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No. 536. Read the following letter from Captain J. PENNYCUICK, R.E., District Engineer, North Arcot, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Vellore, 6th October 1873, No. 2,166:—

With reference to O. G., Public Works Department, No. 8., of the 2nd instant, and Financial Department, No. 1,298, of 12th ultimo, I have the honour to report that the charges in question were made by the Military Department through the Controller of Public Works Accounts, by whom the bills were forwarded to this Office with a request that the amounts should be entered under the head "Miscellaneous Advances" in the accounts of the Vellore Range, pending such steps as I might decide upon taking for their adjustment. I found on inquiry that the work done by the Sappers was entirely within Municipal limits, with the exception of the formation of a crossing over a nullah on the Arnee road, the cost of which I estimated at Rupees 200.

2. In the absence of any special orders I considered that the sum of Rs. 200 was chargeable to the Local Funds Board of the Vellore Circle, and the remainder to the Municipality of Vellore; no special authority appeared necessary for making a demand which came in the ordinary course of business.

3. The Collector's letter, printed with the order under reply, will show that I have already expressed my opinion that the charges might properly be borne by Government, but this point was clearly one to be raised by the Municipality and Local Funds Board, and not by this Office.

4. I may add, as I have already told the Controller, that I think a good deal of trouble might have been saved if the matter had been settled by the Military Department without the intervention of this Office, which had really nothing to do with it.

No. 537. ORDER THEREON, 31st October 1873, No. 2,667.

ACCOUNT, No. 44.

COMMUNICATED to the Financial Department, with reference to the Orders in that Department, No. 1,298, dated 12th September 1873.

2. The District Engineer, North Arcot, is authorized to adjust the charge on account of Sapper labour against his Agricultural Repair grant.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Financial Department.
" District Engineer, North Arcot.
" Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

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No. 2166.

North Arcot,
DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
Vellore 6th October 1873.

From

The DISTRICT ENGINEER,
NORTH ARCOT.

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Madras

Sir,

With reference to O. G. Public Works Department
No 8 of the 2nd instant and Financial Department
No 1293 of 12th ultimo, I have the honor to
report that two charges in question were made
by the Military Department through the Controller
of P. W. Accounts, by whom the bills were
forwarded to this Office with a request
that the amounts should be entered under the
head "Miscellaneous Advances" in the
Accounts of the Vellore Range, pending such
steps as I might decide upon taking for
their adjustment. I found on enquiry that
the work done by the Sappers was entirely
within Municipal limits, with the exception of
the formation of a crossing over a nullah
on the Bruce Road, the cost of which I
estimated

estimated at Rs 200 --.

2. In the absence of any special orders I considered that the sum of Rs 200 was chargeable to the Local Funds Board of the Vellore Circle and the remainder to the Municipality of Vellore; no special authority appeared necessary for making a demand which comes in the ordinary course of business.

3. The Collector's letter printed with the order under reply will show that I have already expressed my opinion that the charges might properly be borne by Government, but the point was clearly one to be raised by the Municipality & Local Funds Board, and not by this Office.

4. I may add, as I have already told the Controller, that I think a good deal of trouble might have been saved if the matter had been settled by the Military Department without the intervention of this Office, which had really nothing to do with it.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

John Benjamin ^{Capt. R.A.}

Dist. Engr. North Arcot

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To the Financial Dept.

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The charge against his
Agricultural Repair
Fund.
Vellore Letter from
the Sd. Mgr., North Arcot,
reporting on the subject of
the charges incurred on
account of Sapper labor
in Vellore after the
late floods, Com^d to
the Financial Dept.,
the Sd. Mgr. authorized & advised