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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th March 1873.*

No. 199. Read the following Endorsement of the Financial Department, dated 14th February 1873:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th February 1873, Miscellaneous No. 877.

From the Acting President of the Local Fund Boards, Ganjam, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chettpore, 7th December 1872, No. 304.

I HAVE the honour to submit the following for the orders of the Board of Revenue.

2. On the 17th August last, the Local Fund Board of the Chettpore Circle passed the following resolution with regard to certain details to be shown in the progress reports submitted by the Department of Public Works:—

“The Board consider it desirable that the progress reports forwarded to them monthly should exhibit in the remark column the details of the work actually performed during the month with the rates at which each particular item is carried out. They would altogether exclude work performed in previous months, letting each progress report be complete in itself. They resolve to request the Superintending Engineer to comply with their request if possible.”

3. This resolution was communicated to the Superintending Engineer who replies as follows:—

“*** As the work now devolving upon the Range Officers in connection with accounts, etc., to be submitted to the Controller of Public Works Accounts and Superintending Engineer is very heavy, it is not possible that the additional information required by the Board, namely, to show in the remark column of progress report the details of work actually performed during the month, with the rates at which each particular item is carried out, can be supplied, or if so with anything like accuracy; at the same time I must not omit to state that the form in which the progress reports for Local Fund works should be prepared and furnished to Collector being the one embodied in the accompanying copy of G. O. No. 430, dated 9th August 1867 (to be returned), any additions or alterations to it are inadmissible in the absence of orders from Government.”

4. This reply was laid before the Local Board on the 20th ultimo, and the Board passed the following resolution:—

“The Local Fund Board think that the information asked for by them should be furnished by the Public Works Department. The Government Order quoted by the Superintending Engineer was passed in 1867, five years ago. The state of affairs has since been materially altered by the transfer of all communications to the Local Fund Board. Moreover, the Board in their Proceedings dated 17th January 1870, No. 311, ordered the insertion, in the remark column of progress report, of the actual mile or miles on which any work of construction or repair had been executed, and the amount of work on each mile. The Board do not consider the Superintending Engineer's objections tenable. Resolved that the Board of Revenue be requested to move the Government to order the Public Works Department to furnish the information in question.”

5. I have the honour to request that the Board will be pleased to move Government to order the Public Works Department to furnish the Local Fund Boards with the information asked for.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th March 1873.*

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

The Board think the required information ought to have been furnished without rendering necessary this reference to higher authority.

(True Copy and Extract.)

H. E. STOKES,
For Secretary.

TRANSFERRED to the Department Public Works for disposal.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 200.

ORDER THEREON, 8th March 1873, No. 753.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 25.

THE Revenue Board will be requested to call the attention of the Ganjam Local Fund Board to Government

Order No. 843 of 25th March 1870, cancelling the Proceedings of the Board, No. 311 of 17th January 1870, referred to in the Local Fund Board's resolution.

2. It is simply impossible that the column of remarks of progress reports can be made to contain all details of work performed during each month with the rates at which each particular item is carried out. Public Works establishments, executive and office, are not maintained on such a scale as to warrant a call being made on them to report particularly the progress and cost of each item of work estimated for; the result would not repay the labour, and the record would probably lead to useless and harassing controversies. Estimated rates cannot always be adhered to throughout the progress of works, and the control over them should be left to the District Engineer, whose province it is to deal with them.

3. That officer and Revenue Officers should however take pains to make their progress reports clearly intelligible and even interesting by giving such information in the column of remarks as shall convey to those concerned a general correct idea of the state of progress of each work; specifying, for instance, the miles in which work has been done during the month; and, in their places as members of Local Fund Boards, they should be prepared to meet all inquiries with perfect courtesy, and to place before the other members, either at the regular meetings or in their own offices, any books or accounts that may throw a light upon details regarding which information is sought.

It will be understood that special report may be required and should be supplied where the Local Fund Board see good cause to suspect improper practices.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.F.,
Secretary to Government.

To District Engineer.
To the Financial Department.
" Revenue Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Ed. E. C. Shunker.

MISCELLANEOUS No. 877

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Dated 13th February 1873.

Read the following

N^o 304.

From

To

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3. This resolution was communicated
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Works Accounts and Superintending Engineer
is very heavy, it is not possible that the
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Board, viz to show in the remark column
of Progress report the details of work actually
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Pro 9 Aug 167 No 239 240
Pro 17 July 170 - 311-
Pro 25 March - 401-405

P. W. 1873 Report
Financial 1873 Dept.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD
OF REVENUE.

Mis. 1877

Dated 13th February 1873

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SUBJECT.

Submitting for the Orders of
Govt. letter from President,
L. F. Board, Ganga, District
P. W. Department to furnish
them with the information
called for regarding certain
items in the Progress report.
No 783 - 8 March 1873
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No 199
No 25 July 173 No 25
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No 753 P. W. D. 8/10

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following:

Pro. of the Board of Rev.
thru' the Financial Dept. (H. E. & 877 9/13 July 1873)

The Revenue Board
will be requested to call
the attention of the Sanjivan
Local Fund Board to
Government order No 848
of 25 March 1870 can-
celling the Proceeding
of the Board No 311 of
17 January 1870 refer-
red to in the Local
Fund Board's resolution.

It is simply impos-
sible that the column
of Remarks of Progress
Reports can be made

any books or accounts
that may throw a light
upon details regarding
which information is
sought. ~~There are~~

~~books~~

~~be very difficult to~~
~~find~~ It will be
understood that
special report
may be required
and should be sup-
plied, where the
Local District Board
is unable to dis-
sect improper
practices.

~~Yours~~

25/1/52

Better
Council for
the district

I thank them

Yours

N^o 199/200

24 July 1952 R.25
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of the
General
Refugee
Council
12/1/52

EXA No. 1021.

Govt. of 1873 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To the District Engineer,
2nd Div.

Date:

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 8 Moul. N. 753.

No. 1999200

Progress Reports. Passing
Orders in Rev. of the Board
of Revenue relative to
certain information
being furnished in
Progress Reports sub-
mitted by the S.W. Officer.