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No. 189. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 13th September 1875, No. 2619 :—

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Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 27th April 1875, No. 944.

Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 8th July 1875, No. 1449.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, dated 13th May 1875, No. 1365.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 24th August 1875, No. 1712.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 190. ORDER THEREON, 25th September 1875, No. 1897.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue and to the Accountant-General.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Govt. of 1875. Madras

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c.,

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Nos. 189-190.

Local Funds, Establishment.—Proceedings, Public Works Department, authorizing the District Engineer, Madura, to entertain a Sub-Overseer for each of the six talugs of the district, two of each grade, in addition to the Sub-Overseers employed in Zemindaries, but inclusive of the Sub-Overseer employed in the Peraculum Talug, communicated to the Board of Revenue and to the Accountant-General.

Proceedings of ~~the~~ Madras Government, Public Works Department,
dated 13*th September* 1875. No 2619.

Read the following papers :—

No. 269. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 27th April 1875, No. 944.

ABSTRACT.—*Local Funds, Budgets.*—Orders passed on Proceedings of Board of Revenue reviewing the report of the President on the assets, allotments, and expenditure of the local funds of the Madura and Dindigul Circles in 1873-74 and for the current year up to October 1874.

No. 270. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 8th July 1875, No. 1,449.

ABSTRACT.—*Local Funds, Works.*—Proceedings, Public Works Department, reporting on the short outlay on works in the Madura District, communicated to the Board of Revenue.

No. 271. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, dated 14th April 1875, No. 1,018.

ABSTRACT.—*Establishment.*—Passing orders on letter from the District Engineer, Madura, bringing to notice the requirements of the executive branch of the district and applying for additional aid.

No. 271-A. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, dated 13th May 1875, No. 1,365.

ABSTRACT.—*Establishment.*—Passing orders on the statement forwarded by the District Engineer, Madura, showing the present and proposed allotment of upper and lower subordinates as required by Government.

No. 271-B. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 6th August 1875, No. 1,608.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th May 1875, No. 1,432.

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.

From Lieut.-Col. 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.

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

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. There have been repeated complaints of short expenditure by, and inefficiency of, the Public Works Department establishments in the Madura District, and the cause apparently is the weakness of the staff. The result is accumulation of Local Fund balances, on which subject the Board have specially reported to Government (Proceedings, No. 655, dated 19th March 1875). The Local Boards pay large sums for Public Works Department establishment, and are entitled to efficient agency.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

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. 1,449).

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES MACLEAN,
Ag. Under Secy.,
for *Offg. Chief Secy.*

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No. 271-C. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 24th August 1875, No. 1,712.

Read the following papers:—

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. 1,524.

WITH reference to G. O., No. 1,365, 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 Pereacolum 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. 1,365, 13th May 1875.

OOTACAMUND, *6th August* 1875. (Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E., *Offg. Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.*

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th August 1875.

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. 1,365, 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.

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, 9th August 1875, No. 1,841.

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. 1,975, 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.

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. 1,653, 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,
13*th August* 1875.

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

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

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th September 1875.

Establishment; any increase, therefore, must fall on Provincial, and not on Local, Funds.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES MACLEAN,
Ag. Under Secy.,
for *Offg. Chief Secy.*

No. 272. ORDER THEREON, 13th September 1875, No. 2,619.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 15-A.

To the Public Works Department it appeared that paragraph 1 of the Financial order quoted in that of 24th August, and which directed that no steps be taken for the amalgamation of the Local Fund Petty Establishment with the General Public Works Establishment, left the appointment of Local Fund Overseers with the Local Fund Boards as before. And accordingly the second Public Works order above quoted referred the entertainment of Local Fund subordinates in taluqs where they did not exist to the Financial Department, and papers subsequently received were similarly transferred.

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(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Madura.
" Executive Engineer, Wynaad.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Financial Department.
To all other District Engineers.

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THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,

MADURA,

&c., &c., &c.

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G. O., 13th September 1875, No. 2,610.

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