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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
28th January 1876.*

Read the following papers —

No 493 Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department,
dated 10th January 1876, No 33

Read again G O, dated 29th November 1875, No 2,498 (Miscellaneous)

Read also Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd December 1875, No 3,286

From J H GARSTIN, Esq, Collector of South Arcot, to H. E STOKES, Esq,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 17th September
1875, No. 394

With reference to Board's Proceedings of the 30th June last, I have the honor
to forward herewith a copy of a report from the Railway Deputy Collector, No 65, of
the 21st ultimo, with its enclosures

2 The Deputy Collector wants about seven months' time, from about the end
of August last, to finish the whole work connected with the acquisition of the lands
required for the Railway, and thinks that it will take three months of that time to
dispose of the stray cases remaining to be settled between the northern frontier of the
district and the point about 10 miles to the south of Cuddalore. He hopes, however,
to be able to make over possession of all the lands which are lockspitted to the officers
of the Company within a few days by prevailing on the holders to part with them
prior to settlement of compensation, but as it is not unlikely that in many cases he
may fail to induce them to do so, I have this day applied to Government for orders
under Section 17 of the Act to take immediate possession of all the lands to the south
of Cuddalore, their acquisition being as emergent as that of those to the north of it,
to which the section was made applicable by Notification, dated 3rd March 1874.

3 I think that the time applied for by the Deputy Collector is rather too long
With the summary powers which he will acquire under Section 17, and with the
facilities which will be secured to him if the system of payment which I propose in
the succeeding paragraphs be adopted, I am of opinion that he ought to be able to
settle by the 31st December next all the 651 cases which were pending on the 20th
August (the date of his letter), and a few others for which he has not yet received
accounts. The seventy-nine cases of service Inams he refers to in paragraph 2 of his
letter can be settled by the Tahsildars who will submit proposals for assigning other
lands to the Inamdars direct to me. The Deputy Collector will then have nothing
more to do in these cases than take possession of the lands under Section 17 of the Act

4 As regards the statement contained in Mr Laster's letter, No 337, of the
27th July 1874, that the work will only occupy the Special Deputy Collector till
March 1875, I observe that it was based on a report from the then Deputy Collector,
Mir Unsui-u-deen Sahib, who stated "that the work, including the extension of the
Southern line from Cuddalore to the Coleroon, will very probably be completed by
the end of the current official year" The data on which the latter officer reckoned
upon the completion of the whole work by that time are not given in his report, but
the progress of the settlement after the date of that report was to a certain extent
unimpeded by the temporary cessation of work caused by the transfer of Mir Unsui-u-
deen Sahib from this district on the 26th October 1874, and by his successor,

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C Sivankara Moodelliar, not having joined the appointment till the 18th November 1874 During a portion of this interval, however, I had some cases settled with the aid of the Tahsildar of Tindivanam I annex, for the Board's information, the quantity of work done each month after the date of the Deputy Collector Mir Unsur-u-deen's report

Fortnights ending	Number of cases settled during Fortnight
31st July 1874	63
15th Aug "	93
31st " "	74
15th Sep "	15
30th " "	None received.
15th Oct "	
31st " "	
In the month of November 1874 ..	214
In December 1874	4
First Quarter 1875	124
Second " "	117

At the beginning of every month, the Deputy Collector sends up to my office a register showing the compensation awarded by him to each individual under each of the Classes A, B, C, and D during the preceding month accompanied by a bill in the prescribed form as required by Board's Standing Order, No. 116 D E. The register and the bill are then submitted by me to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, who forwards the bill to the Controller of Public Works for audit, retaining the register in his office. Once a month he applies to Government for sanction to disburse the amount required for payment in all the different Railway Districts where lands are being acquired. The orders passed by Government on these applications are communicated to me through the Board, and on their receipt, and on the receipt of the audited bills from the Controller, I authorize the Treasury Deputy Collector to place the sanctioned amount at the disposal of the Railway Deputy Collector. The latter then disburses the amount to the parties. Under this arrangement, a delay of two or three months occurs before the amounts awarded are actually paid to the owners. Interest has also to be paid for the intervening time.

6 I am informed that the Madras District, in which lands were likewise ordered to be acquired for the Carnatic Railway, the probable amount of compensation required is placed at the disposal of the Deputy Collector (through the Collector) before he proceeds to settle the amount of compensation, and that he is thus in a position to disburse the compensation to the parties the very moment the negotiation is concluded. This arrangement would save payment of interest by Government, and would also enable the Deputy Collector to take immediate possession on coming to terms with the owner, a course rendered imperative by Section 41 of the Land Acquisition Act (X. of 1870) if the parties insist upon it. This system might also conduce to cheaper purchases, as when the owners see that they can get their compensation immediately after the award is made without being put to the expense and annoyance of having frequently to attend on the Deputy Collector, which under the present system they have to do, they naturally are more ready to make a reduction in their demand than when they have to wait a long time to get their money. I would therefore suggest the extension of this system to this district. If the Board and Government agree to this suggestion, the sum that will have to be placed at my disposal at once will be Rspees 12,075.

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This arrangement will not affect the submission of the monthly registers and bills, which will as usual be forwarded for the audit of the Consulting Engineer and Controller. The only difference will be that the bills will be audited *after* payment instead of *before* payment, and this will not signify as the amount of compensation awarded by the Deputy Collector having been fixed there can be no mistake about its amount as there is no appeal against it.

7 I may mention that a cause of increased delay in the final acquisition of the land required for the Railway arises from the practice of the Company constantly making fresh demands for land along parts of the line the acquisition of which has been finished. A station is abandoned, or a new one is determined on, or a new brick-field is wanted, or more ground for spoil banks, or for a bungalow, or a new trace is decided on, and all these applications are forwarded to me for disposal without any orders from Government so far as I can see. I suppose all these little details are settled between the Consulting Engineer and the Manager of the Railway, but they give a good deal of additional trouble to the Revenue Department, who were not kept informed, until I wrote about it lately, of such matters as the abandonment of a Railway Station which had been purchased by Government and made over to the Company.

From S VENKATASOBBIAH, Temporary Deputy Collector of South Arcot, to J H GARSTIN, Esq, Collector of South Arcot, dated Ammapett, 21st August 1875, No. 65

I HAVE the honor to submit herewith the statement called for in paragraph 2 of your docket, No. 105, under date the 10th July last, together with the report for the second quarter of 1875. I have made some alterations in the headings of this return so as to suit for the quarter under reference.

2 As regards paragraph 1 of the above docket, I beg to state that 280 cases are remaining up to date to be settled between the northern frontier of the district and the point about ten miles south to Cuddalore. Of this, seventy-nine cases are of Service Inam, requiring more time and trouble than required for the disposal of ordinary cases. All these, with the exception of nine, were received during my predecessor's time. In Tindivanam Taluq there have been several applications for additional lands in various villages for which I have not yet got accounts from the taluq. The Company do not want in certain villages some of the lands already taken up by them, and for which compensation has been paid. I have to get individual accounts for these lands, and to recover back the compensation, or to sell such lands on behalf of Government. I consider that about three months' time will be required to settle the above cases.

3 The Company are already placed in possession by my predecessor of the lands between the 10th mile south to Cuddalore, i.e., 138th mile, and 143rd mile with the previous consent of the owners, pending the settlement of the compensation. As the Company wish for the speedy possession of the remaining lands as far as Coleroon, I will try to obtain the previous consent of the owners, and to deliver over the lands to the Company in a few days and settle the compensation in due course. I am now engaged in procuring the owner's consent.

ENCLOSURES Nos 2 and 3—Statements

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to their order, dated 6th March 1875,
No. 371

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2 From the statements forwarded by the Collector, it appears that, between October 1873, and 31st March 1875, 1,491 claims were settled, and Rupees 57,760 were disbursed as compensation, while in the quarter ending 30th June 1875, 147 cases were settled, and Rupees 11,000 paid to the parties. There are still 651 cases involving the payment of about Rupees 40,000 to be settled, and compensation has still to be paid in some of the cases already settled. The Collector considers that the work remaining to be done can be accomplished by the end of December next.

3 The explanation now furnished for the work not having been finished within the time originally estimated, i.e., March 1875, is not quite clear. It is true that for about a month there was no Deputy Collector on duty for the work, owing to the transfer of Mir Unsur-u-deen to Cuddipah, but this does not sufficiently explain why an additional time of nine months is now required. The fact appears to be that the work was under-estimated by the former Deputy Collector.

4 With regard to the suggestion that compensation may be paid before bills are audited, the Board are of opinion that the arrangement proposed by the Collector, which appears to be now in force in Chingleput, may be introduced into the South Arcot District also, and that Rupees 40,000 be placed at the Collector's disposal as an advance

(True Copies and Extract)

(Signed) H E STOKES,
Acting Secretary

Telegram from the Collector of South Arcot, dated 21st December 1875, stating, in reply to a telegram, that the Railway Deputy Collector will be required till end of March 1876.

From the foregoing papers, it appears that the services of the Special Deputy Collector in Tanjore will probably be required until the end of July 1876, and those of the Special Deputy in South Arcot until the end of next March, and application will be made accordingly to the Government of India.

2 Paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings of the 3rd December, No. 3,286, will be referred to the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLSTON,
Chief Secretary to Government

Referred to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, for report on the request made, and for information as to the extent to which the sum of Rupees 40,000 to be required may be provided

14th January 1876

(Signed)

G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

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No. 494. From Lieutenant-Colonel J H. M SHAW-STEWART, R E, Consulting Engineer for Railways, to Major-General G. W WALKER, R E, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 20th January 1876, No 35.

ADVERTING to your endorsement, No. 15*, of the 14th instant, I have the honor to propose the following transfers of funds with the view of placing the Collector of

South Arcot in possession of an advance of Rupees 40,000 —

FROM	RS	TO	RS
Unspent balance of allotment for the South Arcot District	20,000	Advance to be placed at disposal of the Collector of South Arcot ..	40,000
Allotment for Tanjore District	20,000		
	40,000		40,000

2. With reference to paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Collector's letter* embodied in the Proceedings† of the Board of Revenue, I beg to remark that, under the Proceedings of Government, Nos 2,808 and 2,967

of the 20th November and 9th December 1873, respectively, a Collector is at liberty in emergent cases to pay a bill for compensation for land, &c, taken up for Railway purposes, before it has been audited by the Controller, on the understanding that such disbursements are immediately reported to this office for the information of Government, and the registers submitted in due course.

No 495. ORDER THEREON, 28th January 1876, No. 229.

RAILWAY, No 44

The proposed transfers of funds are sanctioned, and the sum of Rupees 40,000 will be placed at the disposal of the

Collector of South Arcot, to meet claims to compensation for land taken up for the South Indian Railway.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of South Arcot
" Consulting Engineer for Railways
" Examiner of Railway Accounts
" Controller of Public Works Accounts
" Revenue Department

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Telegram from the Col^r of South
Aust dated 21: Decr 1875, stating,
in reply to a Telegram, that the Railway
Dy Col^r will be required till end of
March 1876.

Order then on 10: January 1876 St 100

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to the Government of India
Para 4 of the
Board's Proceedings of the 3rd
December N. 3286 will be
referred to the Public Works
Department.

(2nd Extract)

Chief Secretary to Govt.

To
The Public Works Department

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No 15

Referred to the
Consulting Engineer for
Railways for report on
the suggestion made,
and for information as
to the source whence the
sum of Rupees 40,000
stated to be required
may be provided.

From
Revenue Dept.

Dated 10th 3 Jan. 1876
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No 33

Referring Pro: of the
Board of Revenue No 3286
of 3rd Decr 1875; para. 4.
regarding compensation for
lands taken up for Railway
in S Arcot Dist

Mr. Walker, Secy to Govt
4 Jan 1876

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GO. No 229. 28.1.76
Referred

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE

Madras, 20 January 1876.

No 35

From

LIEUT. COLONEL J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways

To

MAJOR-GENERAL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,

Secretary to Government

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George,

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Herewith
returned
with enclosure

and referring to your letter
of the 14th inst.

I have the honour to propose the
following transfers of funds with
the view of placing the Collector of
South Arcot in possession of an
advance of Rupees 40,000.

From	to
Unspent balance of allotment for the South Arcot District 20,000	placed at disposal of the Collector of South Arcot 20,000
Allotment for Tanjore District 20,000	South Arcot 40,000
<u>Rupees 40,000</u>	<u>Rupees 40,000</u>

No 394 of
17 September
1875

With reference to paragraphs
6 and 7 of the Collector's letter

embodied in the Proceedings of ^{*. 632867}
the Board of Revenue, I beg to ^{3^d Dec/75}
remark that, under the Proceedings
of Government Nos 2808 and 2967
of the 20th November and 9th December
1873 respectively, a Collector is
at liberty in emergent cases
to pay a bill for compensation
for land, for taken up for Railway
purposes, before it has been audited
by the Controller, on the understanding
that such disbursements are im-
-mediately reported to this Office
for the information of Government
and the Registers submitted in
due course.

I have the honour to
be,

Your most obedt servt

Wm. C. C. C.

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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

From
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,
To
The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department,
Fort Saint George

Dated 20 Decr 1876
Recd

No 358

Referring to the
Memorandum to the
Honorable Mr. Secretary
of the P. W. Department,
dated 14th Decr 1876,
relative to the
of the P. W. Department

Recd Jan 76
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M. WORKS FORM No 3
Current No 487.
From

Current No

From

The Comptroller
for Railways

No. 28.

Dated

No. 35.
Dated 20 Jan 1976.
Recd. 21 - [Signature]

Subject — Proposing Certain
Transfers to meet
the Advance of Rs. 40,000
reqd. by the Collectors
of S. Arcot.

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Public Works Department

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To Collector of S. Arcot.

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Compensation for work?
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