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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

27th October 1877, No. 1,200 W.

Buildings and Roads.

Civil Works.

Read the following paper:—

No. 278. Endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 20th October 1877, No. 1,969.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th September 1877, No. 4,409.

Read the following letter from H. Sr. A. GOODRICH, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Vizagapatam, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 30th August 1877, No. 677:—

I HAVE the honor to state that the District Engineer has informed the Local Fund Board of the Vizagapatam Circle that the estimate sanctioned in Board's Proceedings, dated 16th January 1875, No. 310, for constructing a school-house at Parvatipur has been exceeded by Rupees 101-3-6, and has requested them to sanction the amount and to allot funds to enable him to settle the payments due on the work. He adds that the excess outlay has been incurred without any authority by Mr. Cormac when he was in charge of the Jeypore Range.

2. The Local Fund Board regret to find that this is not the first instance wherein they have been called upon to bear a charge incurred without sanction by the subordinate officers of the Public Works Department. They observe that the charge of Rupees 1,193-1-4 incurred by Serjeant Bennett in defiance of orders has been forced upon them by G.O., dated 23rd May 1877, No. 1,552. The dispensary building at Yullamunchily, constructed only a year ago, has to be retiled at a cost of Rupees 157 in consequence of the use for the roof thereof by the Public Works Department officer of tiles of ill-tempered clay only half burnt which cannot resist the slightest shower. The dispensary building at Bobbili completed in May last has to be provided with new doors and windows at a cost of Rupees 90, as the existing ones, approved of by Serjeant Bennett, are of bad workmanship and the shutters do not fit in their frames.

3. Under these circumstances, the Local Fund Board consider that the charge incurred by Mr. Cormac is in no part thereof one which they can admit. They understand that Mr. Cormac is still in the employment of Government, and request the Board of Revenue to move Government that the charge be stopped from his pay. They beg to add that if in the present case the power of Government to punish the individual offender is not exercised, the only check on this reckless waste will be removed.

4. A copy of the District Engineer's letter No. 1,082, dated 9th instant, is enclosed.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Major H. W. WOOD, R.E., District Engr., Vizagapatam, to H. St. A. GOODRICH, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Vizagapatam, dated Waltair, 9th August 1877, No. 1,082.

I HAVE the honor to bring to your notice that the estimate (Rupees 1,560) sanctioned in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue No. 310, dated 16th January 1875, for constructing a school-house at Parvatipur has been exceeded by Rupees 101-3-6. This excess has been incurred on the following items for reasons stated opposite to them:—

RS.	A. P.		
59	13	6 Terrace work	It appears that the excess of Rupees 59-13-6 is due to the terrace work having been done twice over. It was badly done at first by the subordinate of Public Works Department during the time Mr. Cormac was in charge of the range and was removed and rebuilt. Mr. Cormac ought to have reported this to the District Engineer.
23	10	8 Rubble masonry, &c.	It appears that the walls of the building have been raised a foot all round in excess of the height allowed in the sanctioned estimate by order of Mr. Cormac without any authority.
17	11	4 Wall plates.	This item was not included in the sanctioned estimate, but Mr. Cormac appears to have ordered this extra work to be done without any authority.

Under the above circumstances, I request you will be good enough to sanction the excess outlay above referred to, and to allot the necessary funds to enable me to authorize the Range Officer to settle the payments due on this work.

THE Local Fund Board of the Vizagapatam Circle recommend the recovery from Mr. Cormac, lately in charge of the Jeypore Range, of a sum of Rupees 101-3-6 expended by him without the authority of the Local Fund Board in excess of the sanctioned estimate for a school-house at Parvatipur. In support of this recommendation they refer to other unsatisfactory proceedings on the part of subordinates of the Public Works Department, and point out that a charge of Rupees 1,193-1-4 incurred by Serjeant Bennett in defiance of orders has been forced upon the Local Fund Board by G.O., dated 23rd May 1877, No. 1,552. Of the sum of Rupees 101-3-6 recommended to be recovered, it appears that Rupees 41-6-0 were expended on work which, though unauthorized, probably forms a permanent improvement to the building, and without wishing to excuse Mr. Cormac's conduct in acting without orders, the Board are not prepared to recommend that his punishment should take the form of relieving the Local Board of the cost of the work of which they reap the benefit. With regard however to the unauthorized expenditure of Rupees 59-13-6 in renewing work which had been badly done in the first instance, the Board resolve to support the recommendation of the Local Board that the amount should be recovered from the responsible officer. The Board make this recommendation with regret, but they see no other way of enforcing a sense of personal responsibility which seems apt to be lost sight of. As the Government are aware they have recommended similar measures against Revenue Officers in recent cases. The only means of ensuring care in the charge and expenditure of public funds is to let it be known that officers failing therein will be held personally answerable.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
for Acting Sub-Secretary.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary.

No. 279. ORDER THEREON, 27th October 1877, No. 1,290 W.

THE Board's recommendation is approved. The District Engineer, Vizagapatam, will accordingly recover from the subordinate in fault the sum of Rupees 59-13-6 expended for renewing work which had been done badly in the first instance. It is not clear from the District Engineer's report whether Mr. Cormac is directly responsible for the inferior work, but upon this point Major Wood will satisfy himself before making the recovery.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Vizagapatam.
" Board of Revenue.
" Financial Department.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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Rev. Department

Mus. 310

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 16 Jan 75

1888

Read the following

From
F. S. A. Gordrich Esq.
At Collector & President
L. P. Board.

J. Grose Esq.
Secretary to the Board of Rev.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward here
with duly countersigned Estimate
as per margin amounting to Rs 1560
for constructing a School house at
Pirwatipur.

2. The inhabitants of the town of
Pirwatipur subscribed some years ago
a sum of Rupees 450 for the purpose
of building a School house; but the
Local Land Board resolved in 1871 to
Construct

plan
Estimate
Specification.

construct a thatched building at first,
and a sum of Rs 100 was allotted for
this purpose in the Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue, Miss at 1007 of 9 Feb: 1872

This temporary building has been in exis-
-tence for the past three years and every
year it stands in need of repair. The
Local Fund Board of the Vizagapatam
Circle have now resolved to construct
a pukka School house at the station
and have provided a sum of Rupees
1000 in the Budget for 1875/76 from the
Annual Local Fund Reports of the
Vizagapatam Circle. The Board will
observe that the middle class Local
Fund School at Parvathipur is in a
flourishing state, and as the inhabi-
-tants of the town have already sub-
-scribed Rupees 450 for the purpose, it is
advisable that the School should have a

a pukka building, and I therefore request
the Board will be pleased to sanction
the estimate in question which has been
approved of by the Vizagapatam Local
Fund Board. In the event of the estimate
being sanctioned. I would also request
that the additional appropriation needed
of Rs 50, from the General Fund Reserve
of 1875/76 be permitted.

Vizagapatam Civil office } I have on
8th December 1874. } Sd/ H. Gordon
M. Collector.

The estimate is sanctioned.
2. The Board note that an allotment
of Rs 1000 is provided for the work in the
budget of 1875/76 which is now before
Government. The President is requested
to apply to the Board in the course of the
ensuing year for Rs 50, the difference between
the amount of the estimate & the allotment
in the Budget.

True copy & extract
Sd/ J. Goss
Secretary
The President L. F. B. Vizagapatam Sd/
True

True copy/
J. M. W. W.
Secretary

No. 4,409.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 20th September 1877.

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(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. St. A. GOODRICH,
President.

*Enclosure in Reply
to the Board of Revenue
to the District Secretary to
Government W. D.
of 20th Sept 1877 No. 4409.*

1 July 1877

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No 1290 H

(1) Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT:

Under date the 24th October 1877.
Read the following:—

Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue, No. 4409, dated
20th September 1877.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

[Signature]
for Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, 16th January 1875, Mis. No. 310.
Copy to the President of the Local Fund Board, Vizagapatam.

Exd. W. J. L.

20. 22 July 1877 Rs. 473 M.
26 June " 365 M.
12 June " 225 R.
4 April " 1140-

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27. 6. 1877 Rs. 278

School-house at Parvatipur in Vizagapatam Circle.—Stating Revenue Board's views with reference to recommendation of Local Fund Board for recovery from Mr. Cormac, lately in charge of Jeypore Range, of Rupees 101-3-6 expended by him without authority in excess of the sanctioned estimate for a " " and supporting Circle Board's recommendation with regard to recovery of Rupees 59-13-6 incurred in renewing work which was badly done in the first instance.

SEPTEMBER.
No. 4,409.

Received - 20 - 1877

PROCEEDINGS, 20TH SEPT. 1877, No. 4,409.

BOARD of REVENUE,
MADRAS.
1877.

[Signature]

Govt. of 1877

PUBLIC WORKS.

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upon this point Major
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himself before making

To
D. E. Vizagapatam

Dated

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 27 Oct 1877, No. 12904

Nos. 278-279

the recovery of the school house at Parvatipur,
Vizagapatam St. Proposal
of the B. of Rev. to recover
the excess outlay incurred
without authority
as the in excess of the sanc-
tioned estimate for a -
work from Mr. Cormac,
approved; as also the re-
covery of the amount
expended on removal
of certain work by
done in the first instance.

D. E. Vizagapatam

Board of Rev.

Financial Dept.

For P. O. Receipt

Desd 2-11-77

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