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27th November 1875.*

No. 617. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chattraputty, 15th November 1875, No. 3,272:—

With reference to G.O., No. 202, dated the 23th ultimo, I have the honor to report that the delay in submitting the estimates for the works referred to is chiefly owing to the want of Local Fund Overseers in this district.

2. I request that the additional Local Fund Sub-Overseers of the first and second grades applied for in my letter No. 3,186, under date the 6th instant, may be sanctioned as soon as possible.

3. Mr. Hawksworth, the late Range Officer, is principally responsible for the estimates not having been prepared and submitted in time for execution; as soon as he saw I would not accept any estimates for new roads prepared by Overseers only, and insisted on his making at least a careful inspection of the route, he would do nothing and employed himself principally in the manner detailed in my letter printed in G.O., of the 29th July 1875, No. 2,200, without my knowledge or consent. When Lieutenant Boddy, R.E., relieved him in May last, he had the whole range to look after, but as soon as an Overseer was allowed to take the sub-division I requested him to send in these estimates as soon as possible, and they have all been submitted since. The only Local Fund Overseer, 1st grade, who is at all competent to prepare estimates, has been sick for the last six months and generally unfit for duty.

4. A practice has generally prevailed in this district to make loose entries in the Budget for certain roads, and then call for the estimates, instead of carefully selecting a good line of road, having it properly surveyed, levelled, and estimated for, and the work systematically proceeded with on some sound engineering principles; the consequence is that lines of so-called roads have been opened in all directions as already reported, and there is not a yard of good road in the whole district; and the Oosilumputty and Allinagarum road is as good an instance of this kind of thing as any to note; when I first went over it I saw at once it had never been properly made to stand any traffic, quantities of earthwork, gravel, and large loose stones all jumbled in together, and it is really believed that such a thing is a road and ought to be kept in perfect order for Rupees 100 or Rupees 150 a-mile; as soon as I was able I sent in estimates for remodelling the whole thing and giving it something in the shape of a road surface.

5. As long however as the preposterous notion prevails that so important a thing as a good road can be made for Rupees 500 a-mile, the results will be as they are here; nothing effected to reduce the cost of transport a pie a ton a mile, and the Local Fund Board, Dindigul Circle, are responsible chiefly for this state of affairs.

No. 618. ORDER THEREON, 27th November 1875, No. 3,392.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 40-A.

COMMUNICATED to the Financial Department with reference to Order in that Department, No. 2,044, of 15th October.

2. It will be observed that the District Engineer was authorized by order in the Public Works Department, No. 2,619, of 13th September, to entertain a Sub-Overseer for each taluq of the district.

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3. Mr. Hawksworth has been suspended from employment for a considerable time in consequence of the unsatisfactory manner in which he has disregarded orders.

4. The preparation of the Local Fund Road Budget would appear from the District Engineer's report to require to be more systematically dealt with than has hitherto been the case.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Madras.
" Financial Department.

Ed. S. T. Austin.
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No 3272

District Engineer's Office
Chintalaputti 15th Nov 1875

From

Vicnt Colonel J. Fischer R.E.
District Engineer, Madras.

To

Major General G. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government L.M.

Sir,

With reference to L.O. No 2021 dated the 28th ultimo, I have the honor to report that the delay in submitting the estimates for the works referred to is chiefly owing to the want of Local Fund overseers in this District.

2. I request that the additional Local Fund Sub-overseers of the 1st and second grades applied for in my letter, No 3186, under date the 6th instant, may be sanctioned as soon as possible.

3. Mr Hawksworth the late

No. 3392

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 27 Nov 75.

Read the following:—

P. W. 1875 Dept
from No 3392

The District Engineer
Madras

The Secretary to Govt.
P. W. D.
Madras.

Dated 15 Nov 75
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Recd 19th do

No. 3272

Informing that
the want of local fund-
owners is the cause
for late submission of
Estimates for certain

roads to
G.O. No 3392. 27. 11. 75

1875-1876 No 522-525
- 19 July " " 801-802
- 13 Sept " " 267-272
- 15 Oct " " 267-268
- 28 " " " 202-203

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From
The District Engineer
Madras.

(No. 3392 of 15 Nov 1875)

Communicated to
the Financial Depart-
ment with reference
to order in that Dept.
No 2044 of 15th October.

It will be observed
that the District En-
gineer was authori-
zed by order in the
Public Works Dept.
No 2619 of 13th September
to obtain a Sub-
Inspector for each
Taluk of the District.
Mr. H. H. Keworth
has

Has been suspended
from employment
for a considerable
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Done

Disp^d 4-12-75

District Engineer, Madras.
Financial Department.
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G. E. Madura

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Local Fund Works Madras
Passing orders on letter from
the Dist Engineer, offering
explanation on the late submission
of certain estimates, in con-
nection with the