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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
24th October 1873.*

No. 400. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 15th September 1873 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th September 1873, No. 1,744.

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IN reference to Proceedings, No. 40, of 1873, of the Local Fund Board of the Dindigul Circle, I have the honour to forward, herewith, a statement prepared by the Taluq Overseer of Terumungalum showing side by side the items of expenditure as estimated and incurred, respectively, for the maintenance of the 14½ miles of road No. 2 in the Terumungalum Taluq.

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THE Board resolve in this case to sanction the amount involved, viz., Rupees 2,048, from the Road Fund Reserve of the Dindigul Circle, and the Accountant-General is requested to place that sum at the disposal of the Public Works Department.

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REFERRED to the Department Public Works for disposal.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 401. ORDER THEREON, 24th October 1873, No. 2,601.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 24.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor in Council resolves to communicate these papers to all District Engineers with an intimation that the orders of Government in regard to the pecuniary responsibility incurred by Public Works Officers expending Imperial Funds without sanction from competent authority will be considered applicable to outlay from Local Funds, and District Engineers will now issue such instructions to their subordinate officers as will in future insure strict compliance with standing orders on the subject.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To District Engineers.
To the Executive Engineer, Wynaad.
" Board of Revenue.
" Financial Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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No. 1,741.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 4th September 1873.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department,
with four original enclosures.
,, the President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura.
,, the Accountant-General.

Copy to the District Engineer, Madura.
,, to the Acting Controller of Public Works Accounts.

P.W. 1875 Report
 from annual Report
 of Govt for Oct
 1873. No 5189
 Board of Revenue,
 MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 4TH SEPTEMBER 1873, No. 1,744.

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No 1649

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SEPTEMBER.

No. 1,744.

Madura and Tinnevely Road.—Expenditure of Rupees 2,048 incurred on — by Public Works Department without authority of Local Fund Board, sanctioned from Road Fund Reserve of Madura Circle, and Accountant-General requested to place amount at disposal of Public Works Department. Government requested to repeat their prohibition against expenditure of money by Public Works officials without sanction.

No 2644:24 act/73
 Referred

No 400

Q. L. 6. 17/73
 Referred to Comd 23/11/73

15 Sept 1873.

With 4 Enclosed

Superintendent

Inspector

Superintendent

Extract from the minutes of the Proceedings passed by the Local Fund Board District Circle at a meeting held on the 22nd May 1873. ...
 ... Proceedings of 10th of 1873. ...

Read again Local Fund Board Proceedings No 40.

Read also letter from the Executive Engineer in charge of the Range No 799, dated March 17, 1873, stating that the extra expenditure on the road in question amounting to Rs 2254 has been incurred in consequence of the District Engineer and 1st Range Officer Gungambro's repairs without consulting the Est.

And District Engineer's letter No. 2, dated 18 April, 1873, submitting further remarks on the subject and forwarding a statement prepared by the Sub-Inspector showing how the extra expenditure of Rs 2275 has been incurred.

It was understood at the last meeting of the Local Fund Board that these papers should be over for disposal after the settlement of the accounts of the past year made it clear from what source funds could be allotted to meet the unauthorized expenditure of Rs 2048 incurred by the D.P.W.

The Local Fund Board are now informed, however, that this is not the sole instance of unauthorized expenditure incurred by the D.P.W. during the past official year, the reconstruction of the Usilsampatti Sooties having been commenced and.

and an expenditure exceeding the original
Estimate having been incurred upon it before the
Local Fund Board had had an opportunity
of deciding whether they would or would not
sanction the revised Estimate (vide Local Fund
Board's Proceedings No 22/1873). They bear in mind
the Controversy which arose last year as to the
extra expenditure on Contam roads, which
was allowed to drop only on the District Engineer's
distinctly undertaking that nothing of the kind
should occur again; And they now therefore
resolve to refuse sanction to the above Estimate,
and to record the following remarks:

3. The District Engineer's first letter on the
subject, recorded in Proceedings No 40/1873, led the
Local Fund Board to suppose that the only in-
formality of procedure in the matter was that
the Estimate had been worked out before the
sanction was accorded to it; but they now
notice that the Estimate was not prepared
by the Salug Overseer until the 3^d March last
or until the work was so nearly or nearly
completed. The name of "Estimate" is therefore
misleading; and it appears that, instead
of the Salug Overseer being ordered to work
on a settled plan, his advertisement to which
could be ascertained, he was allowed to do
whatever work he pleased and that the
called Estimate was afterwards made out so
as

as to fit in with his representations of the quantity
and description of work executed. This course appears
to the Board very irregular and they request the
President to bring the matter to the notice of
Government.

4. They also request that he will bring to
the notice of Government the 6th para of the District
Engineer's letter of the 18 April 1873, in which he
says that in the event of this Estimate of Rs
2048 not being passed the amount thereof will
be paid from the Current year's allotment; and
will obtain from them orders that this shall
not be done.

5. It is noticeable that not only has this
considerable unauthorized expenditure been
made but that the different members of
the D. P. W. whose Communications are above
recorded, are not agreed as to its amount.
The Estimate says Rs 2048, Capt Coningham
Rs 2254 and the Salug Overseer's Memorandum
shows it to have been Rs 2148. The Local Fund
Board request that they may be informed
of the exact amount of the excess expenditure
in 1872/73 over the allotment of Rupees 4500.

(Deduct)

D. W. L. J. S. S.
President

Extract from the Minutes of the Progress of the Local Fund Board, Dindigul District, passed at a meeting held the 20th March, 1873.

Page No 40 of 1873.

Road District Engineer's letter No 330, dated 14th March, 1873, forwarding for sanction an estimate of Rs 2048 for repairing and improving $14\frac{1}{2}$ miles of the Road from Madurai to Sinnivelly.

The District Engineer states that this work, which to a great extent consists of the formation of varapuz & the planting of aloes thereon, has by some misunderstanding been already carried out without sanction; that the road which was in very bad order to the South of Tirumangalam has been thoroughly repaired, but that the allotment was insufficient; that he trusts that under the circumstances represented the informality will be excused in consideration of the necessity of the work; and that the Executive Engineer of the Range will inform the Board as to what those circumstances were.

2. The Executive Engineer is not present at the meeting and has not communicated the promised information to the Local Fund Board.

Enclosure in letter

from

The District Engineer

Dindigul

to the

The Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Madurai

Dated 28th March 1873

No 52

Copy of the Order of the

Local Fund Board

Dindigul

to the District Engineer

Dindigul

Dated 29th March 1873

P. M. S. 29/3/73.

Recd 16/4/73.

Board. Sending its receipt, the question of the sanction of the estimate must stand over.

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4. They remark that a considerable portion of this unsanctioned expenditure has been on Varapuz, their disapproval of the indiscriminate formation of which is expressed in their Res. No. X of December 4th, 1871, and 8 of 1872 and which they understood from the District Engineer's letter, No. 3852, dated 10th January, 1872, and recorded in the last of the above proceedings to be against his orders also.

Signed / H. W. Bliss
Vice President

(True Extract)

W. M. Ingham
President

Extract from the Minutes of the Pro.

Enclosure No 2 in letter

From

The President
Local Fund Board
Madras

To The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras

Dated 5 Aug^r 73

No 88

July 11/1570/73

Copy of the Proceedings
of the Local Fund
Board Dindigul Circle
No 40 of 1873

P.W. 5189/73.

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Extract from the minutes of the Pro-
ceedings of the Local Fund Board, Dindigul
circle, passed at a meeting held on
the 30th July, 1873.

Page No 79 of 1873.

Read Official Memorandum No 819 dated
7th June, 1873, from the Secretary to the
Board of Revenue, enquiring by whom
or from what source the Local Fund
Board wish the unauthorized expenditure
on the road from Madura to Finnevelly,
referred to in their Page No 65
1873, to be
paid.

The Local Fund Board have done
what they consider to be their duty by
refusing to pass this unauthorized ex-
penditure. If the Board of Revenue or
Government resolve to pass it the amount
must, they suppose, be paid from the
Road Fund Reserve; but the Local Fund
Board trust that in any case some sub-
stantial guarantee may be given them
against the recurrence of similar irre-
gularities.

(Signed) W. M. Subbar
President

(True Extract)

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(True copy)

J. Rambo
Dy. Collector.

No 1502 -
Erratum

In Board's Proceedings dated
4th September 1873, No 1744, para
line 2 for "Madura" read "Dindigul"

Revenue Board Office } (By Order)
Madras 26th September 1873 }
Hooduck
Agent Secretary

To
The Chief Secretary to
Government
Financial Department

Edmund
Spence

Enclosure in letter
from
The President
of the Board
Madras

The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras

Dated 28th May 1873
No 52
Copy of the Proceedings
of the Dindigul 27th 5th
dated 20th March 1873

P.N. 5189/73
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2601 Public Works Dept.
 Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
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Pro: of the Board
 of Revenue } (H. E. Secy 17th Sept. 1873.)

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 in regard to the pecu-
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 officers expending Im-
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 authority

1873
 From
 The Asst. Secretary
 to the Board of Revenue
 To the Chief Secretary
 to Government
 F. C. D.

Dated 26th September 1873
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Erratum - in
 Board's Pro. of 4th Sept. 1873
 No. 1744, regarding ex-
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 on Madurai & Trimmur
 road.

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[Signature]

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To District Engineer

Date

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G. O. 24th Dec 73, No. 2601-

Nos. 4001 to 401

Funds. Passing orders
on Pro of the Sd. Officer
Sanctioning the expendi-
ture incurred ~~by the~~
~~Board~~ in the Madras
University Road by the
Mr. D. without authority
of the L. J. Board & requesting
the L. J. officials may
be warned against
doing so in future.