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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. <i>694</i>	Press Mis.
<i>206-07</i>	
Dated <i>7</i> <i>3</i> <i>1871</i>	

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th March 1871.*

No. 206. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division :—

(Here enter No. 2,485, dated 3rd March 1871.)

No. 207. ORDER THEREON, 9th March 1871, No. 694.

ACCOUNT, No. 24.

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In their Order of the 16th February last, No. 469, the Government, on the recommendation of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, sanctioned the transfer of Rupees 30,000 from the districts of the 3rd Division to other divisions in which there appeared to be more probability of the funds being utilized. The Superintending Engineer requested that these

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In January	...	...	...	8,983

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statement submitted by Colonel Moberly as the probable expenditure in February and March, declined to recommend the re-augmentation of the allotments of the division. The Superintending Engineer now submits the Chief Engineer's memorandum to Government, and asks that, if the transfers cannot be cancelled, the Controller may be authorized to pass his estimates for funds required in March in full.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council would not hesitate to make an additional allotment to the 3rd Division, were there any evidence whatever that the funds so given would be advantageously laid out. In the absence, however, of detailed information, the Government cannot suppose that the establishments, which have been unable in ten months to carry out repairs to the extent of even 30,000 Rupees, could properly expend more than double that amount in the two months subsequent to the 31st January.

3. With regard to paragraph 3 of Colonel Moberly's letter, it must be remarked that a Superintending Engineer is not justified in placing more reliance on the figures furnished to him by his Range Officers than the facts patent to him will warrant. Month by month the progress of the Agricultural repairs of the 3rd Division has been entirely at variance with the figures-referred to. The Chief Engineer has called attention more than once to the unsatisfactory absence of progress, which the monthly statement of expenditure indicated, and it appears therefore to the Government that Colonel Moberly ought to have ascertained long ago what causes have prevented these repairs from being properly prosecuted, and that he should have taken measures to remedy a state of affairs which could not but reflect discredit on the management of the division. Explanations have been

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on irrigation works, but it is necessary that the latter should be reported on in some detail, and a statement should be furnished showing the establishment of each Range, the wet revenue of the talooks forming each Range, the number and amount of estimates submitted by the Range Officers in each quarter of the year, and the outlay on irrigation repairs during each quarter. The explanations should then refer to the facts exhibited in this statement.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
.. Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
.. Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Ed. E. C. Shunker.

N^o 55

Memorandum

The undersigned has the honor in reply to the letter N^o 2410 of the 24th Instant from the Superintending Engineer 3rd Division to state that he regrets his inability on the information afforded to recommend a re-arrangement of the Agricultural repair grants of the 3rd Division. Up to the 31st December Rupees 29,562 only out of 1,30,451 had been spent. In January the expenditure in the 3 Districts amounted to but Rupees 8,983, and as Colonel Moberly, up to the 24th February, had no definite information regarding the expenditure in February the undersigned cannot suppose that it could have amounted to any thing like one half the 87,269 Rupees put down in the statement as the probable expenditure in February and March.

2. In the 3rd Division the time during which work is necessarily stopped by the rains is but short. There have been many months in which an expenditure of 25 to 30 thousand Rupees per month would have been moderate and reasonable, but in no one month out of the 10 about which anything is known has there been any

providence

evidence of activity such as should characterise the arrangements for the upkeep of the irrigation works. The outlay from 1st April to 30th June should have been at least equal to, if not considerably in excess of, that incurred up to the 31st January: the undersigned thinks that the facts are extremely discreditable, but it will be the duty of the Superintending Engineer to show where the blame should rest, and what can be done to render the management of this important class of work more satisfactory for the future.

3. The undersigned would add that he thinks it would be well were the Superintending Engineer to call for 10 days' reports of progress until he is satisfied that irrigation repairs are being carried on in a satisfactory manner.

4. It is of course still open to the Superintending Engineer to show that he can properly expend more money than has now been left to the Division, but his opinion should be based upon something more reliable than the allotments asked for by Range Officers when submitting their estimates, seeing that hitherto there has been no sign of expenditure being in proportion to such allotments.

5. In future that progress in the past year

9 months of the year will generally result in the transference of funds which, it may appear, will not be utilized in the Division to which they have been granted; for, if other Divisions do not get the additional money in January at the latest, it cannot be made use of. It will also be the duty of the undersigned to bring prominently to the notice of Government any shortcomings in the application of agricultural repair funds to the purposes for which they are granted, and continued inattention or inability to get on satisfactorily with this, or any other work connected with irrigation, will result in the Government being advised to reduce or dismiss those who may be to blame.

Fort St George
28th July 1871

W. S. S. S.

Chief Engineer for Irrigation

The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division

No. 2485

Superintending Engineer's Office.

3rd Division.

Bellary 3rd March 1871

From,

The Superintending Engineer

3rd Division.

To,

The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

Fort Saint George

Enclosures. 1.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the information of Government the reply of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation to my letter requesting him for the reasons stated to take steps to have the order making certain transfers, cancelled.

2. Although quite agreeing in what Major Mullins advances regarding the unequal utilization of funds under "Repairs Agricultural"

*No. 469 dated
16 February 1871

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The Chief Engineer

for C. Engineer

The Superintending
Engineer 3rd Division

Recd 28 / February 1871

Depo 1st March 1871

Recd 10 / 17 / 71

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States that he regrets his inability to recommend a recommendation of the Agricultural Department of the 3rd Division

Agricultural," I trust Govern-
ment will consider the diffi-
culties the Ranges in this Divi-
sion had to contend against as
explained in my letter No. 2445
dated 28 February 1871, before
being able to get a fair start.

3. As Superintending Engineer,
I must, to a certain extent,
place reliance on the figures a
Range Officer gives me, and
I therefore beg to submit that
this Officer would be the one
personally responsible for any
failure in his being able to
spend the full allotment. As
works are rapidly progressing,
I further consider, that it would
cause no end of mischief were
I to attempt to portion out the
deductions to be made in each
Range or Talook to meet the
transfers recommended by the
Chief

Chief Engineer and sanctioned
by Government.

In conclusion, I request
that the Controller P. W. Ac-
counts may be authorized to
pass my estimates for funds
for March 1871, in full, and,
if necessary, make the adjust-
ments hereafter, if there is no
time to cancel the transfers in
question.

I have the honor to be

Sir
Your most obed^t servant.

A. M. S. Lint. J. R.
Superintending Engineer
3rd Division

No. 894

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 9th March 1871
Read the following

From the Superintending Engineer
3^d Division No. 2485 of 3rd March 1871

In their order of
the 16th February last, No. 469,
the Government, on the
recommendation of the
Chief Engineer for Irrigation,
sanctioned the transfer of
Rs. 30,000 from the Districts
of the 3^d Division to other
Divisions, in which there
appeared to be more pro-
bability of the funds being
utilized. The Superintending
Engineer requested that these trans-
fers might be cancelled

From,

The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division.

To,

The Secretary to Government.
Public Works Department.
Fort Saint George.

No. 2485-

Dated

Received

3rd March 1871

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[Signature]

Forwarding Chief

Engineers' reply and

informing the of the

transfers sanctioned

from the Districts

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No. 894-8 March 1871

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but the Chief Engineer, finding
that the railway on Agricultural
repairs up to, and in,
January, gave no evidence
that it would be practicable
to expend advantageously,
if at all, the larger sum en-
tered in the statement sub-
mitted by Col. Mahony as
the probable expenditure
in February and March,
declined to recommend
the reaugmentation of the
allotments of the Division.
The Sub-Engineer now submits
the Chief Engineer's Memorandum
to Govt. and asks that, if the
transfers cannot be can-
celled, the Controller may
be authorized to pass his

Up to January. Rs. 38,545.
In January. .. 8,983

+ Rs. 87,269

estimates for funds required
in March in full.

His Excellency the
Governor in Council would
not hesitate to make an
additional allotment to the
3^d Division were there any
evidence whatever that
the funds so given would
be advantageously laid out.
In the absence, however, of
detailed information, the
Govt. cannot suppose that
the establishments which
have been unable for 10
months to carry out repairs
to the extent of over 25,000
Rupees, could properly ex-
pend more than double
that amount in the 3
months subsequent to the
31st January.

With regard to para 3
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must be remarked that
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than the facts patent
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To the
Commissioner

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what causes have prevented
these repairs from being
properly prosecuted, and
that he should have taken
measures to remedy a state
of affairs which could not
but reflect discredit on
the management of the
Division. Explanations
have been already called
for, and will be awaited
by His Excellency in
Council: those given in
the Superintending Engineer's
letter, No 2443 of the 28th
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order of the 21 January last,
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in each quarter of the
year, and the outlay on
irrigation repairs during
each quarter. The
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W. 8/3/71

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To the S. Sup. S. O.
• Chief Sup. for Irrigation
• Controller of P.W.

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To The Superintending Eng.
3rd Division

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