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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
2nd December 1875.*

No. 28. Read the following letter from Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E.,
Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Major-General G. W. WALKER,
R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St.
George, 29th November 1875, No. 155 W :—

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government,
under date 13th November 1875, and with reference thereto to point out the present
unsatisfactory state of every question in connection with the new Lower Subordinate
Establishment.

2. In my letter No. 139 W, of the 15th November, I noticed that it was appa-
rently tacitly understood that the whole of the Local Fund Sub-Overseers had been
transferred to the Public Works Department as a Lower Subordinate Establishment,
but so far as I was aware without any express order having been passed either to
record so important a change or to define the terms on which the transfer of this
establishment from Local to Imperial had been carried out.

3. From the correspondence printed with the last order of Government, the
District Engineer of Madura is apparently under the impression that to each grade,
in which the Sub-Overseers were divided in accordance with G.O., No. 107, of 13th
July 1874, a distinct salary is attached. If this be the case, I should be much obliged
by your communicating to me the orders under which this Lower Subordinate Estab-
lishment has been graded, or in fact any orders prescribing the definite salaries attached
to each grade in which the Local Fund Sub-Overseers were nominally divided.

4. I conclude that the transfer of this Establishment to the Public Works
Department has not been carried into effect without an amendment being proposed to
Act IV. of 1871 (Madras); under Clause 24 of this Act it would appear that the
appointment of officers whose salaries are chargeable to Local Funds by any authority
other than that of the Presidents of the Local Fund Boards would be illegal! and this
would appear re-affirmed in Clause III. of the Local Fund Rules. In other respects
too the present system of charging Local Funds for Public Works agency, particularly
as regards charging Local Funds with 25 per cent. on the cost of the works, would appear
to be somewhat foreign to the intentions of the framers of the Local Fund Act.

5. On the whole, in the absence of information as to the terms on which this
transfer has been carried out, I have some difficulty in understanding the exact basis
on which this new Lower Subordinate Establishment now stands.

No. 29. ORDER THEREON, 2nd December 1875, No. 3,427.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 3.

THE Controller will be so good as to
await the result of the action taken in
G.O., No. 3,094, of 1st November 1875.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Ed. S. T. Austin.

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No. 155 W

FROM

THE CONTROLLER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS.

TO

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, 29th November 1875.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of, the Proceedings of Government under date November 18th 875, and with reference thereto to point out the present unsatisfactory state of every question in connection with the now Lower Subordinate establishment.

In my letter No. 1897 of the 10th November, I stated that it was apparently tacitly understood that the whole of the Local Fund Sub-Committee had been transferred to the Public Works Department as a Lower Subordinate establishment, but, ~~as~~ far as I was aware, without any express order having been passed either to record so important a change, or to define the terms on which the transfer

of this establishment from Local to sub-
perial had been carried out.

3. From the correspondence printed with
the last order of Government, the District
Ingrines of Madras is apparently under
the impression that to each grade, in
which the sub-percents were divided in
accordance with G.O. No. 18th July
1874, a distinct salary is attached. If
this be the case, I should be much
obliged by your communicating to
me the order under which this Government
Subordinate Establishment has been
graded, or in fact any order prescribing
the definite salaries attached to each
grade in which the Local Funds sub-
percent were uniformly divided.

4. I conclude that the transfer of
this establishment to the Public Works
Department has not been carried
into effect without any amend-
ment being proposed to Act II of
1871 (Madras). Under clause 44 of this

act it would appear that the appoint-
ment of officers whose salaries are
chargeable to Local Funds by any au-
thority other than that of the Presidents
of the Local Fund Boards would be
illegal: and this would appear re-
affirmed in clause II of the Local
Funds Act. In other respects too the
present system of charging Local Funds
for Public Works Agency, particularly as
regards charging Local Funds with
25 per cent on the cost of the works would
appear to be somewhat foreign to the
intentions of the framers of the Local
Funds Act.

5. On the whole, in the absence of
information as to the terms on which this
transfer has been carried out, I have some
difficulty in understanding the exact basis
on which this new Government Subordinate Es-
tablishment now stands.

I have the honor to be

Yours most obedient servant
Thomas Gordon.

Controller & P. W. Accounts

16. No. 3244 9/13 hwp.
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 " 107 9/13 July 1944 hwp.

2d Recd
 Capt. Wm. D. Scott
 No. 3244-9-17-75

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 The Comptroller with the 20 goods as to amount the amount of
 the action taken on the 11th Sept. of 1875.

Wm. D. Scott

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The Comptroller
 P. R. Account

To
 The Secty to Government
 P. R. Department

Date 3/29/75
 Dec 30/75

No. 185-14.

Request to information
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With Order

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Route of Projects

2nd Dec. 3427

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Lower Subordinate Establish-
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of P. W. Accts to advise the
results of action taken in
No. 3094 of 1st Nov 190.
Regarding the transfer of the
to the P. W. Dept -

A. R.