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Local Funds—Establishments.

No. 31. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th May 1875, No. 1432:—

Read the following letter from W. McQUHAE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Shembaganur, 29th April 1875, No. 54:—

I HAVE the honor to submit copy of a resolution passed by the Local Fund Board of Madura Circle at a meeting held on the 15th March last, and of a letter from the District Engineer, dated 17th March 1875, No. 5,169, complaining of the insufficiency of the staff of the Public Works Department in this district. The Local Fund money is not spent, and the District Engineer complains of want of Overseers.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to W. McQUHAE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Madura Circle, dated 17th March 1875, No. 5,169.

WITH reference to the Madura Local Fund Board's meeting of the 15th instant, when it was resolved to request you to be good enough to address the Government on the insufficiency of the Imperial establishment allowed for this district, I have the honor to bring the following facts to your notice in support of their resolution.

2. In this district for an area of 8,789½ square miles, only eight Imperial Fund Overseers are allowed, and *one* of these must always remain at Paumben on special duty.

3. In the Cuddapah District for an area of 8,050 square miles, twelve Imperial Fund Overseers are allowed.

4. In Salem for an area of 7,604 square miles, ten are allowed.

5. In Bellary, sixteen are allowed for an area of 11,182 square miles.

6. And in the Kistna, thirteen are allowed for an area of only 7,783 square miles.

7. It will thus be seen, I trust, how insufficiently this district is provided with even the overseer class of subordinates. There are no executive officers in it now at all, and only one Assistant Engineer and two upper subordinates; but as the works extend now a much larger area than above noted in other districts generally, the inadequacy of the means allowed for supervision are painfully apparent, and it is no wonder that so many complaints are made of insufficient or unsatisfactory progress with works.

8. As far as I can ascertain, it has never been the practice with the Range Officers here to check or measure their works in progress, and though I have insisted on this being done, I am satisfied that with such large areas to attend to, this duty can only be discharged in a very perfunctory manner.

9. Under these circumstances, I trust you will be good enough to address the Government in this matter, as they have lately disallowed even the additional Local Fund Overseer recommended by the Board for entertainment.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. McQUHAE,
President.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Extract from Proceedings of Local Fund Board.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 32. ORDER THEREON, 6th August 1875, No. 1608.

Transferred to the Public Works Department for consideration and issue of the necessary orders, with reference to G.O., dated 27th April 1875, No 944.

2. The Board of Revenue have since the receipt of these Proceedings been furnished with the Chief Engineer's Memorandum, dated 3rd July 1875, No. 164 (G.O., 8th July 1875, No. 1449).

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of Madras.

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To

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

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Dated August, 6th.

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G.O., 6th August 1875, No. 1608.

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Nos. 31-32.

Local Funds, Establishments.—Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, forwarding a letter from the President of the Local Fund Boards representing the insufficiency of the Public Works Establishments allowed for the Madura District, transferred to the Public Works Department for consideration and disposal.

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Mr. Hammett, I learn that the Engineer's Report was merely "communicated to the B^d". But I am of opinion that action should be taken in your Department or Mine. Please to draft, putting the thing into proper train.

C.K.

Nov^r Hammett Esq^r

Public Works Dept

No. 1,432.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 27th May 1875.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department, with extract from Proceedings of Local Fund Board, to be returned.

Copy to the President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura.

Exd. W. H. French.

Financial Department
(Local Funds - Establishment)

1875.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

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PROCEEDINGS, 27TH MAY 1875, No. 1,432.

Dup 23 June/75

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Received 7 June/75

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No. 1,432.

Public Works Establishment—allowed for Madura District.—Letter from President of Local Fund Boards, forwarding certain papers on the subject of insufficiency of —, submitted to Government with remarks.

Abstracted. 5 Aug 1875 No 1608

Transmitted to the Public Works Department for consideration the return of the Accountant General with his proceedings dated 3rd June 1875 No. 944.

2. The Board have no remarks to offer upon the subject forwarded with the Chief Engineer's letter dated 3rd April 1875 No. 164 - (P.W.D. 5/1/1875)

No. 37.

To the Public Works Department
— Board's Proceedings dated 27th May 1875

Dup 19/5
3/8 With note

Public Works Department
for consideration
and disposal.

Govt. of {1875} Madras.

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G.O., 6th Augt., 1875, No. 1608

Nos. 31-2

Local Funds. Establishments. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, forwarding a letter from the President of the Local Fund Boards representing the insufficiency of the Public Works establishments allowed for the Madura District transferred to the