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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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8th May 1876.*

No. 95. Read the following letter from Captain J. PENNYCUICK, R.E., District Engineer, North Arcot, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Vellore, 25th April 1876, No. 504:—

With reference to O.G., No. 66, of 7th instant, communicating O.G. (Financial Department,) No. 594, of 28th ultimo, regarding the provision of funds to pay for certain tools used in the Vellore Circle, I have the honor to request instructions as to the fund from which the charge is to be met, which the order seems to leave somewhat doubtful.

2. In your memorandum, No. 105 of 18th ultimo, it is stated that the charge may possibly be met from Provincial Funds, but this appears only to refer to the past year, and it is presumably intended that it shall now be met from Local Funds; the order itself does not refer to the point at all.

3. I have now seen, for the first time, Mr. Whiteside's letter, No. 41, of 28th January last, which was not forwarded with your memorandum calling for explanation upon the subject, and I am obliged to object most strongly to the implication contained therein, that the tools were purchased by the Range Officer (he only speaks of one) on his own authority.

4. No tools or other stores are ever purchased without the sanction of this office, and the greatest care is always exercised in ascertaining that such articles are really required before the indents for them are passed.

5. In the particular case in question there was an irregularity which is distinctly admitted and regretted in my letter No. 4,161, of 13th ultimo, but this irregularity was entirely on the part of this office, and the Range Officer was in no way responsible for it; it is not the case that the tools were "recklessly purchased at the Range Officer's own pleasure," nor that they were not required for Local Fund Works. Nor is it the case that the Local Fund Works were "few and insignificant," the new works were so, but the maintenance and repairs, for which chiefly tools are required, were rather above the average of ordinary years, and there is no doubt whatever that the tools were really wanted.

6. I should not have cared to notice this point, but that it is not the first time that Mr. Whiteside has thought proper to write as if Range Officers were entirely uncontrolled, and deliberately to ignore the authority of this office altogether.

ORDER THEREON, 8th May 1876, No. 1,129.

No. 96.

ACCOUNT, No. 4.

The tools are chargeable to Local Funds, having been purchased for and used on the road works; and the Financial

order alluded to by the District Engineer directs early adjustment of the charge.

2. Captain Pennycook's objection to Mr. Whiteside's statement is quite unintelligible. That gentleman did not say, as now asserted, that the "Range Officer purchased the tools on his own authority." He complained of "Range Officers

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being allowed to purchase tools without notice to the Local Fund Board, or regard to the funds allotted in the Budget; and his complaint is borne out by the District Engineer's own admissions.

3. The general question of Local Fund contributions on account of tools and plant is under consideration.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,
Offg Under Secy to Govt, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, North Arcot
Financial Department

NORTH ARCOT.

District Engineer's Office.

10th May 1876.

No. 304.

From,

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,

NORTH ARCOT,

To,

The Secretary to Government,

(Public Works Department) No. 176

Sir,

(Madras)

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at all.

3. I have now been for the
first time, Mr. Webster's letter
No. 1 of 28th January last, which was
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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servant

Wm. Perry - Captain R.E.

District Engineer

North Precinct

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Public Works Department

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May 13/6

4/25th April 1/6

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Mr. Whitesides statement

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thought proper to write as if Range
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Authority.

1876 Department
No. 3016.

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Recd 7.4.1876
G.O. dated 19.4.1876
7.7.76

From:

The District Engineer
(North Arcot)

To:
The Secretary to Govt
Public Works Deptt
(Madras)

Dated 25th April 1876
Recd 28th April 1876
(No. 301)

Enclosures: none.

Informing regarding
the purchase of tools
in the Valluvar Circle &
requesting instructions as
to the fund from which
the charge is to be met.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 5th May 1876.
Read the following:—

The District Engineer
(North Arcot) {Recd. 19.5.1876 d/25.4.1876}

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Funds, having been
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2. Captain Ponnay
submitted objection to
Mr. Whitehead's statement

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PUBLIC WORKS.

No 10. & 15. Street

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in the Village of St. John
be charged to the Local Fund

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