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Local Funds—Roads.

No. 151. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th September 1875, No. 2583:—

Read the following letter from C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Salem District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 6th September 1875, No. 1107:—

I HAVE the honor, in reference to Board's Proceedings, No. —, dated 2nd instant, to state that I never *declined* to lay before the Local Fund Board the special estimate for Rupees 3,378 for the thorough repair of the Namkul road received from the District Engineer.

2. On receipt of Major Hunter's letter, No. 82, dated 12th July, and the estimate which accompanied it, I asked that officer to furnish the Board with full and detailed information as to the nature of the work and the necessity for the outlay, as the information contained in his letter, No. 82, was not sufficient to enable the Board to arrive at a conclusion.—(*Vide* my letter, No. 923, dated 14th July.) His letter, No. 95, dated 27th July, was the reply which I declined to submit to Board for the reasons stated in my letter, No. 1012, dated 4th August. The special estimate in question has since been laid before the Board, and passed by them with certain deductions at their meeting held on the 20th August which was the *following* meeting after the receipt of Major Hunter's second letter.

3. In conclusion, I beg that this correspondence may be submitted for the information of Government.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 to 3.—Copies of correspondence.

SUBMITTED to Government in continuation of the Proceedings quoted.

2. The President having in the first instance refused to lay the estimate before the Local Fund Board " on the meagre information " furnished, and the reply to this call not being considered proper and having been rejected, the Board of Revenue thought the President had not brought the estimate before the Local Fund Board. It now appears that he did so, and the Board are therefore of opinion that his action throughout has been right and proper.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George,
with three enclosures to be returned.

No. 152. ORDER THEREON, 22nd September 1875, No. 1873.

Recorded with reference to G.O., dated 6th September 1875, No. 1775, and No. 1891, dated 24th September 1875.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue, with three enclosures returned.
" Public Works Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of [1875] Madras

FINANCIAL.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c.

Dated September, 22nd.

Issued

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G.O., 22nd September 1875, No. 1873.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 151-152.

Local Funds—Roads—Proceedings, Board of Revenue, on the explanation of the President of the Local Fund Board, Salem, relative to the action taken by him in regard to the special estimate for repair of the Namkal road, recorded.

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No. 2,484.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 3rd September 1875.

Read the following letter from Major J. N. HUNTER, R. E., District Engineer, Salem, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 16th August 1875, No. 66:—

I HAVE the honor to bring to your notice the enclosed correspondence between the President, Local Fund Board, and myself, as it appears to me an unusual thing for the President to refuse to lay before the Board estimates and correspondence intended for the general benefit of the district.

1 Copy of letter from President, Local Fund Board, dated 14th July 1875, No. 923.
1 Do. to do. dated 27th July 1875, No. 95.
1 Do. from do. ,, 4th August 1875, No. 1,012.

2. The estimate in question is one for the thorough reformation of three miles of the Trichinopoly Road.

3. This road as explained in my letter No. 95., dated 27th July 1875, to which I beg to draw attention, was in the year 1872-73 under the Revenue Department or "other agency," who spent the whole of the exceptionally large allotment (Rupees 14,700) of that year on a very small portion, leaving the remainder by far the larger portion untouched.

4. In the year 1873-74, forty-two miles of this road were handed over to the Public Works Department and ten retained by "other agency;" and the conservancy was then the same, *viz.*, 150 Rupees per mile throughout. During the succeeding two years, the forty-two miles were very much improved, and became so good that the Collector was able to drive from end to end,—see his letter No. 923, dated 14th July 1875; but there were three bad miles (comparatively) in bad soil and which had not been metalled, and these I was anxious to provide for from a special estimate.

5. This special estimate with a specification was submitted to the President with a request that it might be laid before the Board, for as the Board had already favorably received and sanctioned an estimate of no less than 3,700 Rupees submitted by the Collector as a supplement to the 1,500 allowed for the ten miles under "other agency," I thought it reasonable to suppose that they would also grant the slight increase of 3,378 Rupees for the forty-two miles under the Public Works Department; and I should add that the estimate of 3,378 includes the 150 per mile already allowed, so that the additional grant would be only Rupees 2,928 or 976 per mile for three miles. The Board had also, at the instance of the Collector, granted Rupees 2,700 for two miles on the road to Tripatore *viâ* Mungavady, which was an additional reason for believing that my estimate would be approved.

6. But you will see from the correspondence enclosed, that the President refuses to lay before the Board either my estimate or letter, on the ground that it is an attempt to revive profitless discussion. I most distinctly disclaim any such attempt; my only object is to do the best for the roads entrusted to me; but, as comparisons have been instituted, I think it only right that the Government should see that the requirements of the roads conserved by the Public Works Department and those conserved by "other agency" are judged by a different standard, and money allotted in a different ratio, and that the Public Works Department labor under a great disadvantage in not being able to get a hearing before the Local Fund Board.

No. 421.

TRANSFERRED to the Financial Department.

OOTACAMUND, 21st August 1875. (Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R. E., Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

No. 346.

FORWARDED to the Board of Revenue for their opinion.

OOTACAMUND, 21st August 1875. (Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 to 3.—Copies of Correspondence.

THE Board are decidedly of opinion that the President ought to have laid the estimate before the Local Fund Board; but they think that the District Engineer's letter of the 27th July savours so strongly of the profitless discussions which Government desire to discourage, that the President was warranted in declining to forward the whole correspondence. Had the estimate been put before them, the Local Fund Board might, from their own knowledge and with the aid of the President's opinion, have arrived at a conclusion whether the estimate should be passed, or further information called for.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department.
Copy to the President of the Local Fund Boards, Salem District.

Exd. W. H. French.

Financial Dept / Local Funds. Roads /

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 15TH SEPTEMBER 1875, No. 2,583

Recd 18 Sept 75

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Received 24 Septr 75

SEPTEMBER.

No. 2,583.

Namkul Road—in Salem Circle.—Report of President that he never *declined* to lay before Local Fund Board special estimate furnished by District Engineer for thorough repair of—, but that he laid it before them after receipt of further information from that officer, submitted to Government with remarks.

No 157-

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 3RD SEPTEMBER 1875, No. 2,484

Received 6th Septr 75

Encl.

SEPTEMBER.

No. 2,484.

Salem and Trichinopoly Road.—Remarks submitted to Government on subject of refusal of President of Salem Local Fund Board to lay before that Board an estimate prepared by District Engineer for the repair of certain portion of—.

Revenue Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 15th September 1875.

No. 2583-

Read the following.

No. 1107. Enclosure 3.

From

The President & L. F. Board
Salem District

To

The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue. Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor, in reference to Board's Proceedings of even date dated 2nd Instant, to state that Dewan declined to lay before the Local Fund Board the Special Estimate for Rupees 3378 for the thorough repair of the Vaniyal road received from the District Engineer.

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2. On receipt of Major Hunter's letter No 82 dated 12th July and the Estimate which accompanied it, I asked that Officer to furnish the Board with full and detailed information as to the nature of the work and the necessity for the outlay, as the information contained in his letter No 82 was not sufficient to enable the Board to arrive at a conclusion. (Vide my letter No 923 dated 14th July). His letter No 95 dated 27th July was the reply which I declined to submit to Board for the reason stated

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stated in my letter No 1012 dated 4th August. The special Estimate in question has since been laid before the Board and passed by them with certain deductions at their Meeting held on the 20th August which was the following meeting after the receipt of Major Hunter's 2nd letter.

3. In conclusion I beg that this correspondence may be submitted for the information of Government.

I have &c
C. J. Longley
President

Taken L. F. Bde Office } sgd/
Dated 6th Sept. 1895 }

Submitted to Government in continuation of the Proceedings quoted.

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2. The President having in the first instance refused to lay the estimate before the Local Fund Board on the meagre information furnished, and the reply to this call not being considered proper and having been refused the Board of Revenue thought the President had not brought the estimate before the Local Fund Board. It now appears that he did so, and the Board are therefore of opinion that his action throughout has been right and proper.

/True copy & Extract/

A Elwin

To
Secretary
The Chief Secretary to
Government F.D.
with 3 enclosures
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Aug. 22? September 1875. No. 1873.

Received with reference to L. O. of 6. Sept. 75. No. 1775. — No. 1891 of 24 Sept/75.

Wm. Brunt Asst Engr 10th Dist
Lt. Wm. Sturgis Corps of Engrs U.S.A.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD
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Dated 15th } Sept 1875.
Despatched 17. }

SUBJECT.

Submitting to Govt with remarks, letter from the President L.F. Hse Salem, stating that he never declined to lay before the L.F. Hse the special estimate submitted by the Distt Engineer for repairs of the Nantucket roads.

With ors

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Govt. of 1875. Madras.

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G.O., 22nd Septr. 1875. No. 1973

Nos. 151 152

Local Funds Roads

Pro: Board of Revenue on the explanation of the President of the L.F. Road Salem relative to the action taken by him in regard to the Special Estimate for repair of the Mankal Road, recorded.