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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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1st March 1866.

No. 24. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th February 1866, No. 1,164 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 5th February 1866, No. 39.

I have the honor to submit copies
of a letter* from the Superintending
Engineer, Seventh Division, and my
Memorandum† forwarding the same to

* Dated 27th January 1866, No. 242.
† Dated 5th February 1866, No. 15.

the Secretary to Government, Department of Public Works, regarding the transfer of certain allotments of 1865-66 and 1866-67, of the District Road Fund to certain works at Cochin commenced without authority by Mr. Smither, and to request that I may be favored with copy of such instructions as the Board may see fit to issue in the matter.

From the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department of Public Works, dated Bellatungudy, 27th January 1866, No. 242.

1. In Government Order, No. 3,369, of 24th November 1864, sanction was accorded to estimates for bridge-work in the Town of Cochin amounting to Rupees 5,950, and instructions given to apply for the funds after 1st May 1865.

2. In paragraph 30 of Government Order, No. 1,863, of 4th July 1865, it is stated that "it has been found impracticable to provide any portion of the funds applied for."

3. It was, therefore, with the utmost surprise that I found an entry in the Palghaut Range Progress Report for October 1865, of an expenditure of Rupees 1,454-15-4 on account of this work, and I lost no time, after certifying myself that the outlay was unauthorized in calling for an explanation of the transaction, and in ordering the stoppage of the works, and the transfer to other sanctioned works of such materials as might have been collected, and were capable of being so utilized.

4. The Range Officer "cannot account for having so misread the Government Order," but trusts that, "this being the first time that he has committed such an error," I will obtain Government sanction for the outlay; which meanwhile had risen to Rupees 3,667-7-4, as per items subjoined, viz. :—

Works.	Estimate.			Expenditure.			Remarks.
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	
1. Muttancherry Bridge	2,400	0	0	2,418	5	2	Completed.
2. Sheloi Thodu do.	900	0	0				
3. Tunnel near Amarawady Bridge ...	130	0	0	134	2	2	Do.
4. Do. between do. and Dhoby's do.	130	0	0	130	0	0	Do.
5. Do. near Messrs. Mirus and Co.'s Stores	130	0	0	135	0	0	Do.
6. Amarawady Bridge	350	0	0	350	0	0	Do.
7. Approaches to do.	200	0	0				
8. Dhoby's do.	350	0	0	350	0	0	Do.
9. Approaches to do.	420	0	0				
10. Eight small Tunnels, Rupees 50 each	400	0	0	150	0	0	3 Do.
11. Temporary superintendence	540	0	0				
Total	5,950	0	0	3,667	7	4	

5. I am still more at a loss than Mr. Smither himself to find an excuse for his mistake, as neither during my three days' stay at Cochin ending on the 19th September, nor during many other days of that and the following month when we were travelling together, did he give me to understand that any such work was contemplated or in progress, and yet I am sure that we discussed every work in his Range that he was really authorized to undertake.

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6. As to provision of funds for the outlay incurred I am quite at a loss, unless the Local Budget is resorted to. The works are such as will in future have to be carried out with Municipal or Local Funds, and I will send up this letter through the Collector that he may report whether or not the undermentioned allotments of 1865-66 and 1866-67 may be transferred for completion of the bridges omitting Rupees 500 for superintendence, viz. :—

	1865-66.	1866-67.
14. Road from Cannanore to Kaniarkunu...	1,000	...
26. C. Kutady by Korothe to Teriot road ..	...	1,782
27. Chundale by Mopyenaad to Nellialum ..	2,000	...
28. Sultan's Battery by Nellialum to Nadagany ...	668	...
	Rupees... 3,668	1,782

I think that in consideration of Mr. Smither's able and zealous co-operation in all District road works, and of the improbability of the sums I have named being otherwise spent that he will sanction such transfer, and so help the Palghat Range Officer out of his scrape.

Memorandum from the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to Government, Department of Public Works, dated Calicut, 5th February 1866, No. 15.

* Letter from Superintending Engineer, dated 27th January 1866, No. 242. 1. In forwarding the enclosed, * the undersigned has the honor to remark that all the money allotted on the road from Cannanore to Kaniarkunu, (Road No. 14 of the Malabar District road list,) has been transferred to the road from Bliapatam to Taliparamba (No. 7, Malabar District road list). This latter is an important line, but looking at the rate of expenditure on it hitherto it does not seem likely that the whole allotment will be spent this year, and consequently the transfer may, unless other objection exists, be made.

There seems no chance of the allotments on the Chundale and Nellialum roads being spent this year.

2. The Board of Revenue have, on several previous occasions, refused to allow transfers from the District Road Funds to Imperial works, but it may be remarked in this case that Cochin has not had any District Funds spent on it this year; that escheat sales are being effected there; and that it may reasonably look for an allowance from the sum allowed for District works from the escheat proceeds; and that, under these circumstances, the Board may be inclined to allow the allotments as proposed by the Superintending Engineer to be made.

3. A copy of the Superintending Engineer's letter and of this Memorandum will be sent to the Board for their instructions

The Board will not object to the proposed transfer as the funds are not otherwise required.

No. 25. ORDER THEREON, 1st March 1866, No. 707.

LOCAL FUNDS, No. 6.
Account.

Recorded, with reference to the Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, No. 465, dated 21st February 1866.

(True Extract.)

W. A. O. Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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