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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
20th September 1875.*

No. 462. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 26th August 1875, No. 1,725:—

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th August 1875, No. 2,245:—

Read the following letter from W. McQUHAE, Esq., President, Local Fund Boards, Madura, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madura, 23rd July 1875, No. 80.

I HAVE the honor to report that the Local Fund Board of the Madura Circle desire the following observations to be laid before Government with reference to the Chief Engineer's note embodied in G. O., dated 24th May 1875, No. 1,136. These remarks have not been put into the form of a resolution, because it appears unnecessary to print them.

2. In consequence of the number of revised estimates submitted for the construction of new roads in Madura, the Board deemed it necessary to bring the matter to notice, in order that the necessity for greater care in framing estimates might be impressed upon the District Engineer. The particular case, of which the Board complained, furnished a clear example of the carelessness complained of. The piece of road from Thovariman to Melakal was an unfinished portion of a first-class road. It was the intention of the late District Engineer and of the Board to make a first-class road, and the estimate was prepared for this purpose. The Board therefore justly complained when they were asked for an additional sum of Rupees 9,400 immediately after the original estimate of Rupees 5,110 had been worked out, and the Board of Revenue supported the complaint. If, as the Chief Engineer contends, there is no ground for complaint, it is obviously impossible for the Board to form any plan of operations, for they never can tell what the new roads, already sanctioned, will really cost.

3. Paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Chief Engineer's memorandum appear to have been written under an entire misapprehension of the facts. The road from Alagar Covil to Melur is a village road; and, in assigning Rupees 7,500 to it, the Board have given the utmost that could be given with reference to the traffic. It is the duty of the Board to see that first-class roads are not made where they are not wanted, but there never was any doubt as to the sort of road wanted between Thovariman and Melakal, and it is not the case that the District Engineer in Madura has ever felt any difficulty in framing his road estimates, so as to embrace the whole work to be done in consequence of any arbitrary exercise of the power entrusted to the Madura Local Fund Board. If the District Engineer has made any such complaint, the Board have never heard of it, and it would require a much better foundation than is to be found in the Chief Engineer's memorandum. The only complaint made by the District Engineer is, that his establishment is insufficient—a matter over which the Board has no control.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to the order quoted.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,  
Acting Secretary.

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COMMUNICATED to the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES MACLEAN,  
*Acting Under Secretary,  
for Officiating Chief Secretary.*

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ORDER THEREON, 20th September 1875, No. 2,714.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 32-A.

ORDERED to be recorded.

2. All that is necessary is, as summed up in paragraph 4 of the Chief Engineer's memorandum, that Local Fund Boards and District Engineers should satisfy themselves before passing estimates that they provide for all work then considered necessary.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,  
*Secretary to Government.*

To all Superintending and District Engineers.  
To the Executive Engineer, Wynaad.  
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.  
" Financial Department.

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