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Dated 7 10 1871.

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No. 107. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 9th September 1871, No. 512:—

Constructing Bridge on Road No. XV. for the passage of surplus water of the Kumanaur.

WITH reference to G. O., No. 2,219, dated 30th August 1871, I have the honour to point out that Government appear to have misapprehended the point of difference between the Controller and myself relative to the prosecution of the work noted in the margin. It was not that I deemed an application for an appropriation for this work unnecessary, but that as funds had been allotted for the work in the previous year, and as funds once allotted from Local Funds do not lapse and are not appropriated to other works unless formally surrendered in the statement of incomplete works forwarded to the Revenue Board, and as there could be no doubt of the funds already allotted being available and being re-appropriated on application, I deemed it right to push on with the work in anticipation of the formal allotment of funds, regarding it as an incomplete work of the previous year.

2. The work was included in the list of incomplete works of 1870-71 for which appropriations were required, but owing to the absorption of the Local Funds into the Road Fund, and the latter being placed under the management of the Local Fund Boards, appropriations have not yet been made for the incomplete works of 1870-71, the Revenue Board having returned the lists to the Local Fund Boards.

No. 108. ORDER THEREON, 7th October 1871, No. 2,555.

ACCOUNT, No. 8.

IT is essential that in respect of Local Fund works as well as those provided for from Imperial Funds, such only as have expenditure exhibited against them previously to the close of an official year should be considered *incomplete*.

2. Captain Oakes in his letter above recorded explains that he was aware that an allotment was necessary for the bridge in question, but appears to consider that he was justified in proceeding with it in May 1871, because he had included it in his list of incomplete works of the previous year and had made no formal surrender of the allotment, which, in the case of an incomplete work, does not absolutely lapse; but in the view taken by Government in their Order of the 30th August 1871, No. 2,219, the inclusion of the road in the list of incomplete works was improper.

3. It is desirable to draw a clear and well defined line separating the two classes of new and incomplete works in order that there may be no differences of opinion between the departments making the allotment and those expending them as to the works which are, or are not, to be proceeded with, without further sanction at the commencement of each financial year; and the distinction hitherto adopted in the case of incomplete works in this department as well as by the Controller of Public Works Accounts appears to be the one best calculated to prevent mistakes.

4. Practically it will always be in the power of the Superintending Engineer to satisfy the necessary conditions and bring any work which he may wish to

No. 512

Supdg. Engr. Office 6th Division
Pauyagon 9th September 71.

Sir,

Captain R. F. Parker R.E.
Supdg. Engineer 6th Division

&c, &c, &c

Colonel J. Carfendale R.E.
Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No. 2219, dated 30th August 1871, I have the honor to point out that Government appear to have misapprehended the point of difference between the Controller & myself relative to the prosecution of the work noted in the margin. It was not that I deemed an application for an appropriation for this work, unnecessary, but, that as funds had been allotted for the work in the previous year & as funds once allotted from Local Funds do not lapse and are not appropriated to other works unless formally surrendered in the Statement

Statement of incomplete works forwarded to the Revenue Board and as there could be no doubt of the Funds already allotted being available and being reappropriated on application, I deemed it right to push on with the work in anticipation of the formal allotment of funds, regarding it as an incomplete work of the previous year.

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I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obdt Servt

W. D. Pratt Capt R.E.

Sup Engineer 6th Div

From

No 25555

Proceedings Office Guardian Court

Read the following

The Supt Engineer
6 Sec

P.W.D.

No 25555

Sir is essential that
we have part of Canal Land
now in use, we will be
required for private
Individuals, Trades
who are known expenditure
only as known expenditure
establishment, Sir
Engineer to the above
for our official year should
be completed.

Captain Rev

Sir letter please record
exclusive that we was
Assured that was allotted
necessary

for

1° to 3° Cong / 31 Nov 1871

P.W.D. 1871 Sept 1
From Govt of Madras
No 4290.

The Supt Engineer
Six Hills Div

For
The Secretary to
Govt of P.W.
Madras.

No 572

Dated 9
Recd 11th September 71.

With reference to G.O.
No 2219, dated 30th Augt 71
Explains the point of differ
ence between the Controller
& Supt Engineer relative
to the prosecution of the
Construction of Bridge on
Road No XV in the Current
Year No 25555 of 70 and 71

No 107

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separating the two classes of new and incomplete works in order that there may be no difference of opinion between the departments making the allotment and those expending them as to the works which are or are not to be proceeded with, without further sanction at the commencement of each financial year and the distinction hitherto adopted in the case of incomplete works in this Department as well as by the Controller of Public Works Accounts appears to be the one best calculated to prevent

mistakes.

Practically it will always lie in the power of the Supt Engineer to satisfy the necessary conditions and bring any work which he may wish to proceed with early in the year into the category of incomplete works by making a payment before the close of the previous year on account of materials deposited or preparatory operations carried out.

Art 6.

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20th Sept.

To the Supt Engr. 6 Ors. ✓
" all other Supt Engrs. ✓
" Major R. B. Kennedy ✓
" the Controller P. W. Accts. ✓
11 " Financl Dept. } with a copy
8 " Board of Rev. } of G. O. No.
8 " Rev: Departt. } 2219 dated
30th Augt 1871.

Despd. 9/10/71.

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C- No- 4290-

Govt. of [1871] Madras.

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To

The Superintending Engineer
6th Division

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O., Revised, No. 1555.

Nos. 107 & 108

Passing orders on the letter ~~&~~ and the Ryl Engr. 6th Div. ~~on~~ forwarding the panchayat's difference between the Inspr & the Overseer relative to the proceedings of the ~~construction~~ Bridge on Road No. XV- in the Current Year.