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Local Funds—Establishment.

Read the following papers:—

No. 159. From Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 21st July 1875, No. 1524.

With reference to G.O., No. 1365, of the 13th May 1875, I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to obtain the early orders of Government, in the Financial Department, for the entertainment of additional Local Fund Sub-Overseers, 1st grade, as there is only one of this class available for the six Government taluqs in this district, and his services are required in the Pereacolom Taluq, the largest in the Presidency; both Local Fund Boards have brought the matter to the notice of the Government and complained of the insufficient establishment now allotted to this district, but up to this time no further assistance has been afforded, on the contrary, by Mr. Baker's transfer to Tanjore, an upper subordinate has been taken away from the district.

No. 347.

Transferred to the Financial Department, in continuation of Proceedings, No. 1365, 13th May 1875.

OOTACAMUND,
6th August 1875.

(Signed) J. MULLINS, R.E., Lieut.-Colonel,
Offg. Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 160. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th August 1875.

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 Madura, 26th July 1875, No. 86:—

I have the honor to submit a copy of Resolution, No. 128 of 1875, passed by the Madura Board. If the District Engineer is wrong in saying that the present establishment is insufficient, I submit that his error should be pointed out; but it is very hard on the Board to threaten to cut down allotments to their circle, because the money is not spent, and at the same time to give no distinct order on the complaint that the existing establishment is insufficient. With reference to paragraph 3 of G.O., dated 13th May 1875, No. 1365, I have the honor to observe that the devotion of the services of an Imperial Overseer to a Municipal work must have been for a very brief time. The Commissioners are quite prepared to pay for work done for them, but practically nothing has yet been done in connexion with the Water-supply project.

Submitted to Government with reference to the Government Order quoted.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 161. From Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort St. George, dated Madura, 9th August 1875, No. 1841.

I have the honor to bring to your notice that, in reference to paragraph 3 of his letter, No. 64, of 23rd May 1875, recorded in the Revenue Board's Proceedings,* No. 1975, of 13th ultimo, the President, Local Fund Boards, was requested by me to state in what instances he considered that I had failed to comply with the requisitions of the Local Fund Boards. The enclosed is a true extract of the President's reply, which I beg to submit for the information of Government.

Enclosure 1.
One extract of the President's letter, No. 431, of 4th August 1875.
* Communicated to Government, Financial Department.

Extract of a letter from W. McQUHAE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, dated Madura, 4th August 1875, No. 431.

With reference to your letter of the 31st July 1875, No. 1653, I have the honor to observe that the paragraph you refer to contains a strong but well-founded complaint against the system under which the balances of Local Funds have accumulated since the year 1871. I am not aware that the District Engineer was ever called upon to account for these accumulations by Government who alone can decide upon the adequacy of the establishment placed at his disposal. In the time of your predecessor, there was, I believe, a never-ending fight between the Boards and District Engineer. Now, the Madura Board has given up discussing unpleasant questions and no one does so but the Dindigul Vice-President. My contention is that the District Engineer should be responsible to Government, not to the Local Boards who have no authority over him and who have no power to increase his establishment or to decide on the adequacy of reasons given for failure to utilize grants. My remarks refer to a period of four years, but chiefly to the period during which these balances accumulated. Your attention to the requisitions of the Boards was not in my mind at all, neither can it afford much satisfaction to the Boards now after our money has been taken away from us.

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No. 402.

Transferred to the Financial Department with reference to the letter quoted by the District Engineer.

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

No. 162. ORDER THEREON, 24th August 1875, No. 1712.

The question as to whether any increase is necessary in the Public Works Establishment to enable it to meet the demands of Local Fund Boards, is one which must be considered and determined in the Public Works Department.

2. The G.O., in this Department, No. 98, dated 21st January 1875, expressly states that the charge of 25 per cent. is to include the cost of the Local Fund

Petty Establishments, which practically makes them part of the Public Works Establishment; any increase, therefore, must fall on Provincial and not on Local Funds.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Departme
,, Board of Revenue.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Govt. of Madras.

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To

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated August, 24*th*.

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G.O., 24*th August* 1875, No. 1712.

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Nos. 159—162.

Local Funds, Establishments.—The question as to whether any increase of the Public Works Department is necessary to meet the demands of Local Fund Boards, ordered to be considered in the Public Works Department, with reference to the complaint of the insufficiency of the establishment made by the Madura Board.

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No 1524.

District Engineer's Office
Madura 21 July 1875

From

Lieut Colonel J. T. Fischer RE
District Engineer, Madura

To

Colonel G. W. Walker RE.
Secretary to Government Madras

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by Mr Baker's transfer to Sampore
an upper subordinate has been
taken away from this District.
I have the honorable
Sir
your Most Obt Servant
Lieut. Richard Lewthwaite RE
District Engineer

This is a mistake
By a clerical error
Mr Baker was posted to
the Northern District & the
mistake was immediately

Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 5th August 1875
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Madura

To H. E. Stokes Esquire
Ag Secretary to the
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I have &c.

Presidents office
Madura
26th July 1875

(Sigd) W. Medlicott
President

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Submitted to Government with reference to the Government Order quoted.

/ True Copy & Extract /

H Evans
Acting Secretary.

To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Financial Department with
extract from Proceedings of
Local Fund Board to be returned

Copied.

No. 1712

Proceedings of the Revenue Board

Dated 5th August 1875

Read 3rd, 4th & 5th August 1875

Submitting to Government a letter from the President Local Fund Boards, Madras, submitting copies of correspondence between the Local Fund Board, Madura and the Madura Circle regarding the allotment of funds for the construction of certain roads in the Dindigul Taluk.

P.P. &c.

Dated 9th August 1875.

From

Lieut.-Col. J. H. Fischer R.E.
District Engineer of
Madura

To

Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
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Sir
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J. H. Fischer Lieut.-Col. R.E.
District Engineer Madura

Encls: 1.
1. Extract of the Pres. to Local Fund Boards letter No. 1511 of 4th August 1875.

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(Signed) W. McDuhae
President

(True Copy)

Lieut Colonel RE
District Engineer of
Madura

Encl: 1 in a letter from the District Engineer Madura to the Secy to Govt P.W.D No 1841 dated 7th Augt

Extract from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board of the Madura Circle, Madura District, at a Meeting held on the 19th July 1875

Present :—

W. McDuhal Esqr., President
Lieut. Col. J. F. Fischer, Dt. Engineer, "
T. M. Scott, Esqr
M. R. R. T. Ram Row avergal
Treasury Dy. Collr.
" T. Appaji Row avergal
Dy. Collr. on General duties
" A. Vythilingam Chettiar

Extract from the Proceedings letter No 431 of 4th August 75.

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subordinates as required by Government.

Resolved that the President be requested to enquire what increase of establishment the Govt. propose to give to the Madura District. The District Engineer has repeatedly represented that the work cannot be done with the existing establishment, and the point appears to be lost sight of in the present Proceedings.

W. M. Turnbull
President

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Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

papers. Letter

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D. Engineer, Madura, through the P. W. Department. dy 21st July 75, No. 1524.

Pros: Board of Revenue —— dy 5th August 75.

Letter from D. Engr., Madura, through the P.W.D. dy 9th —— No. 1841.

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To

Dated 21st August 1875, No. 1712
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Nos. 159-162

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