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No. 381. Read the following letter from Major R. F. OAKES, R.E., District Engineer, Tanjore, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 2nd May 1873, No. 109 :—

WITH reference to G. O., No. 506, dated 12th April 1870, in the Revenue Department, relative to the non-employment of Local Fund Overseers on Imperial Works, I have honour to inform you that as the extract from paragraph 6 of the Board's Proceedings noted in the margin, clearly indicated that their proposal was based on the supposition that the Local Fund Works were being, or were to be executed under the supervision of the Revenue Department, while in both districts which then formed the 6th Division the Local Fund Works were undertaken by the Public Works Department, the order of Government was not regarded as in any way applicable to the 6th Division, and the arrangements already made for the execution of the works both Imperial and Local were not altered; those arrangements consisted in economising the time of the subordinates as far as possible, by limiting the area in which each worked, and by entrusting to each subordinate works both Imperial and Local within the limits of their charges, the important and special works excepted; and these were entrusted to the subordinates best qualified to undertake them, regardless altogether of the charge or fund to which the work was to be debited, or of the fund from which the subordinate was paid.

“The sums which are entrusted to Local Fund Overseers are not large, and the organization of the Revenue Department gives sufficient opportunities for supervising them.”

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3. In the Tanjore District the large masonry works recently or now in progress are those noted in the margin; these have all been superintended by subordinates on the Imperial Establishment with the exception of the first, on which a Local Overseer was employed under an Imperial Supervisor. Thus, in Tanjore particularly, the Local Fund Works have had the benefit of the supervision of some of the best of the Imperial subordinates, and I have no hesitation in saying that the works enumerated could not have been carried out by the Local Fund subordinates. I may further state that if the Imperial and Local Fund subordinates were strictly employed only on the works executed from the funds from which they are paid, the subordinates of both classes would have to be increased in number for the larger ranges, which such an arrangement would entail, would render it impossible for the subordinates to exercise a due supervision

L and I.—Codamoorthy Head Works and Bridge.
I.—Vettaur Regulator.
I.—Pamaniyaur „
L and I.—Pandaviyaur „
L and I.—Velliyaur „
I.—Five Large Bridges on Road No. 65.
I.—Veerasholen Bridge on Road No. 73.
I.—Palavaur Bridge on Road No. 81.

I indicates Imperial and L indicates local.

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over the works in progress. I would, therefore, deprecate any change in the system which now prevails.

3. My reason for bringing the matter forward now is because the District Engineer of Trichinopoly has been called upon by the President of the Local Fund Board 'to report if any persons paid entirely from Local Funds are employed on any Imperial work, and, if so, under what authority,' and he has referred the matter to me, and as I must regard myself as responsible for the continuance of the system of employing Imperial and Local subordinates indiscriminately on Imperial and Local duties in Trichinopoly as well as in Tanjore, I have deemed it proper to submit my reasons for so doing to Government.

No. 382. ORDER THEREON, 22nd July 1873, No. 1,867.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 41.

This letter will be referred to the Revenue Department with a view to the re-consideration of so much of the order in that Department, No. 506 of 12th April 1870, as concurs in the view taken by the Board of Revenue which would limit the employment of subordinates paid from Local Funds to local works only; such as roads, however conveniently situated in proximity with them minor Imperial works such as tank repairs might be, on which District Engineers would be inclined to avail themselves of the same agency.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Tanjore.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Financial do.

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District Engineer's Office
Tanjore 2nd Aug 1873.

From
Major A. J. Oakes R.E.
District Engineer
Tanjore.

To Colonel C. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government.
C. W. D.

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- L & I Jaen District - 1. Repairing the bridge over the river Jaen
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- L & I Jaen District - 10. Repairing the bridge over the river Jaen

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I have the honor to be
Your most obedient servant
J. F. A. K. S. Major & C.
District Engineer

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Read the following:-

from the D. Supt. Tanjore (H. No 109) 2 May/73/

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The District Officer
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To
The Secretary to

Government
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I must stop at -
L. O. S.

reference to the opinions
of Colonel Orr, and
of the present Chief
Engineer recorded
with Revenue De-
partment Order
No. 1050 of 21st April 1868,
which was understood
to affirm the principle
of indiscriminate em-
ployment of Labor-
ers with
reference, not to the
funds from which
they are paid, but to
the convenience of
carrying out work.

G. W. W.

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To The District Engineer
Bangalore

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Re-establishment. Letter
from the District Engineer
reporting on the progress
of the employment of
Imperial & L. P. Engineers
on works without reference
to the funds from which
they are carried on.

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