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No. 14. Read the following letter from the Special Executive Engineer, Wynaad, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Vythery, 15th July 1871, No. 359:—

At suggestion of the Controller of Public Works Accounts, I have the honour to request decision on the following case.

2. In my annual indent for Tools, Plant, and Stores submitted through the General Superintendent of Public Works Stores, I included a 4-horse power steam engine much wanted for general purposes in this district, and this I did on the understanding that, as hitherto, articles so indented for would be supplied gratis, and the cost of their carriage be met from the annual grant of Imperial Funds; subsequent arrangements in connection with allotments of funds have quite upset all such calculations, and I now find myself in considerable difficulty.

3. The steam engine was duly supplied; and I am now called upon to defray the cost of its carriage, which from Madras to Beypore amounts to Rupees 124; how much more it will cost to get it up here I am as yet unable to say, as in the heavy condition of the roads during the monsoon I have not ventured to attempt its removal further.

4. Now the engine is not required for any one particular purpose, but to be used either for Imperial, Provincial or Local Funds, as exigencies may require; and what I wish to know is, whether the cost of carriage should be distributed between those heads or not.

5. There is a sum for all Wynaad from Imperial Funds on account of carriage of tools of Rupees 100, but no grant on account of Provincial works, and nothing specific has as yet been allotted from the lump sum given to Malabar for Local Funds, so that in reality I have but Rupees 100 to meet the call, and then I shall have nothing left for any other expenditure necessitated for similar purposes. Had I been aware of the probability of the arrangements since made, I could, of course, have taken care to avoid the difficulty, but everything has come on as suddenly and without opportunity for being prepared.

6. Then again a still further, and to me more puzzling, question arises; when machinery or plant is obtained for general purposes, although it may be feasible to divide the cost of carriage between different heads of expenditure, I do not see how that course can be followed with the articles themselves, but if not, supposing that an expensive piece of machinery is obtained either gratis for Imperial purposes, or paid for out of Provincial or Local Funds, in the event of its services being wanted for any but the description of works for which it was obtained, an equitable claim for repayment would seem to arise on the part of the fund on which the cost fell, from that which would otherwise benefit without any such outlay.

7. In the present case the General Superintendent of Public Works Stores calls on me to know if I am prepared to pay the price of the steam engine. This, of course, is absolutely impossible, and if the worst comes to the worst all I can suggest is that the engine should return from whence it came.

8. I beg permission to point out how utterly impossible it will, in future, be to avail oneself of the advantages of mechanical appliances, if instead of the

indirect re-imbursement to the State for its gratis supply of such articles, by the cheapening the cost of works carried on also at its expense, all such means of cheapening work must be met out of a current year's allotments.

No. 15.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd October 1871, No. 2,503.

ACCOUNT, No. 2.

RECORDED with reference to G. O., No. 2,257, dated 5th September 1871.

Captain, R.E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

Special Executive Engineer's
Office Wynaad Vythery
15th July 1871.

No 359

From,
The Special Executive Engineer
Wynaad

To,
The Secretary to Government
Department Public Works
Madras

Sir,

At suggestion of the Controller of Public Works Accounts I have the honor to request decision on following case.

2. On my annual indent for Tools Plant and Stores submitted through the General Superintendent of Public Works I included a 10 Horse Power Steam Engine which wanted for general purposes in this District, and this I did on the understanding that as hitherto articles so indented for would be supplied gratis, and the cost of their carriage be met from the annual grant of Imperial Funds, subsequent arrangements in connection with allotments of Funds have been quite upset all such calculations and I now find myself in considerable difficulty.

3. The Steam Engine was duly supplied, and I am now called upon to defray the cost of its Carriage, which from Madras to Beypore amounted to Rupees 124 — how much more it will cost to get it up here I am not yet unable to say, as the heavy condition of the roads during the Monsoon, I have not ventured to attempt its removal further —

4. Now the Engine is not required for any one particular purpose, but to be used either for Imperial, Provincial or Local Funds as exigencies may require: and what I wish to know is, whether the cost of carriage should be distributed between those heads, or not.

5. There is a sum for all Wynaad of Tools of Rupees 100. " " " but no grant on account of Provincial works. and nothing specific has as yet been allotted from the lump sum given to Malabar for Local Funds, so that in reality I have but Rs 100 to meet the call, and then I shall have nothing left for any other expenditure re-estimated for similar purposes. Had I been aware of the probability of the arrangement since made, I could have taken care to avoid the difficulty, but every thing has come on as suddenly, and without opportunity for being prepared.—

6. Then again a still further, and to me more puzzling question, arises. when Machinery or Plant is obtained for general purposes although it may be feasible to divide the cost of carriage between different heads of expenditure, I do not see how that course can be followed with the articles themselves, but if not supposing that an expensive piece of Machinery is obtained either gratis for Imperial purposes, or paid for out of Provincial or Local Funds, in the event of its services being wanted for any but the description of works for which it was obtained, an equitable claim for repayment would seem to arise on the part of the fund on which the cost fell from that which would otherwise benefit without any such outlay.

7. At the present case the General Superintendent of Public Works Stores calls on me to know if I am prepared to pay the price of the Steam Engine. This of course is absolutely impossible, and if the worst comes to the worst all I can suggest is that the Engine should return from whence it came.—

8. I beg permission to point out how utterly impossible it will in future be to avail ourselves of the advantages of Mechanical Appliances, if instead of the indirect reimbursement to the State for its gratis supply of such articles, by the cheapening the cost of works carried on also at its expense, all such means of cheapening work must be met out of a current year's allotments.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

Alex S Kellock Major
Special Executive Engineer
Wynaad

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No 2503

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Major R.B. Kennedy

Dated 3/10/71

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To Major C B Young

Dated.

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G. O. 2 Oct 1871. No. 2303.

Nos. 1495

From Lieut Colonel Pigou

Letter from the Special Engineer Officer Nyanad expressing thanks for the Road Survey

for the Lower Coorg Division

addressed from Suntikoppa

upon the Road-Survey