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Government of Madras

Public works DEPARTMENT

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No. 95. Read the following letter from Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E., District Engineer, Chingleput, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government Public Works Department, dated Guindy, 25th March 1874, No. 3,516 :—

REFERRING to G. O., No. 591, dated 6th instant, I have the honour to observe that the proceeding of the Controller, Public Works Accounts, is, so far as I can find, opposed to all rule and precedent.

2. By the regular procedure of the Department, the District Engineer is to receive from his Range Officer and forward to the Controller the credit order for the month following that in which any payments are to be made, and the District Engineer is desired to examine these credit orders, and is responsible that only such amounts are asked for as will be spent within the month.

3. In ordinary cases of payments to Civil Officers, the latter apply to me for grants against specific budget allotments and specific estimates; as they are generally for small sums, I can desire the Range Officers to pay without inconveniencing them, even if I have no previous notices, as I claim that I ought to have.

And generally receive.—F. J. M.

4. On this occasion I had not been informed that the estimate was sanctioned. Nobody had applied for any credit, and when I refused to let the Range Officer hamper himself by suddenly paying Rupees 10,000, the Controller sent him a *direct* order to pay the amount. I respectfully urge that such a proceeding is novel.

5. In February, Mr. Lowry had a cash balance of Rupees 11,856, contrary to the rules of the Department. On my calling on him for explanation, he informed me that he was afraid of a sudden demand like the previous one and had reserved money. I submit that if Rule XLI. means what the Controller says, that Civil Officers are then really Public Works Department agents and not *other* agency, and should be brought under our rules, and be called on to forward in good time credit letters, on which I can apply for regular allotments.

6. I may further observe that, as I understand, the members of the Local Fund Board are under the impression that in placing this road under the charge of the Revenue Officers they will avoid payment of proportional charge for Public Works Establishment, which, I conclude, will not be the case if the funds are drawn through me.

No. 96. ORDER THEREON, 5th June 1874, No. 1,484.

ACCOUNT, No. 13.

IT would appear that as Civil Officers have to be provided with funds by Range Officers, they must make their wants previously known to the Range Officers, that they may include the same in their original demands for funds on the District Engineer, or in a supplementary demand for additional credit, issuing in the meantime what funds they can spare.

2. If in the present case the Civil Officer applied direct to the Controller for funds without intimation of his necessities to the Range Officer or District

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Engineer, it was not right of the Controller to give him a credit on the Range Officer without reference to the amount of that officer's credit or the grounds o.. which it was based. The Controller will arrange in future for a distinct understanding on the subject.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Chingleput.
" Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Chingleput Distt. Engrs Office
No 358 Guindy 25th March 1874.

From
The District Engineer
Chingleput.

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

Sir,

Referring to G.O. No. 591 dated 6th instant, I have the honor to observe that the Proceeding of the Controller Public Works Accounts is, so far as I can judge, opposed to all rule and precedent.

By the regular procedure of the Department, the District Engineer is to receive from his Range Officer, and forward to the Controller, the credit order for the month following that, in which any payment are to be made, and the District Engineer is desired to examine these credit orders, and is responsible that only such amounts are asked for as will be spent within the months.

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In February Mr Lowry had a cash balance of Rs 11856 contrary to the rules of the Department. On my calling on him for explanation, he informed me that he was afraid of a sudden demand like the previous one and had reserved money. I submit that if Rule XLI means what the Controller says that Civil Officers are then really Public Works Department agents and not other agency, and should be brought under our rules, and be called on to forward in good time credit letter, on which I can apply for regular allotments.

I may further observe that as I understand, the members of the Local Funds Board are under the impression that in placing this road under the charge of the Revenue Officers, they will avoid payment of proportional charge for Public Works Establishment, which I conclude will not be the case if the funds are drawn through me.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

J. Lindesay Colonel R.E.
District Engineer, Chingleput

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Under date the 187 .

Read the following :—

From the Ch. Engr
Chingleput —

(G.O. No. 3516 of 25th March 1874)

It would appear that no Civil officers have hitherto provided with funds by Range officers, they must make their wants previously known to the Range officers that they may include the same in their original demands for funds on the District Engineer or in a supplementary demand for additional credit occurring in the meantime

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From the Ch. Engr
Chingleput

Read G.O. No. 3516 dated 25th March 1874

Forwarded to the Secretary to Government P.W. Department

Dated 25 March 1874

No. 25

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Acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings of the Accountant General Controller of P.W. Accounts in authorizing a direct Civil Officers to prefer their claims for contingent charges direct to the Accountant General

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If in the present case the civil officer applied direct to the Controller for funds without intimation of his necessities to the Range Officer or District Engineer it was not right of the Controller to give him a credit on the Range officer without reference to the amount of that officer's credit, or the grounds on which it was based. The Controller will arrange in future for a distinct understanding on the subject.

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" Contr. P.W. Accts
Dr. Cashier desp. to back 11/6/96.

Note.

Adverting to the remarks of the Honorable Mr. Sim on this draft G.O. attention is invited to Local Fund Rule No. XII from which it will be observed that when the execution of public works is entrusted to agency other than that of the Public Works Department the individual carrying out the work must be placed in funds by the Controller of P.W. Accounts, and the expenditure dealt with in the same manner as expenditure

by Civil officers generally. Under this arrangement the Range officer becomes the disbursing Agent. In accordance with these rules the President of the Local Fund Board applies to the Public Works Departt for the money required for the road from Chinglepat to Saraspperie Choultry.

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G. O. 5th June 1874. No. 1484

Nos. 95-96.

Funds. The Controller of P.W. Accounts requested to arrange in future for a distinct understanding on the ~~subject~~ subject of Civil Officers being provided with funds.