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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th November 1876. No. 3,110.*

No. 357. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 30th October 1876, No. 1,919 :—

Local Funds—Works.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st October 1876, No. 2624 :—

Read the following letter from J. D. B. GRIBBLE, Esq., Acting President of the Local Fund Boards, Cuddapah District, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 14th June 1876, No. 390.

In the year 1875-76 an entry of Rupees 610 was made in the Budget of the Cuddapah Circle for tools and plant. On the 18th of March the District Engineer forwarded a bill for Rupees 1,384-7-0 for tools purchased in excess of the Budget entry. This bill was brought before the meeting of

19th May, but the Local Board declined*

* Copy of resolution enclosed (A).

to sanction the payment of the bill until they were informed by what authority the Budget sanction had been so largely exceeded. I placed myself in communication with the District Engineer, and in reply received the letter, copy of which I enclose (marked B). In this letter I am simply told that the tools were necessary, and that by oversight the District Engineer had neglected to apply for sanction and allotment of funds.

2. In the Budget of 1876-77 an entry of Rupees 810 was made for tools and plant, but on 11th May I received a bill from the District Engineer for Rupees 2,285-13-6 for tools already purchased, and I was requested to obtain the sanction of the Local Fund Board for the same. In reply, I asked under what authority the Budget grant of this year had been so greatly exceeded, and in reply received the letter (copy enclosed, marked C) stating that the Budget grant of Rupees 810 will only be sufficient to meet the cost of repairs and carriage of tools throughout the year. I am also informed that through oversight in this case also application was not made for funds.

3. We have thus been suddenly called upon to pay two bills, amounting to Rs. 3,670, which will have to be met from the current year's Budget. In order to do this we shall have to relinquish works sanctioned and budgetted. In the meeting of the 19th May we had already to strike out several items in order to provide for road works which had been undertaken without sanction, and as far as I can see this process may have to be repeated every meeting, for there may be many other similar bills to meet of which I know nothing.

4. If Budgets are to be of any use whatsoever, or Local Fund Boards to have any voice in the expenditure of the funds entrusted to their management, this system of executing works and running up bills without sanction and by oversight should, I think, be put a stop to.

5. In the meantime I beg to refer the matter for the orders of the Board of Revenue as yet no sanction of funds to meet the bills has been made.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Extract from Proceedings of the Local Fund Board.

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ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From Colonel A. S. MOBERLY, R.E., District Engineer, Cuddapah, to J. D. B. GRIBBLE, Esq.,
Acting President of the Local Fund Boards, Cuddapah District, dated Gurramkonda,
5th June 1876, No. 554.

With reference to resolution of the Local Fund Board, Cuddapah Circle, which accompanied your letter, No. 338, dated 26th ultimo, I have the honor to state that the Budget Estimate of Rupees 610 for tools and plant was not found sufficient to meet the cost of repairs and conveyance, &c., of the tools during the past year as most of these tools became unserviceable from wear and tear after having been repaired once or twice; the Officer in charge of Sidhout Range had to obtain tools to the value of Rupees 1,384-7-0 from Public Works Stores at Madras under instructions from me.

2. The necessity for the tools was urgent on account of speedy progress of several road works in that range, and by an oversight I neglected to apply for sanction and allotment of funds for the same.

3. Under these circumstances, I have the honor to request that orders may be obtained authorizing the Examiner of Public Works Accounts to admit the charge as the transaction relates to the past year.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. S. BENSON, Vice-President,
for Acting President.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

From the same Officer, dated Gurramkonda, 5th June 1876, No. 555.

With reference to your letter, No. 340, dated 26th ultimo, I have the honor to state that tools, amounting to Rupees 2,285-13-6, were obtained by me from the Public Works Stores at Madras on account of road works now being done in the Cuddapah Range, as a large number of tools already in hands had become unserviceable from wear and tear thereby rendering them to be sold by public auction. The Budget grant of Rupees 810 for this year will not be found sufficient to meet the demand on account of new supplies as the cost of repairs and carriage of tools throughout the year will have to be appropriated against the same. By an oversight application was not made for funds on receipt of the indent.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. S. BENSON, Vice-President,
for Acting President.

In the foregoing letter, the President brings to notice that the District Engineer had forwarded for payment two bills, amounting to Rupees 1,384-7-0 and Rupees 2,285-13-6, respectively, for tools purchased in the past and current official years for the Sidhout and Cuddapah Ranges.

2. The Local Fund Board before whom the first bill was laid declined to sanction the payment of the amount until they were informed under what authority the expenditure was incurred. The District Engineer explains that as the tools had become unserviceable the allotments in the Budget were found insufficient, that fresh supplies of tools were urgent, and that through oversight application for funds was not made on receipt of the indents.

3. The Board are of opinion that the District Engineer's explanations are not satisfactory. The unauthorized expenditure of Local Funds by the District Engineer

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was decidedly irregular, but the expenditure having been incurred there is no help now but to admit it. The cost (Rupees 1,384-7-0) of the tools purchased in 1875-76 appears to have been charged to Local Funds, the supplemental account for March 1876 showing a debit of Rupees 1,919-5-4 under tools and plant against a Budget grant of Rupees 710, so that only the cost of the tools purchased in the current official year remains to be adjusted. The President will report how this can be effected. There is a Budget provision of Rupees 810, and the last monthly account to hand (July) shows no expenditure out of it.

4. The Board had recently brought to the notice of Government that supplies of tools have been frequently indented for by the Public Works Department without any reference to Local Fund Boards concerned. In their Order, Financial Department, dated 9th August 1876, No. 1,429, Government directed that orders be issued in the Public Works Department impressing on District Engineers the necessity of obtaining the previous concurrence of the Local Fund Board in all expenditure which is to be borne by the fund.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

Communicated to the Public Works Department in view to the issue of instructions on the subject to District Engineers.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 358. ORDER THEREON, 20th November 1876, No. 3,110.

ACCOUNT, No. 30.

COMMUNICATED to all District Engineers
in continuation of G.O., No. 187, dated
25th August 1876.

2. The propriety of increasing the allotments for Tools and Plant for Local Fund Works will be remitted to the Financial Department. Only 1 per cent. of the grant for works has been set apart for Tools and Plant under Local during the current and past years, while Provincial has during the same period contributed $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. and Imperial over 2 per cent.

(True Extract.)

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

To District Engineers.
To the Financial Department.

Exd. A. Grubert.

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		Grant for works	Grant for labour	Per centage
<u>Imperial</u>				
<u>Military</u>				
1875-76	New works	3,84,000	15,000	2.31
	Repairs	2,50,000		
		6,34,000	15,000	2.31
1876-77	New works	3,79,000	14,000	2.22
	Repairs	2,50,000		
		6,29,000	14,000	2.22
<u>Provincial</u>				
1875-76	New works	4,56,465	28,500	4.62
	Repairs	1,60,035		
		6,16,500	28,500	4.62
1876-77	New works	5,66,933	57,220	10.09
	Repairs	2,05,635	22,780	11.07
		7,72,568	80,000	10.49
<u>Local Funds</u>				
<u>Cuddalore Circle</u>				
1875-76	New works	29,540	710	1.02
	Repairs	39,740		
		69,280	710	1.02
1876-77	New works	28,100	810	1.19
	Repairs	40,520		
		68,620	810	1.19
<u>Muddanahally Circle</u>				
1875-76	New works	16,500	610	1.05
	Repairs	41,300		
		57,800	610	1.05
1876-77	New works	10,690	550	1.08
	Repairs	40,180		
		50,870	550	1.08

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 20th Nov 76
Read the following:—

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Financial Dept (HR No 1919 dt 30 Dec 76)

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To
 District Engineer
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