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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
25th March 1870.*

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No. 402. From the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Observations with regard to the extra work thrown on Range Establishments by the entry of the details required by the Board of Revenue in the Progress Reports of Range Officers. (Here enter 23rd February 1870, No. 2,274.)

No. 403. From the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Submitting to Government letter from Cannanore Range Officer, No. 1,037, of 19th February 1870, bringing to notice the difficulty that will be experienced in supplying certain additional information in Local Fund Progress Reports to Collectors. (Here enter 22nd February 1870, No. 201.)

No. 404. From the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Submitting Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 1,176, of 21st February 1870, directing that Range Progress Reports for Local Fund should be sent in to Collectors within the 10th of each month. (Here enter 1st March 1870.)

No. 405. ORDER THEREON, 25th March 1870, No. 843.

LOCAL FUND, No. 45.

Account.

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Exd. E. C. Shunker.

No. 550.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 26th January 1870.

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ADVERTING to paragraph 5 of the Board's Circular Memorandum of the 8th December 1868, No. 1,250, I have the honour to forward, for such orders as the Board may think proper, copy of correspondence between the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, and myself, regarding the submission to my office by Range Officers of the monthly Local Fund Progress Reports.

2. The reason why it is necessary that these reports should reach my office on or before the 8th of the month succeeding that to which they refer, is that the actual expenditure on Local Fund works as entered in the Local Fund Returns has to be exhibited in the monthly Progress Reports of Collections and Charges compared with the Budget, as ordered in the Board's Proceedings of 14th September 1869. No. 6,876, and this has to be despatched to the Board on the 12th. These latter returns for September and October 1869 were not despatched till the 19th October and 18th November, respectively, owing to the delay in the receipt of the Range Officers' reports.

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(True Copy.)

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From Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Collector of Coimbatore, dated Camp at Paliparumba, 16th November 1869, No. 108.

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3. Collectors cannot expect to be furnished with copies of Progress Reports before such one supplied to the Controller and to Superintending Engineers.
(True Copy.)

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Acting Collector.

THE Board resolve to furnish the Acting Collector with a spare copy of their Proceedings, dated 13th March 1869, No. 1,714, from which it will be observed that the Controller of Public Works Accounts was requested to instruct the Public Works Range Officers to furnish Collectors with separate Progress Reports for Local Fund Works by the 10th of each month, as it was considered to be a more convenient arrangement than one bulky Progress Report comprising both Imperial and Local Fund Works.

2. In his Circular, dated 20th March 1869, No. XLIX, the Controller desired the Superintending Engineers to issue the necessary instructions to the Range Officers to give effect to the Board's requisition.

3. The Board are of opinion that Range Officers will not find it difficult to send to Collectors separate Progress Reports for Local Fund Works on the 10th of each month, and they accordingly request all Superintending Engineers to see that the instructions of the Controller, issued at the instance of the Board, are duly attended to.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Sub-Secretary.

To all Collectors, with Board's Proceedings, dated 13th March 1869, No. 1,714.
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,, the Controller of Public Works Accounts. do.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

Progress Reports for Local Fund Works.
—Collector of Coimbatore informed that Controller of Public Works Accounts has desired Superintending Engineers, at instance of Board, to instruct Public Works Range Officers to furnish Collectors with—, separate from General Progress Reports now sent, and Superintending Engineers requested to see that instructions of Controller are attended to.

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PROCEEDINGS, 26th JANUARY 1870, No. 550.

Board of Revenue
MADRAS.
1870.

No. 1,714.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 13th March 1869.

Read the following letter from J. R. ARBUTHNOTT, Esq., Officiating Collector of Madura, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 12th February 1869, No. 42:—

With reference to paragraph 15 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 20th July 1868, No. 5,258, I have the honour to report that the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, states that the general Progress Reports of works executed will not be ready for transmission to me before the 20th of each month. As it would lead to confusion if the expenditure incurred in one month were brought to account in the Returns of the succeeding month, I beg the Board to request the Controller of Public Works Accounts to issue instructions to the Superintending Engineer to furnish me with a separate Statement* of the

* Showing also cost of tools and plant and of petty establishment. Local Fund works in progress within the 10th of each month.

2. The two letters received from the Officiating Superintending Engineer on the subject, under dates the 26th January and 1st February, Nos. 2,392 and 2,433, are herewith forwarded for the information of the Board.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Captain H. L. PRENDERGAST, R. E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Officiating Collector of Madura, dated Madura, 26th January 1869, No. 2,392.

With reference to your letter, No. 105, of the 22nd instant, I have the honour to inform you that the Progress Reports are not required to be ready in this department before the 20th of the month; and as it is a copy that is furnished to you of the general Progress Report of all works, both Imperial and Local, I do not feel that I can insist on Range Officers sending their reports to reach you by the 10th, unless the Government issue a fresh order to that effect.

2. The last order on this subject is dated the 9th May 1868, No. 1,471, by which one Report In Department Public Works. is to be sent to Collectors, including both Imperial and Local works. The document, as

prepared in original, to be despatched to the Account Department is very bulky, including many details, as well as totals of expenditure on works separately; and a copy omitting details is then prepared to be furnished to you.

3. A report of Local Fund expenditure alone might be prepared by the 10th of each month, and the report of Imperial works might follow in the usual course; but this system has been tried, and, on the Board's recommendation, has been abolished. I can thus only suggest that statements of expenditure by the Revenue Department might be sent to the Board by the 15th, and that by the Public Works Department some days later.

4. I am calling on the Range Officers to include, in the copies of Reports sent to you, the items of expenditure on Tools and on Salaries of establishment.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From the same Officer, dated Strevilyputtoor, 1st February 1869, No. 2,433.

In reply to your letter, No. 186, of the 30th ultimo, I have the honour to state that the objection to what you require is this. The Government have ordered only one Progress Report to be made, including all works, Imperial and Local, and thus the Statement of works in progress from Local Funds cannot be furnished by itself without forming a part of the Report that comprises Imperial works likewise.

FORWARDED to the Acting Controller of Public Works Accounts, who is requested to instruct the Public Works Range Officers to furnish Collectors with separate Progress Reports for Local

Vide Nos XVIII. and XIX of Road Fund Rules.

Fund works, as they have to submit to the Board their monthly Local Fund Statements of Receipts and Charges by the 15th of each month.

20th November 1870

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts
Madras 23rd February 1870.

N^o 2274.

From,
The Controller of P. W. Accounts,
To,
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

With reference to your en-
dorsement on the accompanying
letter from the Superintending
Engineer of the 7th Division under
date the 16th February 1870, I have
the honor to offer the following
observations.

2. In para 11 of Revenue
Proceedings of the 11th November 1868,
N^o 2831.

2. It is observed that the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, states in para-
graph 3 of his letter* to the Officiating Collector
that the report of Local Fund expenditure might
be prepared by the 10th of each month, which
will be just in time for the Collectors to exhibit the charges incurred by the Range Officers in
their Statements sent to the Board.

* Dated 26th January 1869, No. 2,392.

(True Copies and Extract.)

To the Acting Controller of Public Works Accounts.
the Officiating Collector of Madras
the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Sub-Secretary.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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PROCEEDINGS, 13th MARCH 1869, No. 1,714.

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No. 1,714.

Progress Reports for Local Fund Works.
—Controller of Public Works Accounts requested
to instruct Public Works Range Officers to
furnish Collectors with —, separate from those
for Imperial works.

No 2831, the Government, in order to ascertain to what extent the wants of the Country in respect to roads had already been met, and what progress was being actually made towards that end, directed Collectors of Districts, when submitting their annual reports on the progress of Public Works, to state the number of miles of each class of Imperial road which had been maintained in good order during the year, the number of miles of new road which had been completed during the same period, and the mileage still under construction and not yet commenced.

3. On the 8th October 1869, the Collector of Furnool represented to the Board of Revenue the impracticability of supplying the information called for by Government on the points noted above in the absence of details in the monthly Progress Reports of Range Officers, and suggested that orders be issued for the entry in those Returns, as well as in the Progress Reports furnished by the Revenue Department, of the actual mile or miles of road on which any work of construction or repair had been executed, and the amount of work performed in each mile.

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4.

This letter was communicated to me in the Board's Proceedings of the 17th January 1870. No. 311, with a request that Range Officers might be instructed to furnish Collectors with the required details in future Progress Reports.

At the time the Board's Proceedings were received in this Office, I was fully aware of the additional work which compliance with their requisition would entail upon Range Establishments, but as the Collector of Purnool had represented his inability to give effect to the orders of Government above quoted in the absence of

fuller information in the Progress Reports of Public Works Officers, and as the Board, not only considered that information necessary in the Returns of the Public Works Department, but ordered the insertion of similar details in the Progress Reports of works entrusted to Collectors, I believed that, in circulating the Board's Proceedings for the guidance of the Officers of the Department of Public Works, I was only doing what was necessary to enable Collectors to comply with a requisition emanating from Government.

6. It is however, now left to His Excellency in Council to decide

decide whether, looking to the circumstances set forth in Colonel Walker's letter, it is indispensable, in order to meet the call contained in the order of the 11th November 1868, to require the submission, by the Local Revenue and Public Works Officers, of information in the minute and detailed form which the Board appear to consider necessary.

7. Adverting to the date on which the monthly Progress Reports of Local Fund Works are required by Collectors from Officers of the Department of Public Works, I have only to invite the attention of Government to

to para 2 of the enclosed Proceedings of the Board of Revenue of the 13th March 1869, No. 1714.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

S. Hoof

Controller of P.W. Accounts.

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No. 402

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No 193
Supy. Engineers' Office, Bn
Coimbatore 16 February 1870

From
Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Supy. Engineer, Bn

To,
Colonel C. A. Arr. R.E.
Secretary to Govt. D.P.W.

Sir,
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Supp. Engineers' Office 7th Bn
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Reports of range officers

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that such reports were to be got up as
much from personal observation, as from
Range Officers statements of monthly pro-
gress. At any rate I am very sure that
the entries now expected to be made, in
each Monthly Progress Report, of the amount
of work of construction or repair carried
out in each mile, whether Imperial or
Local, will lay a very heavy load on
the time of Range Officers and their su-
bordinates; and indeed it is probable to com-
ply with the requisition at all. It is
one that would never have been put in
persons conversant with the executive duties
of the Public Works Department.

In the second place, I have to
object to the precedence sought by the
Revenue Board to be given to the supply
of Local Fund Progress Reports to Collectors
over that of Reports to Subj Engineers due
on 15th, and to the Controller due on 20th
of each month. Money is drawn from
Treasuries in sums irrespective of its dis-
tribution between Imperial and Local
Works, and to order accounts of the latter
to be put together and furnished before
those of the former, is certain to lead to
confusion and delay. It might have
been expected that the Controller would
have pointed this and other objections out;
but he is not likely to assume an atti-
tude of independence towards the Revenue

Board, and has no sympathy with Range
Officers arising from practical experience
of executive works. Hence he is satisfied
simply to endorse the Board's Proceedings,
in a manner which I cannot but think
not at keeping with his relative position as
regards Range Officers and Subj Engineers.

The policy of the Board therein is simply
to ignore Subj Engineers altogether in deal-
ing with Local Fund matters.

I take this opportunity of making
the question whether a condensed Progress Re-
port of Military Works at least, such as is
supplied to General Commanding Divisions,
might not suffice for the information of
Collectors. It would save much copying
in the Keilgherry and Cannanore Range
Officers, the work of which is heavy, were
this suggestion adopted as to a class of works
in which Civil Officers cannot pretend
to have any interest.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt servant,

Wm. A. Col. R.E.
-Subj Eng. - D.

P. W. Meph.

No 843

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

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From the Supergr. & Dist.

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H. R. No 193 of 16 Feb/70

Dr. Controller of P. W. Accts.

Observations with regard to the extra work thrown on Range Establishments by the entry of the details required by the B. of Revenue in the Progress Reports of Range Officers.

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Dr. Supergr. & Dist.

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No 201 of 22

Dr. Dr. Dr.

Submitting Rev. Board's Pro. No 1176 of 25 Feb/70, directing that Range Progress Reports for Local Fund should be sent in to Collectors within the 10 of each month.

No - of 1 March/70

Pl. send to the

Controller of Public

Works Accounts for

such observations

as he may have

to offer -

to the Secretary to Govt.

(Extract from)

Pl. No 1037 of 19 Feb/70

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I should add
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I have given to which
the title of Colonel
bathurst letter of the
18th January which
is my signature etc."

(+) I would add
"and I direct that
this be done in
future"
J.S.

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To Papermills
Controller of P. & A. Accts.
Major R. B. Kennedy
Officer in charge of
P. & A. Operations at Cochin.
Rev. Secy.

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To
The Superintending Engineer

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