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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

READ—the following G.O., dated 10th June 1882, No. 454 L., Public Works :—

Read—the following Memorandum from Colonel JOHN MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Chepauk, 15th March 1882, No. 24 L. :—

In the Notes of Inspection of the Kistna Delta it was brought to notice that a claim had been recently made, under the authority of orders of Government, on behalf of the Local Fund Board, to the rest-houses and sheds belonging to the Delta. The Superintending Engineer and the Executive Engineers could find no orders on the subject, but the numbers and dates of the orders in the Financial Department were obtained, and on the return of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation to Madras the papers were looked up.

2. The first order on the subject appears to be that, No. 2195, of the 5th December 1876, Financial Department, and in the Proceedings is given a complete list of Inspection Bungalows and store-sheds, while the order contains an abstract, and Government say that, irrespective of the source from which the funds for the construction and maintenance of the buildings were obtained, they would have no hesitation in sanctioning their transfer in all cases in which Local Fund Boards may desire such transfer, and will undertake to keep the buildings in good repair.

3. The Government of India called for certain information in connection with the above order in the Financial Department, and this call was replied to in a letter, No. 3129 W., of the 8th December 1879, with which a list of buildings transferred, or to be transferred, to Local Fund Boards was forwarded. This list was not printed, but in it were included the Godavari and Kistna rest-houses. In the letter it is stated that the property in the buildings so taken over is not transferred to the Local Fund Boards, but only the duty of maintenance. The Government of India had no objection to the transfer on these terms, and communicated their approval in the letter recorded in Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 398 W., 20th February 1880.

G.O., Financial Department, No. 437, dated 1st March 1880.

4. In the meantime the Board of Revenue had reported further on the matter, and in Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, No. 1873, there is given a summary of the intended disposal of the 522 buildings of the list in Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, of the 5th December 1876. In that summary 209 of the buildings are shown as to be retained by the Public Works Department. The list referred to in paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings has not been obtainable so far. The order sanctioned the transfer but reserved the property in the buildings, and apparently the buildings then committed to the charge of the Local Fund Boards numbered $237 + 49 = 286$, and to that of Municipalities 7.

By the order in the Public Works Department, Superintending Engineers were directed to take the necessary steps for handing over the buildings on the conditions specified, but apparently the order was issued in manuscript and no lists were furnished. The Local Fund Boards were in, or naturally came into possession of, all the old Travellers' Bungalows which they desired to possess, and of the road-side sheds

which appertained to works of which they had charge, but the Delta officers do not seem to have known, or to have had any means of knowing, that the rest-houses and other buildings belonging to the Delta works had been transferred, and it would have been difficult for them to imagine that any such transfer could have ever been contemplated.

5. With regard to the Delta rest-houses and other similar buildings, it seems probable that the orders passed were issued under a misconception. These buildings have been erected for the express purpose of providing shelter for the Canal officers, chiefly during the hot weather, but also at other times, to enable them the better to attend to their duties. The buildings stand on canal land, are for the most part close to some lock, or other work, on which there is a canal establishment and are taken care of by that establishment, and they were built and have always been maintained out of Irrigation funds.

6. There is, therefore, it will be seen, no reason whatever for the transfer of these buildings to the Local Fund Boards, but every reason against it; and could Government see how many of the buildings are located, the idea of their transfer would appear to be altogether objectionable.

7. How it occurred that the matter was disposed of without this office, or the Superintending Engineers, being asked for any opinion as to whether buildings connected with Irrigation works could be conveniently transferred to Local Fund Boards, it is difficult to understand, but the absence of any lists illustrating what the orders of Government really intended has had the practical effect of rendering those orders hitherto inoperative, and it is recommended that they be now so far modified as to exempt all rest-houses or other buildings belonging to the several Irrigation works from their operation.

No. 31.

Order—dated 10th June 1882, No. 454 I., Public Works.

The Government consider that all that was intended, by the orders transferring such bungalows and sheds to Local Fund Boards as the latter might be willing to take over and maintain, was the transfer of buildings with which the Public Works Department would require to have no further concern, and that there was no intention of taking from the Public Works Department buildings appertaining to the Deltas or other Irrigation works, such as those referred to in the memorandum by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

No. 24 I., dated 15th March 1882.

2. So far then as the orders referred to may have been supposed to include these latter buildings, they will be considered canceled, and Superintending Engineers will furnish for communication to the Board of Revenue list showing what bungalows, rest-houses or sheds, will, under this modification of previous orders, be retained under their control.

(True Extract.)

igned) A. S. RUSSELL,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Irrigation Branch.

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Board of Revenue.
" Financial Department.

Resolution—dated 4th July 1882, No. 1711.

Communicated to the Presidents of Local Fund Boards. They are requested to furnish, in communication with Superintending Engineers, a statement in the annexed

form showing the buildings which have been transferred from the Public Works Department and which are now in charge of the Local Fund Boards:—

Taluk.	Station.	Nature of Building.	Purpose for which used.	Order sanctioning transfer.

This information should be submitted without delay.

(A true Copy and extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To all Presidents of the Local Fund Boards.
" Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department.
" Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.
" " " Irrigation Department.

Exd. A. Grubert.

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Proceedings, 4th July 1882, No. 1711.

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Requesting Presidents of Local Fund Boards
to furnish, in communication with Superintend-
ing Engineers, a statement in the form given
of Buildings which have been transferred from the
Public Works Department and which are now in
charge of Local Fund Boards.

to Mr. Angell Koppala
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