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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 16th September 1873.

No. 240. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 26th July 1873, No. 1,064:—

ABSTRACT.—*Ellore Circle.*—Inquiry made with reference to a demand on account of interest on the cost of the Weyaru Bridge girders, etc., as to whom they were received from the Dowlaishweram Workshop, when the bill was presented, and what steps were taken to obtain funds for payment of it.

No. 241. ORDER THEREON, 16th September 1873, No. 2,288.

ACCOUNT, No. 11.

ORDERED to be recorded. Captain Mead only claimed that no debit on account of interest on the cost of the Weyaru Girder Bridge should be allowed against the Dowlaishweram Workshop for the year 1873-74. In future Local Fund Boards giving such large orders to a self-supporting establishment should be prepared to accompany their order with an advance, or permission to draw on their funds by instalments as the work progresses, precisely as any private individual would have to do; corresponding allowance being made in the estimates.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Godavery.
,, Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Financial Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
26th July 1873.

Read the following papers:—

No. 193. Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 23rd June 1873, No. 1631.

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders on letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts submitting Captain Mead's report of the operations of the factory at Dowlaishweram during 1872-73.

No. 1160.

Referred to the Acting Collector of the Godavery District for his remarks.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 194. From W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cocanada, 12th July 1873, No. 18.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 1160, on the G.O., No. 1631, dated June 23rd, 1873, Public Works Department, I have the honour to state that I do not think the interest on the amount due to the workshop for the Weyaru Bridge should be charged to the work, for that would amount to charging it to the Local Fund Board.

2. I think the interest should be charged on Provincial Funds, or to the Government Workshop.

3. The Local Fund Board have been all along quite prepared to pay the amount; the delay has not been caused by them.

4. I am not quite sure whether Government contemplate charging the interest for the three years to Local Funds; but that would be extremely unfair. There was no demand made on the Local Fund Board for the payment of the amount until November 1872, when I received the G.O., Public Works Department, No. 2654, dated 12th November 1872. I then proposed in my letter, dated December 20th, 1872, the transfer of certain funds to enable the Local Fund Board to pay the bills. Government sanctioned the transfer on the 1st of May in G.O., Financial Department, No. 554, but then it was too late; the official year had closed, and the circles of the district had been changed.

5. The matter was referred to the Ellore Local Fund Board on the 9th of May; they desired the bills to be sent, and the District Engineer sent them on June 17th; they were sent to the Ellore Board, the transfers proposed were approved by them, and the Board of Revenue were asked to get the sanction of Government to these transfers in my letter of July 5th, 1873.

6. Now, I think that certainly no interest should be asked from the Local Fund Board up to November 1872, when they were first asked for the money; if the money had been due to a private firm, and interest from November 1872 had been charged, I should have had no hesitation in asking the Local Fund Board to pay the interest, notwithstanding that the delay in paying this has been caused, not by the Local Fund Board, but in Madras. But as the money is due to Government

Workshop, that is to Government (at all events the interest goes to Government), I think it would be wrong if Government were to require the Local Fund Board to pay them this interest.

No. 195. ORDER THEREON, 26th July 1873, No. 1064.

The Governor in Council is not in any case prepared to charge the interest on the cost of the Weyaru Bridge girders, &c., to the Local Fund of the Circle, as no demand was made on the Fund until apparently November 1872, and then only indirectly.

2. Before accepting the charge from that date or from any early date against Provincial Funds, the Public Works Executive Officers should be required to explain when the girders were received from the Workshop, when the bill was presented, and what steps were taken to obtain funds for payment of it.

(True Extract.)

By Command &c.
for Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
,, Board of Revenue, with No. 1631.

Exd. J. Wright.

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To

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated July 26th.

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G. O., 26th July 1873, No. 1064.

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Local Fund Boards

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I do not think we can say this. Advances - or payment by instalments are a thing matter of private arrangement - and there is a limit to the price charged. The Local Boards ~~Fund~~ are bound by - but we have a limit both to the cost &c.

L. Bd.

But this is for the Local Bds. — Allowance and provision is made in L.B. Estimates — ~~Genl~~

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To The District Engr Godavery

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G. O. 16th Septr. No. 2288.

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Weyaru Bridge Sirdars.

Passing orders on Proc. in the Financial Dept. calling for certain information with reference to a demand on account of interest on the cash the Sirdars received from the Dowlaiswaram Workshop.

No. 240-41.