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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

4th December 1877, No. 1,929 W.

General
Establishment.

Read the following papers :—

No. 39. Endorsement of the Under Secretary to Government, Financial Department,
• dated Fort St. George, 27th November 1877, No. 2,210.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th September 1877, No. 4,496.

From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Coimbatore,
to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated
20th August 1877, No. 33 :—

THE Acting District Engineer with his letter No. 5-C.I., of 6th July 1877,
(copy attached,) forwarded to the Local

1 Copy of the District Engineer's letter.

1 Do. of a Statement.

1 Extract from the Proceedings of the Local
Fund Board.

Fund Board a list of sums, aggregating
Rupees 4,003-3-7, due for work done in
1876-77 in excess of the year's main-
tenance grants of certain roads in the Irriga-
tion Range, and recommended that one-

half of the amount be paid from the current year's reserve (of which only Rs. 5,000
are available as per revised Budget), the other half being met from the current
allotments of those roads.

2. The Local Fund Board, after considering the present low financial position of
the Local Funds in consequence of the famine, were not in favor of admitting this
large unauthorized charge, and they have accordingly, at their meeting held on the
18th July 1877, resolved to submit the subject for the consideration of Government.
I have therefore the honor to submit an extract from the Proceedings of the Local
Fund Board for such orders as the Revenue Board and Government may wish to pass
thereon.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Captain A. AWDRY, R.E., Acting District Engineer, Coimbatore, to A. WEDDER-
BURN, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Coimbatore, dated 6th July 1877,
No. 5-C.I.

I HAVE the honor to forward a list of sums due for work done in 1876-77 on several of the
roads in the Irrigation Range, which Mr. Supervisor Scott requests permission to pay from the
maintenance grant for this year on the roads.

2. Mr. Scott's conduct in permitting his Overseers to carry out work in excess of the
allotment is in direct opposition to the orders of Government and this office, and I can make no
defence for it. His defence is the lame one of a deficit to be paid at the commencement of
last year, and great cost of upkeep in the year. No doubt the roads were more expensive to keep
up than usual last year, owing to lack of water and extraordinarily heavy traffic, but as extra
money was not available the roads should have had only such repairs done to them as there was
money to pay for, and they would necessarily (and with fair justification to the officer in charge)
have somewhat deteriorated.

3. In the revised Budget which I sent in to you I was careful not to touch the reserve, and from that amount I would now recommend the grant of a moiety of the debt in the Irrigation Range, the other moiety being paid from the maintenance grants for the current year for the roads in question.

4. It would, I consider, be unfair on other more provident Range Officers to put a premium on the practice hitherto in the Irrigation Range of spending more than allotted, as such extra expenditure if provided for specially must come from the other roads on which more care in accounting has been taken.

5. I have ordered Mr. Scott to pay these debts and to certify to me that he has done so before he spends any more money on the roads in question. I have also instructed him to send in a statement of the balance then available for expenditure on each road with suggestions for such transfers as he deems advisable amongst them.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

STATEMENT showing the Amounts due after 24th June 1877 for Repairs done on the different Roads in the official year 1876-77 in the Irrigation Division of the Coimbatore District.

No.	Names of Roads.	Expenditure in 1876-77 now to be paid for.	Remarks by the President.
		RS. A. P.	
1	Burghoor Ghaut Road.—Item No. 14 of Part II of Budget for 1876-77.	728 3 5	Allotments for 1876-77 for portions of these roads within Irrigation Range ... 3,690
2	Hassanoor Ghaut Road.—Item No. 13 of Part II of Budget for 1876-77.	1,143 1 8	Do. do. do. ... 4,170
3	Great Western Road.—Item No. 11 of Part II of Budget for 1876-77.	420 0 0	Do. do. do. ... 2,420
4	Old Caroer Road.—Item No. 5 of Part II of Budget for 1876-77.	106 10 11	Do. do. do. ... 1,490
5	Bhowany to Sattiamungalum.—Item No. 4 of Part II of Budget for 1876-77.	798 15 1	Do. do. do. ... 3,740
6	Andyoor to Attany.—Item No. 1 of Appendix to Part II of the Budget for 1876-77.	306 4 6	Do. do. do. ... 880
7	Annoor Road.—Item No. 3 of Part II of the Budget for 1876-77.	500 0 0	Do. do. do. ... 2,200
	Total ...	4,003 3 7	

COIMBATORE,
5th July 1877.

(Signed) A. AWDRY, Captain, R.E.,
Acting District Engineer.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Extract from Proceedings of Local Fund Board.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. It is observed from a statement furnished by the District Engineer that Rupees 18,590 were allotted for expenditure in 1876-77 on certain roads in the Irrigation Division of the Coimbatore District in charge of Mr. Supervisor Scott, and that Rupees 4,003-3-7 were spent in excess of the allotment. The District Engineer remarks that Mr. Scott's conduct in allowing his Overseers to carry out work in excess of the allotments is indefensible and directly opposed to the orders of Government, and proposes to meet the excess expenditure partly from the Road Fund Reserve and partly from the current year's maintenance grants for the roads in question. The Local Fund Board have declined to admit the charge and have submitted the case for the orders of Government.

3. As the expenditure reported on has to be paid, the Board see no other way of getting over the difficulty than by acting up to the District Engineer's suggestion; but with reference to G.O., Public Works Department, dated 12th June 1877, No. 225-W, they resolve to request Government to pass such orders as they may deem fit regarding Mr. Scott's conduct and thus prevent a recurrence of such irregularities.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
Under Secretary.

No. 40. ORDER THEREON, 4th December 1877, No. 1,929 W.

RECORDED with the remark that Supervisor Scott has been reduced to the rank of Overseer, 1st Grade, and removed from the district.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Revenue Department.
" District Engineer, Coimbatore.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Extract from the Proceedings
of the Local Land Board
Srinagore Circle, at
a meeting held on the
10th July 1877.

Present
A. Wedderburn Esq. President
Members
S. Mackenzie Esq. Ag. Secy.
S. H. J. Martindale Esq. Ag. Secy.
J. C. Wincom Esq. Secy.
M. S. Srinagararam Pillay
" C. Venkateswar
" J. D. Hashikar
" Sivavobramania
" G. Srinivasan
" Kalingaraya Gowder
" Wootooly Srinivasan

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b Letter from the Ag.
District Engineer No. 5
of

of 6th July 1877, forwarding
with remittance a list of sums
due for work done in excess
of the allotments of several
of the roads in 1876-77, in
the Irrigation Range.

There are no funds
to pay for work done in
excess of the allotments.
Resolved to submit the
subject for the consider-
ation of Govt.

(In abstract)

Medicine

President A.P.D.

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12th July 1877. forwarding

27th July 1877
21st month

transferred to the Public Works Dept

No 2210

Local Funds - No 2831
July 1877. Sept 1877
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 26th SEPT. 1877, No. 4,496.

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Sept 20th Oct 1877
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Received 25 Oct 77.

SEPTEMBER.
No. 4,496.

Roads—in the Irrigation Division of Coimbatore District.—Submitting to Government letter from President of Local Fund Board requesting orders with regard to sums spent by Mr. Supervisor Scott in 1876-77 in excess of the year's allotment for certain—

transferred.

In a letter from the President of the Local Funds Bd. Coimbatore circle dated 20th August 1877 No 33. to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue Madras.

Enclosure No 3.

9/11/77
Extract from the Proceedings of the Local Funds Bd. Coimbatore is circle at a meeting held on the 18th July 1877.

In Ind. No. 6371/77

vide CNo 2637 for B.C.

No. 39

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Recorded with the remark that Supervisor Scott has been reduced to the rank of Assistant 1st grade, and removed from the district.

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To *The Revenue Department*

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G. O., 4th Decr 1877, No. 1929W

No. 39-40

Ordered Mr. Scott Prop
Board after submitting
Report from President of
Board regarding certain
Excess Expenditure incurred
by — recorded with remarks

Butler R. J.