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15th May 1869

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3. On the 22nd July following, Government communicated to the Board copy of a Despatch, No 12 of 1868, from the Secretary of State, expressing his cordial concurrence in the views of Government, and desire that they should be carried out to as great an extent as practicable

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to consult Collectors, and report on "the advisability of transferring the execution of District Road Works entirely to the Department of Public Works".

5. The Board accordingly made a reference to Collectors, and as the Order seemed to indicate a change in the policy of Government, did not press the transfer of repairs to Collectors, where it had already been arranged that the Public Works Department should undertake them

6. Before entering upon the Collectors' replies, the Board would point out that the course now followed is in accordance with the Road Fund Rules.

7. Rule XVI. prescribes that "the execution of all works shall, as a rule, be conducted by the Department Public Works".

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9. Of the Officers consulted by the Board, Messrs. Carmichael, J. H. Master, W. Wilson, J. A. C. Boswell, H. E. Sullivan, F. B. Molony, T. A. N. Chase, G. Thornhill, G. Vans Agnew, C. W. Reade, G. L. Morris, A. Wedderburn, H. S. Thomas and G. A. Ballard, are all in favour of the transfer of District Road Works to the Public Works Department.

10. Mr J. I. Minchin holds the same views, save as respects the opening out of rough communications in the Jeypore country and other Hill tracts of the district, as he thinks that in such localities the Department of Public Works would find it difficult to procure labour.

11. Messrs C. T. Longley, J. R. Arbuthnot, and C. N. Pochin, are opposed to the transfer, while Mr R. K. Puckle would make it the rule, reserving power to the Revenue Department, to retain such lines as they chose in their own hands.

12. It will thus be seen that the weight of opinion is overwhelmingly in favour of making over all District Road Works to the Department of Public Works.

13. The Board are of opinion that the procedure prescribed in the Road Fund Rules is the best that can be adopted under present circumstances.

14. In their Order of the 21st April 1868, Revenue Department, No. 1,050, Government ordered the entertainment of a Petty Establishment comprising an Overseer and two Maistries for each range at the expense of the Road Fund. In a later Order, Government remarked that this establishment was to be available also for works undertaken by Collectors, but as, under Rule 24, the control over these servants, their entertainment, and dismissal, rest with the Superintending Engineer, the Collector's authority over them is practically nominal. This consideration doubtless has had its influence in deterring Collectors from undertaking work so freely as Government desire. The object of relieving the Department of Public Works from unimportant work has, in fact, been removed by giving it a Special Establishment, costing nearly a lac of Rupees annually.

15. The Board deprecated the entertainment of this kind of establishment, and still venture to think that in the infancy of the fund it was better in the generality of the districts to employ extra establishments for each large work in progress, and so gain experience of the nature and cost of the fixed establishment which would eventually be necessary. They regret, too, that the experiment proposed by the Collector of Tanjore, which had the advantages of economy and of facilitating the transfer of the fund to the management of the people themselves, was not allowed a trial, but as Government have decided otherwise, there can be little doubt that the establishment will work better without the Collector's interposition. They therefore, request permission to leave the present Budget arrangements as they are; more especially as it seems to them advisable to await the result of the deliberations of the Public Works Commission now sitting.

Local Funds, No. 2

Accounts.

ORDERED accordingly that the Board's Proceedings above recorded do lie over, pending the submission of the report of the Public Works Commission now sitting.

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ORDER THEREON, 15th May 1869, No 1,608

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(True Extract)

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

To the Superintending Engineers

Major Keane
J. B. Langhorne Esq.

Ed F. R. Bantleman.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER.

Dated May, 1868

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G. O., 15th May 1869, No. 1,608

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Nos. 362-363

District Road Works — Proceedings
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Local Funds, No. 2
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(True Extract)

[Signature]

Acting Secretary to Government.

12/18/69

4th May 1869.

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Nos. 362-363

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