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7th January 1864.*

No. 91. Read the following letter from Captain F. J. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, E. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madura, 7th December 1863, No. 1,430 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to request instructions as to the execution of Local Funds and the submission of accounts; as the practice in this Division differs from what I have seen elsewhere, and there are no distinct orders on the subject.

2. In Madura I cannot procure any full return of the Local Fund receipts, *e. g.*, after forwarding what I believed to be a complete statement on the
Vide G. O. No. 2,030, dated 24th July 1863. 3rd July 1863, I found that the Revenue Officers were expending on the Andiputty Pass the proceeds of the toll levied on that road.

3. The work was being carried on in a most unsatisfactory manner, but I am not aware that I have any authority to interfere; there was no efficient Maistry on the road, the Sub-Magistrate at Ooslempetty being supposed to superintend the work, the tank diggers (who were employed in making the road in different places over 15 miles, instead of working steadily at one point) complained that they had not had any settlement of their accounts for eight months; the Sub-Magistrate did not deny it, but said he had made advances, which elsewhere in the District we have ceased to do.

4. In Tinnevely I have after considerable difficulty procured a statement of the collections; but I found that the Collector had taken up the execution of seven works, the Estimates of which he had sent in July to Captain Paxton, then Acting District Engineer, who did not forward them to me.

5. For these works no money has been issued by the Departmental Officers; the Collector has sanctioned the disbursements and declines to furnish me with any accounts. Those submitted to the Department Public Works Auditor previously to October 1863, were incorrect, because I knew nothing of the works mentioned in paragraph 4.

6. The Revenue Board have called for a quarterly statement, I believe, under a misunderstanding, as I have always in other Districts submitted mine monthly to the Deputy Chief Engineer or Auditor; and as far as lay in my power have done so in this Division. I believe the Revenue Board issued their instructions on receipt of G. O. No. 908 of the 27th May 1863, in which Department Public Works Officers are informed that Government look upon them as responsible for the expenditure of Local Funds, it is clear that as long as the present state of matters exists in the Division, I cannot have any proper control over them.

7. My impression was that when the Revenue Officers undertook any work, whether from Imperial or Local Funds, they came so far under the control of the Department Public Works that they received their funds from, and submitted their accounts to the Officers of the Department, who compiled the monthly accounts and prepared the bills for the Auditor Department Public Works.

8. That the Department Public Works Officers also would prepare the annual accounts; but instead of forwarding them direct with an Administration Report to Government, they would submit the accounts to the Collector, who would draw up the report and forward it to the Revenue Board, who in the conclusion of G. O. No. 908, are desired to see to the punctuality of their submission.

No. 92. ORDER THEREON, 7th January 1864, No. 43.

1. The Rules for the management of Local Funds are, in the main, the same as those printed at page 289 of Grant's Circular Order Book. Since their promulgation the new Budget Rules came into force, and agreeably to paragraph 42 of the latter, a Budget of Local Funds has annually to be prepared on the principle of that for Imperial works. The selection of works to be carried out from Local Funds rests with the Collector and Superintending Engineer conjointly, but their execution, as the rules provide, should be undertaken under the orders of the latter Officer, except in particular cases when circumstances may render it desirable to entrust it to other agency. In making this latter provision, however, the rules contemplate a mutual agreement between both Departments when the course referred to is adopted. The Budget is supposed to contain the requisite provision for carrying out works to the full extent of the available collections under all heads of income; but it may so happen that in some cases the local authorities may not be in a position to determine with accuracy the amount that will be available, which may therefore be either over or under-estimated. In such cases the authority of Government will be indispensable for the appropriation of the over-plus or of the reduced sum, in the same manner as all other appropriations in the Budget which come under its direct cognizance when the Budget is reviewed and finally approved with such amendments as the circum-

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stances of particular cases may render necessary. The tolls levied from the Andiputty Pass and referred to by Captain Moberly in paragraph 2 of his letter, should, under the decision of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 7th July 1863, No. 1,215, have been credited to Local Funds and used in the manner enjoined by the rules. The Collector will be requested, through the Board of Revenue, to explain the proceedings alluded to by the Superintending Engineer in paragraphs 2 and 3.

2. The attention of the Board will be requested to paragraphs 4 to 8 of the Superintending Engineer's letter. Although the rules in force do not prohibit the Revenue Department carrying out certain works from Local Funds when such an arrangement may be expedient, it is still essential, as pointed out above, that before works are carried out by any official belonging to other than the professional Department, there should be a mutual concurrence between both Departments, and that the Collector should render the Superintending Engineer accounts of such expenditure to be audited and forwarded to the Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts. The circumstance of the funds being in the Treasury of the Collector, does not place them absolutely at his disposal. To ensure the satisfactory management of the Local Fund appropriations, unity of action is primarily requisite, and the Board will therefore impress upon Collectors the necessity of their acting in concert with the Engineer Department to secure the profitable investment of local collections.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Superintending Engineers of Divisions.
" Revenue Department.
" Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Supy Engrs Office & Division
Madras 7th December 1863.*

No 11230

From

*Captain F. J. Moberly R. E.
Superintending Engineer, & Division*

To

*Colonel C. A. Orr R. E.
Secretary to Government D. P. W.*

Sir,

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*Under G. O. No 2030
dated 24th July 1863.*

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Public Works Dept
 Madras Government
 Under date the 7th Decr/63
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 from the Supy Engrs & Co

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by Capt. Molyneux in Para 2
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Requesting instructions
as to the execution of local
Funds & the submission of
accounts with orders thereon

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