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No. 93. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Educational Department, dated 21st April 1874, No. 132:—

From Major J. O. HASTED, R.E., District Engineer, Kistna, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Masulipatam, 3rd February 1874, No. 113.

Referring to paragraph 5 of G. O., No. 1,803, dated 14th July 1873, I have the honour to observe that no funds have as yet been allotted by the Educational Department for the completion of the Government School at Guntoor. The work has been completed and the building handed over.

Referred to the Educational Department.

12*th February* 1874. (Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

Referred to the Director of Public Instruction for explanation.

13*th February* 1874. (Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

From E. B. POWELL, Esq., M.A., C.S.I., Director of Public Instruction, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 13th April 1874, No. 595.

I have the honour to return the enclosed letter from the District Engineer, Kistna, referred to me by endorsement dated the 13th February 1874.

2. The matter connected with the erection of the Guntoor School-house appears to me to be settled by G. O., Educational Department, No. 92, dated the 25th ultimo, and it merely remains for me to apply to the Account Department, in the usual form, to have the amount required placed at disposal.

3. I think it necessary, however, as the endorsement of the Chief Secretary called for explanation, to give briefly the entire circumstances of the case.

4. In my letters recorded in G. Os. Nos. 64 and 145 of 1872, Educational Department, I requested sanction for an estimate for Rupees 8,370 for constructing the school-house, and pointed out that the amount could be obtained by taking the local contributions (Rupees 1,000) and the Budget provision for 1872-73 (Rupees 3,000) and by indenting on the capital of the Educational Building Fund for Rupees 4,370 more. The estimate was sanctioned by Government, and I thereupon made the necessary communication to the Accountant-General.

5. Work was proceeded with; but, inasmuch as the Educational Department is not intended to supervise the construction of school-houses, no intimation of progress was made periodically to me. I heard incidentally that the progress was not satisfactory, and addressed Government; but the point requires no further notice here.

6. In G. O., Educational Department, No. 68 of 1873, I was directed to place Rupees 500 out of the local contributions at the disposal of the Public Works Department. I did so immediately, pointing out to the Controller that the sum of Rupees 1,000 was included in the Budget provision for 1872-73. The Controller issued the necessary instructions.

7. I should point out here particularly that the District Engineer in his letter to Government said: "Range Officer, Kistna District, entertains hopes of spending 500 Rupees * * * * in addition to the 7,370 Rupees already granted."

8. When, therefore, G. O., Public Works Department, No. 1,803 of 1873, requested the Educational Department to provide Rupees 2,235 for the completion of the school-house and G. O., Educational Department, No. 1,029 of 1873, called upon me to report whether the charge has been, or can be, provided for from the Educational Building Fund, I was naturally led to the conclusion that the estimated amount had been exhausted and that a further sum was required.

9. Still in my letter No. 2,421 of 1873 (G. O., Educational Department, No. 34 of 1874,) I pointed out that the full sum in the estimate had been provided and that only in case the entire Rupees 11,000 from the capital of the Educational Building Fund had been exhausted should a fresh amount of Rupees 2,235 be taken from the capital.

10. The Government (No. 34 of 1874, Educational Department,) then called upon the Accountant-General to report whether the sum of Rupees 4,370* had been placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department, and also wished to be informed "how the difference of Rupees 2,135 between the sum of Rupees 4,370 first applied for and that of Rupees 2,235 now required became available for expenditure," also whether any further expenditure was likely to be necessary.

11. The Accountant-General (G. O., Educational Department, No. 49 of 1874) stated that the sum of Rupees 4,370 was placed at disposal in 1872.

12. The letter of the District Engineer now returned refers to Government Orders noted in paragraph 8, through the former of which complication arose; and the letter further, by saying "no funds have as yet been allotted by the Educational Department for the completion of the Government school at Guntoor," tends to confirm the idea that the estimated amount was insufficient.

13. However, as observed in paragraph 2 above, the matter appears to be settled. It is clear from the District Engineer's letter recorded in G. O., No. 92, of 1874, Educational Department, that that officer was applying simply for the unexpended balance. I cannot admit the omission pointed out by the District Engineer. Under present arrangements, which do not call for alteration, I am simply required to see that money is made available; and, unless I am furnished with an account-current by District Engineers, it is impossible for me to tell what money has been expended and how much remains. In the present case all that was needed was that the District Engineer should have explained the matter in the first instance, just as he has done in his communication under immediate notice. If funds are needed, therefore, it appears to me that it would be well for District Engineers to furnish a brief statement of past expenditure and to state whether the funds applied for are in excess or not of estimated amounts.

* *Vide* paragraph 4 *supra*.

COMMUNICATED to the Public Works Department, with reference to G. O., dated the 25th March 1874, No. 92, and for the issue of such orders as may be deemed necessary on paragraph 13 of this letter.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 5th June 1874.

No. 94. ORDER THEREON, 5th June 1874, No. 1,483.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 6.

IT is evidently unnecessary to issue further orders on this subject. The Director of Public Instruction makes it clear that all that is required is the exhibition of the demand on account of incomplete Educational works in the same form as that of the lists which accompanied G. O., No. 1,803, of 14th July 1873, instead of merely stating the amount to be provided without any information as to past expenditure. This will be attended to in future.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Educational Department.
To District Engineer[illegible].
~~To the Executive Engineer, Nyanad~~

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Pro. Dr. G. Educational Dept. } P. G. No. 132 of 21st April 1874.

It is evidently unnecessary to issue further orders on this subject. The Director of Public Instruction makes it clear that all that is required is the exhibition of the demand on account of incomplete Educational works in the same form as that of the lists which accompanied G. O. No. 1003 of

of 14 July 1873, instead of merely stating the amount to be provided without any information as to the particulars. This will be attended to in future.

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