

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st March 1868.*

No. 355. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th March 1868, No. 1,823 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 8th January 1868, No. 52, Revenue Department.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating Order of Government, Public Works Department, passing orders on Budget of works proposed to be undertaken from Imperial and Local Funds by the Public Works Department during 1868-69, and directing the Board to report whether some special provision in the District Road Fund Budget under the head of Tools and Plant is not absolutely necessary.

1. The foregoing Order, which will be communicated to all Collectors, gives cover to an Order of Government in the Public Works Department, reviewing the Budgets of works proposed to be undertaken from Imperial and Local Funds by the Officers of the Public Works Department, during the year 1868-69.

2. The Board are required to report upon the subject of paragraph 15 of the Public Works Order. This paragraph relates to the necessity of making some provision for "Tools and Plant" in the District Road Fund Budget.

* Public Works Department, dated 21st December 1867, No. 3,964.

3. In a recent Order* in connection with the supply of tools for use on famine relief works, Government pointed out that the rates for work might be slightly enhanced, so as to induce the work-people to bring their own tools. The Board are inclined to think that this plan is especially feasible and desirable in the case of Local Fund works, which are usually of a description not requiring other implements than those in common use by the laboring classes. This plan and the resort to contracts in all possible cases would render but a very moderate allowance necessary for tools.

4. In the Public Works Budget of 1868-69, the allotment for "Tools and Plant" is Rupees 1,50,000, the grant for works being under Rupees 70,00,000. This is at the rate of rather less than 2½ per cent. But the Public Works allotment provides for expensive machinery for the Government Workshops. These, of course, are not required for the simple works carried out of the Local Funds.

5. The Board think, under all the circumstances, that an allowance of one per cent. on the estimated expenditure of each year for new works and repairs will be ample, and they, therefore, resolve to request the Collectors to make this provision in all their future Local Fund Budgets under a separate head styled "Tools and Plants." If in any case this sum is insufficient, a further grant can be made for the year on due cause being shewn.

6. As regards the provision of funds during the ensuing official year on account of "Tools and Plant," the Board will make the necessary arrangements when passing orders on the Local Fund Budget for that year, which has very recently received the approval of Government.

7. Adverting to paragraph 33 of the Order, the Board observe that the question of transfer of the two roads therein referred to from Imperial to Local has been separately disposed of.

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21st March 1868.*

1. Improving the road from the town of Tripattly to the Railway Station and the town of Calastry ... 11,150
2. Road from Vencatagherry to join the Calastry road at Yarpet ... 4,400
3. Road from Calastry to Naidupet ... 17,500

8. As regards paragraph 43 of the Public Works Order, in which it is remarked that the roads marginally described should be completed from Local Funds, the Board observe that in Government Order, Revenue Department, dated 17th December 1867, No. 3,005, a special grant of Rupees 50,000 was sanctioned for these and certain other roads, the immediate completion of which was ordered, with a view of affording employment for the able-bodied poor. The attention of the Collector of North Arcot will accordingly be called to this paragraph of the Order, and he will be requested to report, as soon as possible, after the completion of the current official year, what amount has been expended under the above orders, and what sum is still required for the completion of these roads. The necessary funds can then be allotted from the Road Fund. It is, however, to be observed that of the three works enumerated above, the second and third works already appear in the Local Fund Budget of 1868-69, with allotments of Rupees 2,500 and 5,000 respectively.

9. The attention of the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly is drawn to paragraph 45 of the Order, and he is requested to place himself in communication with the Superintending Engineer of the division in regard to the recovery of the sum of Rupees 11,280, advanced as a loan from the District Road Fund to the Imperial Funds, and to report the result to the Board at the close of the current official year.

No. 356. ORDER THIRTON, 21st March 1868, No. 732.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Department
Public Works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department,
the Board of Revenue.

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Bo of Govt. for Revenue

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
To all Collectors, &c.

Dated, 13th March 1868.
Received

No. 1,823.

Communicating to all Collectors Order of Government, Public Works Department, on Budgets of works proposed to be undertaken from Imperial and Local Funds, by Officers of that Department during 1868-69, and submitting remarks to Government on necessity for making provision for "Tools and Plant" in District Road Fund Budget, and on certain other points.

No 355-356.