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22nd May 1875*

No 408 Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 9th April 1875, No. 796 —

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th September 1874, No 2,656

Read the following letter from W S FOSTER, Esq, President of the Local Fund Boards, Godavery District, to J GROSE, Esq, Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 24th August 1874, No 85

I HAVE the honor to inform you that the Local Fund Board, at a Meeting held on the 18th instant, read the G. O, dated * Finl Dept, 6th August 1874, No 1,290 31st July 1874,* No 2,094, postponing the consideration of the estimate for the excavation of the navigable canal in the Nagaram Island, and passed the following resolution —

PRESENT

1. W S Foster, Esq, *President*

Members.

- 2 Sri Rajah Row Venkata Mahipati Gungadhara Ramarow Bahadur, Zemindar.
- 3 Dr A M Branfoot, Civil Surgeon
- 4 S Venkata Gopala Row Naidu Garu, Tahsildar of Ramachendrapur
- 5 Batchu Ramesaw Garu.
- 6 Pyda Ramakrishnayya Garu
- 7 Nilam Tirupateroydu Naidu Garu.

“It was resolved that Government should be requested to give up the whole management of the Road Fund work to the Local Fund Board, and take it out of the hands of the Department of Public Works”

2 In the Proceedings of the 31st July 1874, the Government say that the agricultural works are as much as the existing establishment can supervise, and they have also drainage works, so it is to be concluded that the Public Works Department have no time to spare for Local Fund works in the delta

3 I beg to refer the Board to the District Engineer's letters and other papers, recorded in G O, dated 30th September 1873, No 1,394, communicated with the Board's Miscellaneous Proceedings, dated 16th October 1873, No 7,034, which clearly shows the inefficiency of the Department of Public Works to supervise the Road Fund works without extra assistance. The reasons given in those papers are so plain that it is unnecessary for me to dwell on the matter much

4 The Revenue Board would also observe from paragraph 11 of my letter, recorded in the Government Order above referred to, that the total salaries of the District Engineers, Supervisors, &c, amount to Rupees 81,744, of which Rupees 66,080 have been paid from the Local Funds on account of the cost of the Department of Public Works Supervision, while only Rupees 15,664 are paid from Imperial and Provincial Funds

5 It is quite plain from the above figures that nearly three-fourths of the expenditure for the whole district is paid from the Local Funds. Such being the case, it is hardly right to say that the Department of Public Works Officers have no time to spare for Local Fund works in the delta. The Local Fund Board resolve to take

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the management entirely from the hands of the Department of Public Works, but I do not feel inclined to recommend such a proposal. For my part, I would strongly recommend that three or four Executive Engineers with the necessary establishment be appointed for the Road Fund works, their salaries being paid from the amount at present allotted to General Supervision in the Local Funds, leaving the establishment at present existing to be paid entirely from other funds. I would leave the District Engineer as usual to supervise them, for which I propose to pay into the hands of Government a certain proportionate amount on account of the salary of the District Engineer. The Government in the above order said that the question of charge to the Local Funds on account of Imperial Establishment is under their consideration, but nearly a year has since elapsed.

6 Under these circumstances, I would strongly urge the Board to get Government to give early and serious attention to this matter.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government, with reference to G. O., Public Works Department, dated 31st July 1874, No. 2,094.

2 The Cocanada Local Fund Board, acting on the fact that in G. O., Public Works Department, dated 31st July 1874, No. 2,094, Government have expressly admitted that the staff of the Department of Public Works in Godavery is so occupied with Imperial work that it cannot undertake any more Local Fund works, proposed to have an establishment of their own instead of entrusting their work to the Public Works Department.

3 The President refers to the papers recorded with G. O., dated 30th September 1873, No. 1,394, Financial Department, as clearly showing that the Public Works Department cannot look after Local Fund work properly without assistance, and to the figures given in paragraph 11 of his letter, which is one of the papers as proving that the Local Fund pays more than its proper share of the cost of the Public Works Department in the district. He proposes that the Local Fund should have three or four Executive Engineers of its own, and pay the District Engineer a fair proportion of his salary to supervise them.

4 The proposal of the Cocanada Local Fund Board is inadmissible under G. O., Financial Department, dated 13th May 1874, No. 827, but in that same order Government admit their responsibility as regards the provision of proper supervision for Local Fund work in the Public Works Department. Hence if the establishment in the Godavery is so weak that Local Fund work, which would otherwise be allowed, stopped because of that weakness, it ought to be strengthened.

5 The figures to which the President refers in paragraph 4 represent the Local Fund as paying Rupees 66,080 out of Rupees 81,744, the cost of the salaries of the Public Works Staff, but this is scarcely a fair representation of the facts. From the actuals of 1872-73 it appears that in that year the cost of Godavery Public Works Establishment was Rupees 1,68,094, and that the Local Fund paid Rupees 50,100. On the other hand, the Local Fund expenditure by the Department of Public Works, Rupees 1,73,169, was a little more than 26 per cent. of the total expenditure, Rupees 6,64,421, and the corresponding portion of the total cost of the Public Works Establishment is Rupees 43,810, so that the supervision of Local Fund

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(A true Copy and Extract)

(Signed) J GROSE,
Secretary

THE question of the entertainment of a separate Local Fund Engineering Establishment for the Cocanada Circle to work independently of the Public Works Department must be kept in abeyance until a decision has been come to on the general question referred to the Board of Revenue for report in G. O., dated 19th January 1875, No. 505

2 The remarks of the Board of Revenue in paragraph 4 of their Proceedings will be considered in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary,

No 519-A.

No 409.

Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

COLONEL WALKER is of opinion that the view expressed in G. O., No. 2,094, of the 31st July 1874, that the Godavery Delta establishments have as much work on their hands at present as they can manage, is not altogether correct, and, as I understand him, that it would be proper to take up at once the Nagaram Island navigation canal and any other works which the Local Fund Board desire to see carried out. I regret to be obliged to differ from this conclusion so far as it may be taken to mean that any large amount of additional Local Fund work, necessitating the careful supervision of the Engineering Establishment, can be attended to at present. It is quite possible, however, that the District Engineer may be able to manage the Nagaram Island canal, and if so there will be no objection to its being now taken in hand.

2 I am not acquainted with the amount of Local Fund work done in the Godavery Delta or with the way in which it is done. Government have postponed Imperial works, e.g., the Central Delta completion estimates, in order to prevent the Public Works Establishment being overtaxed, and, so far as I am aware, there has been no neglect of Local Fund work. The Local Fund Board, with the impatience naturally resulting from want of knowledge, seem to imagine that whatever money may be available can forthwith be spent, and the Board is right to this extent, the money can be spent, but there is a limit to outlay with beneficial results, and as on the last occasion that the subject came under notice the expenditure in the Godavery District amounted to about 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs of rupees probably not much if any more can be spent properly, partly for want of supervision, and partly because the labor is limited.

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14th May 1875

(Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lieut -Colonel R E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation

No 410

ORDER THEREON, 22nd May 1875, No 1,418

IRRIGATION, No 47

THE Honorable the Governor in Council directs these papers to be communicated to the District Engineer, Godavery, in order that that officer may report whether he can arrange for the early construction of the Nagaram Island navigation canal, which the Local Fund Board desire to take up He will also show what expenditure was incurred from Local Funds during the past year, and the number of works in progress, explaining at the same time whether there was short expenditure from causes not within the control of the Public Works Department.

(True Extract)

Major, R E.,

Offg Joint Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Godavery
„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation
„ Financial Department

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