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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd February 1866.*

No. 101. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th January 1866, No. 459 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 28th November 1865, No. 307.

* Amount transferred from deposits 1,95,525 2 9
Amount transferred from "Suspense Account," being the unexpended sums refunded by the Acting Sub-Collector and the Acting Head Assistant Collector in this month, and credited to the same head. 2,932 1 6

1,98,457 4 3

1. As directed in paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 27th ultimo, No. 6,925, I have the honor to report that I have transferred, to the credit of the Public Works Department, Rupees 1,98,457-4-3,* being the balance remaining unspent, on the date of the receipt of the above Proceedings, on account of the grants for compensation, as particularized below :—

Num-ber.	Items.	Amount received.			Amount dis-bursed to Inám-dars, &c.			Balance.		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1	Amount credited to deposits in April 1865, under orders of the Board of Revenue	35,100	0	0	28,326	12	4	6,773	3	8
2	Amount received from the Superin-tending Engineer, and credited to deposits in May 1865	2,20,000	0	0	35,100	0	0	1,84,900	0	0
3	Amount returned by the Superinten-ding Engineer, under the orders of the Board of Revenue, being the sum refunded to him	8,379	12	10	1,595	12	3	6,784	0	7
		2,63,479	12	10	65,022	8	7	1,98,457	4	3

2. I beg to state that out of the amount of Rupees 65,022-8-7, shown above as expenditure from the different sums received for payment of compensation, the amount actually paid to Inámdars, &c., was Rupees 29,922-8-7, and the remaining Rupees 35,100 charged against the grant of Rupees 2,20,000, were adjusted in the accounts to the credit of the Public Works Department, in re-imbursement of the advance debited to that head, under orders of the Board of Revenue, as explained in paragraph 7 of my letter to the Board of the 14th instant, No. 286.

3. In paragraph 2 of their Proceedings under reply, the Board have observed that the sum charged against the grant of 1864-65, was Rupees 43,479-12-10; but I beg to state that the only sum taken from the above grant, was Rupees 35,100, which was sanctioned by the Board for payment of compensation in the past official year. The remainder, viz., Rupees 8,379-12-10, was unexpended portion of the previous year's allotments; the same was remitted to the Superintending Engineer in April last, to be credited in his accounts as a refund of charges, in consequence of payment of compensation having been stopped, under the Orders of Go-

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vernment, dated 28th August 1864, No. 2,398. Upon receipt of Board's telegram of the 27th April last, the above sum having been again called for from the Superintending Engineer, it was returned and credited to "Deposits." From this explanation, I hope that the Board will perceive that this sum (Rupees 8,379-12-10) should not have been charged against the current year's allotment. The balance of Rupees 6,784-0-7 remaining unspent, has been included in the amount now transferred to the Public Works Department, as will be seen from the particulars given in paragraph 1 of this letter, because the grant of Rupees 1,17,500, sanctioned for 1865-66, provides for payments to be made from the above balance.

4. I have farther to state that besides the sum of Rupees 1,98,457-4-3, now adjusted to the credit of the Public Works Department, there are two sums, amounting to Rupees 1,279-13-1, brought to account in this month, being the unexpended balance refunded into the Treasury by the Acting Sub-Collector,* and the Acting Head Assistant Collector in charge of the Elore Deputy Collector's Range, out of the sum of Rupees 1,712-1-11 and Rupees 30-2-3, respectively sent to them in August last, for paying the Inámdars, &c., as stated in paragraph 8 of my letter to the Board, No. 283, of the 14th instant. These sums belong to the grant of Rupees 20,000, sanctioned from the Revenue Budget of 1862-63, and no provision for the above balance was made by the Board in fixing the grant of Rupees 1,17,500 for the current year. The sum of Rupees 1,279-13-1 is still required to complete the payments of compensation sanctioned for that year. Consequently, I have ordered the amount to be kept in deposit for payment to Inámdars separately, irrespective of the current year's grant of Rupees 1,17,500. I trust that the Board will agree with me in this view.

Rs.	A.	P.
* 1,270	14	8
† 8	14	5
1,279	13	1

1. Ordered that the foregoing letter be submitted to Government in the Department of Public Works, with reference to their Orders, dated 9th October and 15th November 1865, Nos. 2,981 and 3,424. It will be seen from the Collector's letter that the sum of Rupees 1,98,457-4-3, which remained in deposit, has been transferred to the credit of the Public Works Department, as directed by Government. In paragraph 7 of the Order of Government, dated 9th October 1865, above referred to, the unexpended balance to be returned into the Treasury was stated to be Rupees 1,28,364-1-1; but it appears from the Collector's present letter that the sum actually in deposit was much larger, the whole of which has been re-transferred to the credit of the Public Works Department.

2. It appears from paragraph 4 of the Collector's letter, that the sum of Rupees 1,279-13-1 was refunded by the Sub-Collector and Acting Head Assistant Collector, being the unexpended balance of the money remitted to them in August last for paying the Inámdars, &c., and that the amount so refunded was ordered to be kept in deposit for payment to Inámdars separately. The Board do not understand why the Sub-Collector and the Acting Head Assistant Collector refunded the money, instead of paying it to the proper parties to whom it was due. The Collector should at once return the money to those Officers, directing them to make the payment, without further delay.

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3. The present mode of remitting money to Officers for payment, charging it in the accounts as an expenditure, and afterwards crediting to deposit refund of unexpended portion of it, is very inconvenient, and necessarily causes much confusion in the accounts. The Officers who are to disburse money should have the amount at their credit in the Treasury of the Taluq in which they reside, and whenever parties present themselves to receive the amount, the Officers should pass an order on the Taluq Treasury on which the payment will, in the usual course, be made in the Taluqs. By this arrangement only the amount actually disbursed will appear in the accounts, instead of the money remitted for payment as parties present themselves. Should any refund or recovery of any over-payment be received hereafter, it should be carried to the credit of the Public Works Department, and not to Deposit.

No. 102.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd February 1866, No. 425.

ACCOUNT, No. 10.

1. Ordered to lie over, pending the receipt of the Board's explanation of the discrepancies which were pointed out in the Proceedings of Government No. 180, dated 16th January 1866.

2. The several statements which have been received from the Board of Revenue of the disbursements made during 1864-65 from the grant of Rupees 2,20,000, which was specially sanctioned in that year for the payment of compensation for land taken up for Public Works in the Godavery District are so unsatisfactory and contradictory as to leave the Government at a loss to determine what amount was actually paid from that source up to the 30th April 1865, and what remained to be paid on the 1st May last. The Board of Revenue will now be requested to furnish this information in a tabular form to enable the Government, if possible, to adjust the payments which are being made by the Collector during the current year by an appropriation from savings on the general grant for Public Works.

(True Extract.)

Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

ex^o 425 Public Works Department
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 3^d ^{Feb} January 1866

Read the following

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Submitting to Government
D. P. W. letter from the Collector of the
Godavery District reporting that
he has transferred to credit of
D. P. W. the balance remaining
unspent out of the grant for
1865-66, on account of compen-
sation for land taken up for
Public Works.

Here enter 19th Jan'y 1866 N^o 459

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Secy 5th February

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Proc. of Court for Feb'y

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Proc. of the Probate
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Grant for Compensation
for lands taken up for P.W. in
the Godavary District for 1854
- Pro. Board of Revenue re.
relative to the unsold portion
of Ordered to lie over.