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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
31st August 1876. No. 2,313.*

No. 694. Read the following letter from Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 19th August 1876, No. 181-W.:—

I lose no time in submitting the following statement with reference to the delay in the disposal of claims for land compensation referred to in Proceedings of Government, No. 190, dated 31st July 1876, (Revenue Department, No. 1,093, dated 26th July) which reached me yesterday.

2. The Collector of Godavery mentions three specific instances of unreasonable delay in the Examiner's Office, viz., the case of the Chettipetta Divisional Office, (paragraph 2) and two claims in connection with the Velpur Canal (paragraphs 3 and 4). In the other cases referred to by the Collector, the bills have not yet left the Revenue Officers.

3. I subjoin a statement showing the dates on which the bills referred to were received in this office and the dates on which they were disposed of:—

Claims.	Received in Controller's Office.	Audited.	Time taken in Audit.
Velpur Canal (para. 3.)	7th Dec. 1875.	11th Dec. 1875.	4 days.
Do. do. (para. 4.)	4th " "	20th " "	7 days, 3 Sundays & 6 days holiday for H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.
Chettipetta Divisional Office.	27th Jan. 1876.	5th Feb. 1876.	8 days and 1 Sunday.
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			6.3 days (average).

And I think it must be admitted that there was not any very unreasonable delay in this office, especially when it is remembered that office-work was much interrupted by holidays in the early part of December 1875 on account of the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, holidays which extended from the 13th to the 18th of December.

4. The haste in which the Collector's remarks were written sufficiently accounts for his quite forgetting that in each case the bills were sent by him to the District Engineer, and not to this office.

5. The excessive delay in the disposal of these claims is, in my opinion, entirely due to the circuitous procedure prescribed, which hedges these transactions about with an amount of formality altogether out of proportion to the importance of the interests concerned. On this subject I hope shortly to be able to address Government at length, and to suggest remedies for, at any rate, some part of the present evils. My present object, however, is simply to point out that this office is in no way to blame for the particular instances of delay referred to, and I should be obliged by Government being good enough to have this pointed out to the Collector of Godavery.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
31st August 1876. No. 2,313.

No. 695. ORDER THEREON, 31st August 1876, No. 2,313.

IRRIGATION, No. 72.

Account.

RECORDED, and communicated to the
Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

[Cr. Wks. Form No. 2.]

No. 181K

From THE CONTROLLER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,

To: The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, 19th August, 1876.

Sir,

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the following statement with reference to the delay
in the disposal of claims for land compensation
referred to in Proceedings of Government No. 190 dated
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Chelipetta Divisional Office	27th January 1876	8th February 1876	8 days and 1 Sunday 6.3 days (Average)

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Have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant

Blomway-Jordan.

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No 2313 of 31st Aug 76.
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To The Secy: to Govt.
P.W.D.

Dated 19th August 1876

No 1876.

Submits the delay
in the Disposal of
Claims for Land Compens-
ation referred to in
G.O. No 190 of 31-7-76 is not
on the part of his Office
& requests that the
same may be pointed
out to Collector Godavery
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With order

No 694/5

Rev. Dept. Dtd 16/9/76

Rev. Dept.
Cin. 25-8-76 Md 31-8-76
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Govt. of 1876 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The Revenue Department

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G. O., 31st August 76, No. 2313

Nos. 694-695

Sent by post
18-7-76Velpur Canal - Godavari

Re - Letter from the Dy^r explaining the
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of claims on account of
lack of compensation for
the ~~rehabilitation~~ ^{rehabilitation}
Comd to the Rev Acpt