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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
8th January 1875.

LOCAL FUNDS—ESTABLISHMENT.

No. 25. Read the following letter from J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 10th December 1874, No. 8623 (Miscellaneous) :—

With reference to G.O., Public Works Department, dated 20th October 1874, No. 2991-A, paragraph 4, which is to the effect that the existing Local Fund Petty Establishment is to be amalgamated with the regular Public Works Establishment as a lower subordinate establishment.

The Board wish to be informed—

First, if in reviewing the Budgets of 1875-76, which are now before them, they may strike out the charge on account of Petty Establishment ; and

Second, if Presidents of Local Fund Boards are to be instructed that the latter part of No. III. of the Local Fund Rules is cancelled and that the appointment, punishment, and dismissal of officials on what has hitherto been called the Local Fund Petty Establishment rests with District Engineers ?

2. The Board believe that the question what percentage shall be charged against the Local Fund for Department Public Works Supervision after the current year is still under the consideration of Government. The transfer of the Public Works Department from Imperial to Provincial, which has been recently made, seems to afford an opportunity of reducing the charge to a fairer amount than twenty-five per cent.

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, 8th January 1875, No. 24.

The Board of Revenue may issue instructions to Local Fund Boards and deal with the Budgets before them, as suggested in paragraph 2 of the letter above recorded.

2. By the amalgamation of the Local Fund Petty Establishment with the General Public Works Establishment, and the introduction of a single fixed charge of twenty-five per cent. on account of Local Fund works carried out by the Public Works Establishment, Local Funds will be relieved of a charge which in 1873-74 would have amounted to 2·7 per cent. on the expenditure by the Public Works Department, and as the Local Fund Petty Establishment has since been increased the relief in 1875-76 will be greater still. The order directing amalgamation merely refers to the Petty Establishment now paid from Local Funds but working under the orders of officers of the General Public Works Department, and can in no way prejudice the discussion of the question of the organization of a distinct establishment for Local Fund and Municipal works, in connexion with which the opinion of the Board of Revenue will be called for in a separate order.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of Madras

FINANCIAL.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated January, 8th.

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G.O., 8th January 1875, No. 24.

JANUARY.
Nos. 25-26.

Local Fund Circles.—Orders passed regarding the amalgamation of the Local Fund Petty Establishment with the regular Public Works Establishment as a lower subordinate establishment.

Submitted for F. G.
Issued as 1875

ELLANEOUS No. 8623

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Madras, 10th December 1874.

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The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras

The Acting Chief Secretary to Government
Financial Department

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The Board believe that the question what percentage shall be charged against the Local Fund for D. P. W. Supervision after the current year is still under the consideration of Government. The transfer of the Public Works Department from Imperial to Provincial which has been recently made seems to afford an opportunity of reducing the charge to a fairer amount than 25 per cent.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

J G Wise
Secretary

To
The Acting Chief Secretary to Government

Finl. 7th Nov. 74 No. 30-34

Financial (1874) Dept.
(Local Fund)

From

The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,

To

The Hy. Chief Secretary
to Government T.N.D.

Dated 10th December 1874

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No 2603

Requesting certain information with reference to G.O. 20th Oct. 74 No. 2991A which is to the effect that the existing Local Fund Petty Establishment is to be amalgamated with Regular P.W. Establishment as a Lower Subordinate Establishment.

No 25-

Under existing circumstances, we cannot amalgamate as establishments for the P.W. officers

Note

The regular Local Fund Petty establishment working under P.W. officers cost Rs 1,17,106 in 1873-74. Besides this there was a Petty establishment costing Rs 9208 which worked under Civil officers. The latter needn't be affected by the amalgamation.

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The amalgamation of the Local Fund Petty establishment with the General P.W. establishment appears to have been ordered in the P.W. Dept. without consulting the Local Boards, as a necessary sequel to the abolition of the old system of rateable distribution of establishment charges, and the adoption of a fixed percentage.

As the amalgamation leads to an immediate very considerable saving to Local Boards, and as the Local Fund Petty establishment worked under the orders of P.W. officers it is submitted that the Local Boards are not likely to object. They had really nothing to do with the Local Fund Petty establishment beyond [illegible] appointing and paying them

Since the introduction of the new Local Fund and the Local Fund Petty establishments have occupied a somewhat anomalous position. The question of amalgamation has been previously discussed in the financial department and though amalgamation was not decided on it was permitted to use the ~~was~~ different petty establishments on any class of works provided the President and District Engineer were ~~for~~ fully agreed. The effect of this has been ~~in~~ that in the words of Colonel Mullins "as one or very few members of either the General or the Local Fund establishments are ~~generally~~ employed on either class of work"

As the Local Fund Petty establishment as at present constituted works under

See remark of Colonel Mullins on para 20 of the note of the Deputy Controller of P.W. accounts recorded with G.O. P.W.D 2/20 of 6th Oct. 1874 No 2991A

the D.P.W. Officers it is submitted that the arrangement directed in the G.O. under reference will not affect any proposal to allow of the execution of Local Fund works by a special ~~establishment~~ establishment working independently of the Public Works Depot

With reference to the remarks of the Govt. Resolution it is submitted that the effect of the Public Work order in question is to put an end to the existence of the Local Fund Petty establishment as a separate body for a special work and that if the order is allowed to remain in force the abrogation of Rule III follows as a necessary consequence.

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Rule III is as follows:-

The petty establishments of overseers already sanctioned for each district shall be retained on the same conditions of service as at present, but will be available for all Local Fund work. The appointment, punishment, and dismissal of these officers is of the establishment in the President, but in his selection he should consult with the Superintending Engineer.

Amalgamation of local fund pty establishment with P.W. establishment

Memo with reference to remarks on draft

Postponed
in reference to the
reference to the Bd,
on the general question

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It is requested that if possible orders may be obtained in Council today regarding the issue of the draft order.

Upwards of twenty draft orders on budget now in circulation or ready for circulation have been prepared on the supposition that effect could be given to G.O. d/26th October 1874 No 2991A P.W.D. & issue of the draft orders have been passed but none issued as yet.

JK

Fail. Dept.

Today

Pros. of the Madras Govt.

~~Read Proceedings of~~

Read
Letter from Secy
to Govt of Revenue d/10th Dec.

Order. d/8th January 1875. No. 24

The Board of Revenue may issue instructions to local fund Boards and deal with the budgets respectively as suggested in para 2 of the letter above recorded.

By the amalgamation of the local fund pty establishments with the General Public works establishments, and the introduction of a simple fixed charge of 2½ per cent on account of local fund works carried

Subject

The letter to which order refers & deals with the question of the charge to local funds in the middle of a long order on the subject of "Capital and Revenue Accts of Irrigation" which was communicated to the Accountant in this Dept as a matter of office routine without being shown to me - or the instructions now asked for issued have been issued earlier.

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ent of the Public Works establishment the Local Funds will be relieved of a charge which in 1873-74 would have amounted to 2.7 per cent on the expenditure of the Public Works Department, and as the Local Fund portion establishment has since been increased the relief in 1875-76 will be greater still. The facts are submitted in a position to say whether or not it will be possible to reduce the charge to Local Funds below 25 per cent. Each ~~of~~ is separate advantage

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Mr Judd - It is not the intention of Govt. to alter the rule till the accounts for the year in question will have been closed

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The charge for 1873-74 exclusive of the Port establishment was 27.7 per cent and in the year before that it was higher still.

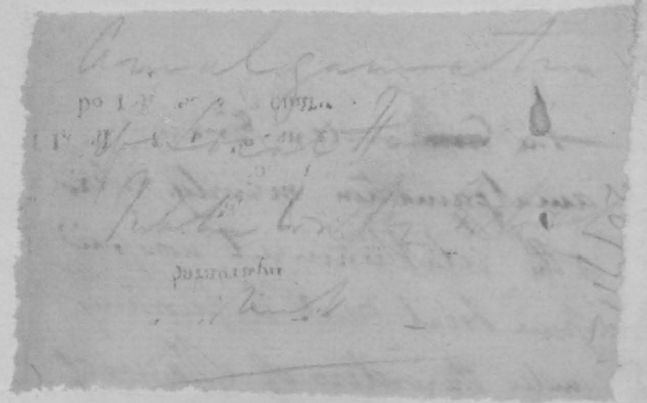
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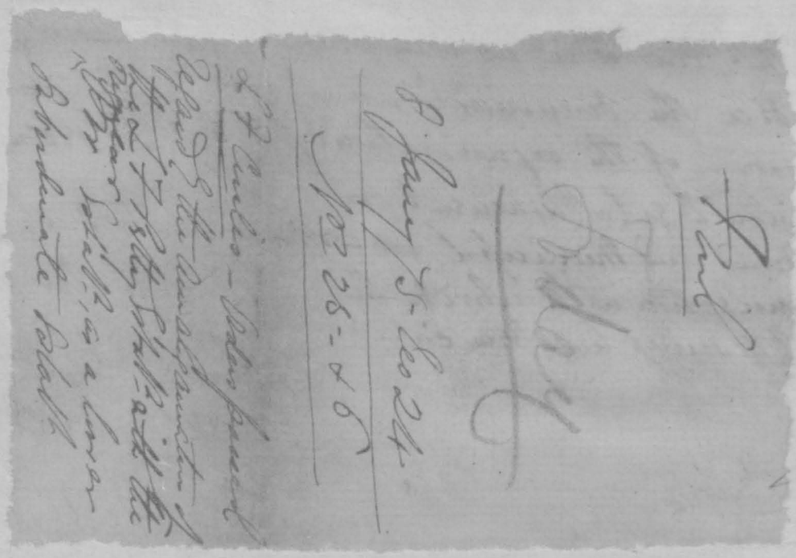
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Not knowing that the Public Works Dept were dealing with the question I have been waiting for the Secretary of States decision in the matter of "Roads versus Education" before submitting the papers necessary to enable the Govt to decide on the proper percentage. - If the present expenditure on roads is entirely debarred it will probably be impossible to charge Local Funds less than 25 per cent and the present draft is prepared accordingly. - When the budget figures for 1875-76 are accurately known, and the Govt will be in a better position to judge of the effect of the recent change in the method of charging Imperial works for establishment, and to say how far it will be safe to reduce the charge to Local Funds in the Provincial and Local Funds.

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The order directing amalgamation merely refers to the Port establishment now paid from Local Funds but working under the orders of Officers of the General Public Works Dept. and can in no way prejudice the discussion of the question of the organization of a distinct establishment for Local Fund and Municipal works in connection with which the Bd of Revenue have been called for

Board of Revenue.
Public Works Deptt.
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