

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 24th March 1857.

No. 24. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Works Department, dated 23rd January 1857, No. 173.

Read the following letter from the Chief Engineer.

Forwards a Memorandum of expenditure incurred for improvements made between the Eye Infirmary and the Gun Carriage Depot with its enclosures, and under the circumstances stated, solicits the Government to determine by what Officer accounts, &c. should be furnished, and also forwards a report received from the Civil Engineer, Assessment Department, and also states that he deemed it proper to address the Inspector of Prisons for a report of progress of expenditure on works under his charge, but begs to remark it is not entered in the books of the Central Office.

(Here enter 16th October 1856, No. 7302.)

1. With this letter, the Chief Engineer lays before Government a Memo. of expenditure incurred in opening a road between the Eye Infirmary and the Gun Carriage Manufactory, forwarded to him by the Superintendent of Police; and he states with reference thereto that as the estimate for the work did not pass through his Office, it is not clear to him whether it is intended that the memo. of charges should have been submitted through him for sanction; Colonel Faber, further suggests that all estimates for Public Works at the Presidency, whether on account of Municipal purposes or general Public utility, should pass through his office, as estimates for all other Public Works are required to do.

2. The Governor in Council observes that it has already been ordered in E. M. C. dated 17th January and 19th July 1856, Nos. 73 and 1,217 that all estimates from any Department whatever, shall be submitted through the Chief Engineer. This order applies to all expenditures on Public Works out of Government funds, within the limits of Madras as well as in the Provinces; but it does not include expenditures out of the Municipal funds, with which the Chief Engineer will have no concern. For all works at the Presidency out of Government funds, even when authorized on the recommendation of the Municipal authorities, estimates should be submitted by the Superintending Engineer to the Chief Engineer, those for works ordered on the recommendation of the Municipality being countersigned by the proper Officer of that body. As a general rule all these estimates should be prepared as well as forwarded by the Superintending Engineer and the works also will generally be executed under the control of the same Officer, the necessary funds being drawn from the Sub Treasurer in the usual course. But in particular cases, estimates may be made by the Engineer of the Municipality and submitted through the Superintending Engineer with his revision and countersignature, and it may occasionally be convenient that the

former should have the execution of works of this nature. The progress reports and other accounts rendered by the Superintending Engineer to the Chief Engineer should include these works. The order in the Public Department dated 9th October 1856, No. 1211, exempting Estimates for certain works from submission through the Chief Engineer will be considered as cancelled.

Communicated to the Chief Engineer in Extract Minutes Consultation, from this Department, dated 20th Idem, No. 1987.

3. That part of the same order which directs that expenditure on Public Works of the nature above referred to, shall be passed when within the limit of 400 Rupees by the Civil Auditor, is also hereby annulled. In accordance with the general rules of the Public Works Department, Estimates for all new works to be executed out of the public funds should be submitted for the sanction of Government even when below 400 Rupees in amount.

4. With respect to works to be executed out of local funds such as grass rents, cow-dung collections, and other local resources not pertaining to the Municipality, the Government observe that the rules sanctioned in Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 11th April 1856, for the management of local funds should be held applicable to such works. In order to secure uniformity of system and to avoid misapprehension, all such works shall be executed by the Superintending Engineer Presidency Division in communication with the Collector of Madras. Estimates for these works need not be submitted for the sanction of Government; but the course prescribed in the rules should be followed. Those rules shall be generally observed as far as applicable to the Presidency by the Superintending Engineer and the Collector of Madras; and to each of those Officers a copy of the rules will be furnished for their guidance. As already directed

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in Extract Minutes of Consultation, Public Department, dated 4th August 1856, No. 903, the collections on account of all these funds should be made by the Collector of Madras, and credited to the head "local fund." For disbursements out of these funds the Superintending Engineer shall draw money from the Collector; and he shall keep his accounts relating thereto quite distinct from those of Government works. The Collector will submit to the Board of Revenue an annual report of the operations out of the funds, as directed in the rules and the disbursements will come under the audit of the Chief Engineer as provided for in the rules, the necessary accounts being furnished by the Superintending Engineer. These instructions supersede para. 6 of the Minutes of Consultation dated 4th August 1856, which authorizes expenditures out of such funds at the Presidency, to be passed by the Civil Auditor when below 400 Rupees and requires the submission of estimates to Government for larger outlays.

5. The memo. abovementioned of expenditure on the road between the Eye Infirmary and Gun Carriage Manufactory should be disposed of by the Chief Engineer in the usual course, according to the general rules regarding bills. The orders in the Public Department sanctioning the estimates for the said road will be communicated to the Chief Engineer.

6. In the concluding para. Colonel Faber brings to notice that the expenditure in the Prison Department also does not enter into the books of the Department of Public Works, as the Inspector of Prisons furnishes accounts to the Accountant General independently. The Inspector of Prisons is vested with power to sanction works within certain limits, like the heads of some other Departments; but the execution of all such works should be attended to by the local Engineers. It will be the duty of those Officers to include such works in their Progress Reports and accounts current furnished to the Central Office; and the expenditure will thus be brought into the books of the Public Works Department. The Government are not aware what accounts of works performed are furnished to the Accountant General by the Inspector of Prisons, and the former Officer will be good enough to report what they are.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

No. 25. ORDER THEREON, No. 334; dated 20th March 1857.

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