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18th January 1877. No. 163.*

No. 318. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 19th December 1876, No. 2,375 :—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th November 1876, No. 3,012.

From J. HOPE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Godavery District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 31st October 1876, No. 79.

WITH reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated the 9th June last, No. 1,520, I have the honor to submit herewith copy of a resolution passed by the Local Fund Board of the Ellore Circle on the 7th instant, stating that they do not consider the cost of establishment for the Polaveram river embankment a legitimate charge against Local Funds.

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

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G.O., dated 26th July 1876, No. 1,323, Financial Department, and G.O., dated 11th April 1876, No. 966, Public Works Department.

2. The Collector should have reported as to the origin of the establishment and the receipts and charges connected with it; but from the papers on record on the subject in the Board's Office it seems to be unnecessary to make a further call upon him.

3. From G.O., Public Works Department, dated 6th April 1868, No. 1,081, it appears that an establishment was in 1863, long before the District Road Funds existed, sanctioned for six months of the year, at a cost of Rupees 234, to watch the Polaveram embankment during freshes. In the order just quoted, passed on an application to make the establishment permanent throughout the year, Government, in the Public Works Department, inquired to what head the grass-rents, &c., to be levied and relied on to cover the cost, was credited; and in G.O., dated 24th April 1868, Public Works Department, the matter was transferred to the Revenue Department, as it appeared that the rents were credited to the District Road Fund. These papers show that the retention of the establishment throughout the dry months was proposed in order to protect the embankment from injury from cattle trespassing upon it.

4. The Board accordingly on application from the District Engineer sanctioned the necessary allotment, but called for report as to the amount of the rents. After further correspondence as to the prospect of the cost of the establishment being realized from rents, it appeared that in 1868-69 the Local Fund lost Rupees 118, and in 1869-70 Rupees 128, and the permanent future excess of charge was estimated at Rupees 73. The Board thereupon observed: "As the chief duty of the establishment is to protect the river bank—a purely Imperial object, it cannot be doubted that Imperial Funds should bear the cost; but the matter is one of so little

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importance that the Board do not think it necessary to address Government on the subject."

5. There is no mention in any of these papers of the establishment having been entertained on account of the road, and if it had been employed on the road, as suggested by Government in the Public Works Department, it would have been maintained from the outset for the whole year, instead of during the freshes only. The Board suggest a reference to the original papers connected with the G.O. of 1863, in which the establishment was sanctioned as a conservancy charge.

6. The Board agree with the Local Fund Board that the charge is not a proper one to be laid upon Local Funds.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

Communicated to the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 312. ORDER THEREON, 18th January 1877, No. 163.

IRRIGATION, No. 42.

Establishment.

Communicated to the District Engineer, Godavery, who will submit proposals for the entertainment of the necessary establishment for the conservancy of the Polaveram embankment.

2. The charge will be met from Imperial Funds.
(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Godavery.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Examiners of Public Works Accounts.

Lt. Col. C. S. S. S.
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Under date the 18th Jan 77

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Supt. Engineer Godavery

Ch. Engr. Irrig.

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