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Govt. of {1875} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

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

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Local Funds—Roads.—Memorandum by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, on the estimate for the improvement of the road from Malacal to Thovariman, Madura District, communicated to the Board of Revenue.

Extract from a letter from the District Engineer Madura to the Secretary to Govt: P.W. Dept No. 467 dated 7th May 1875.

As directed in G.O. No. 215 under date the 27th Ultimo, I have the honor to state that the Sub Engineer Madura Range in his Docket No. 74 of the 5th Instant informs me that the Construction of the Road from Sivaraman to Melattal on the sanctioned Estimate of Rs 5110 had been almost completed before he took Charge of the Range and that he cannot say who is responsible for the preparation of an inadequate Estimate by omitting to provide for Metalling &c but that he observes from the sanctioned Estimate of Rs 5110 abovementioned that it was framed by late Taluq Overseer Moothoosawmy Pillay and that the work has been executed by Overseer T. R. Sooryia Iyer.

2. The Estimate of Rs 5110 is Enclosed for information and for retransmission to this Office when no longer required by Government.

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/True Extract/

John actd. Major R.E.
Asst Quartermaster General
P.B. Dept

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fully carried out, may not be much to blame in this matter.

I do not, in fact, think that Estimates for Roads should, or can be made to embrace the whole work to be done to them - all that is necessary is that Local Road Boards should satisfy themselves, before passing Estimates, that they do provide for supplying all existing defects on the roads to which they refer, which the Boards may at that time desire to be dealt with - and District Engineers should, as a rule, make it a point not to sign Estimates for Road work which they have not examined on the spot.

Chief Engineer P.B.

Financial Dept.

17.5.75.

No 215

Transferred, with the
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Attested Major R.E.
Offg Joint Secretary to Govt
Public Works Department

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From

The Chief Engineer
P. W. Department

No. 527

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Memo on the estimate for the improvement of road from Madurai to Thovarenan-Madura Dist

With letter

Chairman's 24 May 1875 No 1150.
Communicate to Mr Brandis
Request in connection with G.O. 13
6th April 1875.
To Mr Brandis
Mr Pharoah
Mr Ellis
Mr Robertson
Mr Price
Mr Bourdillon
Mr Bell
Mr Ramsay
Mr Cotton
Mr Dowie
Mr Hall
Mr Bidie
Mr Hunter
Mr Bourne
Mr Lee
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G.O. 7th May 1875 No. 1136.

Nos. 191-193

Local Funds - Roads

Memorandum by the Chief Engineer P.W.D. on the estimate for the improvement of the road from Kalakal to Thovarimanu, Madura District, communicated to the Board of Revenue