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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

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Read the following papers:—

No. 101. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th November 1876, No. 2,985.

From Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort St. George, 12th June 1876, No. 11 B.

In forwarding, for information, the accompanying copies of correspondence noted in the margin, I have the honor to state

that the amount of the bill therein referred to has been debited in the accounts of 1875-76 to the under-mentioned works, the outlay on which is chargeable to Local Funds:—

	RS.
Road from Vizagapatam to Vemulavalsa—Estimate Rupees 45,420; grant for 1875-76 in Local Fund Budget, Rupees 3,180; compensation ...	72
Road from Ankapally to Vizagapatam—Estimate Rupees 43,530; grant for do. in do. Rupees 7,532; compensation ...	372
Road from Palconda to Parvatipore—Estimate Rupees 37,730; grant for 1875-76 as per Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 2,842, dated 12th October 1875, Rupees 8,000; compensation...	1,791
Road from Vizianagram to junction of Trunk road near Chittivalsa—Estimate Rupees 20,950; grant for 1875-76 as per Local Fund Budget, Rupees 5,380; compensation...	1,470
Amount of Bill ...	3,705

2. It will be seen from the accompanying letter that the Collector of Vizagapatam is of opinion that the amount of the bill in question should be charged to Provincial Funds, and, should the Board of Revenue be of the same opinion, I request that the matter may be submitted to Government for orders.

3. My own opinion is that, as the works for which the land referred to in the bill was taken up are being carried out from Local Funds, the compensation paid on account of the land is properly chargeable to the same funds.

From Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to K. F. NORDMANN, Esq., Officiating District Engineer, Vizagapatam, dated Fort St. George, 8th April 1876, No. 5.

ADVERTING to your letter, No. 1,830, dated 5th February 1876, I have the honor to state that the amount of compensation therein referred to should be charged to the head "Local," as the works on account of which the same was paid have been classed under that head of service.

2. I shall therefore feel obliged by your making the necessary application to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue in regard to the required provision of fund.

From K. F. NORDMANN, Esq., Officiating District Engineer, Vizagapatam, to Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated Vizianagram, 16th May 1876, No. 331.

With reference to your letter, No. 5 V.Z., dated 8th April 1876, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a letter, No. 735, of 11th instant, received from the President, of the Local

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Fund Board, who states that the sum of Rupees 3,705, paid for compensation for lands taken up for certain roads, cannot be debited to Local Funds for the reasons given by him.

From H. Sr. A. GOODRICH, Esq., Acting Collector, to K. F. NORDMANN, Esq.,
Officiating District Engineer, Vizagapatam, dated 11th May 1876, No. 735.

REFERRING to your letter to the address of the President, Local Fund Board, No. 143, dated 18th April 1876, I have the honor to draw your attention to the Government Order, No. 3,426, dated 7th December 1874, from which you will observe that the payment of the amount of Rupees 3,705 was sanctioned from Provincial Funds. The liability for the payment of the compensation amount was incurred when the roads were classed as "Imperial," and hence it is a legitimate charge on Provincial Funds. The amount cannot therefore be debited to Local Funds, and I enclose herein, for your information, copy of Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 5,460, dated 18th June 1875, authorizing me to disburse the amount above referred to.

With the foregoing letter the
Examiner of Public Works Accounts for-
wards copies of correspondence that had
taken place between the Collector, District
Engineer, and himself regarding the sum
of Rupees 3,705 paid as compensation for
lands taken up for the roads marginally
noted and debited in the Local Funds
Accounts of 1875-76.

1. Road from Vizagapatam to Vemula- valsa	72
2. Road from Ankapally to Vizaga- patam	372
3. Road from Palconda to Parvatipore.	1,791
4. Road from Vizianagram to Chetti- valsa	1,470
Total ..	3,705

2. The Collector is of opinion that the amount should be charged to Provincial Funds, as the liability to the payment was incurred when the roads were classed as Imperial and as the disbursement of the amount from Provincial Funds was sanctioned in G.O., Public Works Department, dated 7th December 1874, No. 3,426. The Examiner contends that, as the works for which the land was taken up are being carried out from Local Funds, the compensation paid on account of the land is properly chargeable to the same funds.

3. In 1869 the Government sanctioned the payment of money compensation once for all for lands taken up for certain roads including those marginally noted; but for want of funds, payment was deferred until 1872, when the disbursement of Rupees 23,682 from Provincial Funds was sanctioned. Meanwhile, annual compensation for loss of assessment which became due was paid up to fasli 1278 inclusive. The sum of Rupees 3,705 is a similar claim due for faslis 1279, 1280, and 1281 and was ordered to be paid from Provincial Funds (*vide* G.O., Public Works Department, dated 7th December 1874, No. 3,426). This order was, however, cancelled by G.O., Public Works Department, dated 11th January 1875, No. 66, but only as regards the mode of providing funds and not as to the source whence they were to be provided.

4. Under the circumstances above set forth, the Board do not think the Examiner was justified in arbitrarily debiting the payments to Local Funds, and they

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request Government to instruct that officer to write back the debits in question in his accounts and adjust the charge against Provincial Funds.

5. It is observed that the Examiner has charged the compensation sanctioned for the road from Subavaram to Chittivalsa, to the road from Vizianagram to Chittivalsa apparently because the latter had an allotment while the former had none, but the roads are quite distinct. The Examiner is requested to state the circumstances under which he has so debited the amount.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 2,183.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department in view to the necessary instructions being issued to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Fort St. George, (Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
18th December 1876. Chief Secretary.

No. 101-A. 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, 12th December 1876, No. 334 W.

COPY of the following forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, for information.

From the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 12th December 1876, No. 43 B.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 2,985, dated 28th November 1876, and in reply to report as follows:—

2. With reference to paragraph 5, I have to regret a clerical error in my letter No. II B, dated 12th June, when giving the name of the work as the 'road from Vizianagram to junction of the trunk road near Chittivalsa.' The proper work was the 'road from Subavaram to Chittivalsa,' and it is to this road and not to that from Vizianagram that the amount of compensation, Rupees 1,470, has been correctly debited in the Public Works Accounts. This will be seen by reference to the return of objectionable items for March 1876 submitted to the Board on the 26th June 1876, where the item of Rupees 1,470 is shown as item No. 32 against the road from Subavaram to Chittivalsa, a document which apparently was not before the Board during their Proceedings.

3. In debiting to Local Funds the items referred to in this correspondence, this office has followed the ruling of the Government of India contained in their letter No. 299 I, dated 14th December 1875, which *mutatis mutandis* appears to apply to this case.

After the transfer of the roads to Local Funds, Provincial Funds have made no claims for sums due before the transfer which were afterwards realized and credited to Local Funds, and it seems to me therefore that Provincial Funds, on the other hand are not called upon to make good charges which, though incurred before the transfer, have from whatever cause not been paid till subsequently.

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4. While I am glad that the Board with their wonted courtesy have referred this case to Government in deference to my wishes, I would at the same time point out that the debit of these charges has from first to last been freely discussed with the local authorities; that in my own accounts the items have been shown as objectionable, i.e., as entries in suspense requiring further elucidation before being finally disposed of; that they have been reported as such to both Government and the Board; and that in fact the only reason why the items have not been disposed of finally as desired by the Board was that this office considered that the Government should have an opportunity of reconsidering the debit of these items in the light of the recent orders received from the Government of India.

Than the above, I cannot conceive any action to have been more deliberate, or more opposed to all that is suggested by the term 'arbitrary' applied to it, I am concerned to see, by the Board in their Proceedings.

No. 1,898.

TRANSFERRED to the Financial Department.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

15th December 1876.

No. 2,189.

RETURNED to the Public Works Department for disposal in connection with endorsement, No. 2,183, dated 18th December 1876.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
18th December 1876.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 102.

ORDER THEREON, 6th January 1877, No. 51.

ACCOUNT, No. G-A.

THE Government agree with the Board that the charge in question should be paid from Provincial Funds. The Examiner will adjust it accordingly.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Ed. E. C. Shuckler.
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*Proceedings Board of Revenue No 2985
dated 28th November 1876 through the
Financial Department.
From the Examiner. P.W. Accounts No 3348
d/12th Decr/76 through the Financial Dept.*

FOR ORDERS.

*Orders are requested
whether the charge as
should be debited to
Provincial Funds as
instructed in G.O. No. 3426
dated 7th December 1874,
or whether it should be
allowed to come under
local as recommended
by the Examiner*

*G. W. Walker Major-General, R.E.
Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.*

5 Aug 1875 No. 33-35-
 6 July 1875 No. 229-28.
 4 Oct 1875 No. 35-38
 22 Oct 1875 No. 1438
 11 Dec 1875 No. 2098
 20 Jan 1876 No. 90.

No. 2183

Transferred to the Public
 Works Department in view to
 the necessary instructions being
 issued to the Examiners of Public
 Works Accounts.

H. H. S. S. S.
 18 Dec 1876

Att. Secy.
 Chief Secy.

Transferred to the
 (Revenue) Department
 1876.

BOARD of REVENUE,
 MADRAS.

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Encl.

PROCEEDINGS, 28TH NOVEMBER 1876, No. 2,985.

20 Dec 1876

Received, 5. Nov 76

NOVEMBER.
 No. 2,985.

Compensation — paid for lands taken up for
 certain roads in Vizagapatnam Circle and debited
 in Local Funds Accounts of 1875-76. — Request-
 ing Government to instruct Examiner of Public
 Works Accounts to write back the debits in his
 accounts and adjust the charge against Provin-
 cial Funds.

Transferred

66 No 612. 25 July 1876
 Do 1438 22 Oct 76
 Leo 3426-7 Dec 76
 Leo 66-11 Jan 76
 Leo 16-3 May 76

No. 101-

Dec 30-12-76

9032 May 176 16 Dec 1876

P.W.D.

13 DEC 76

Finand. No. 9032
(Local Funds - Road)
FOR THE EXAMINER,

P.W. ACCOUNTS,

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

P.W. DEPARTMENT.

No. 1898.

Transferred to the Financial Department -

Comd. the Major Genl. A.C.
Secy. to Government
P.W.D.
15 December 1876.

No. 2189

Returned to the
Public Works Department
for disposal in connection
with endorsement No.
2183 of 18. Decr/76.

Chief Secretary

H. S. V. Seng.
18. Decr/76.

To the Public Works
Department
No. 1012

NO. 904.W.

DATED 12TH DEC. 1876.

Decr 15. Decr/76.

Returned.

FORWARDED A COPY OF A
LETTER TO THE SECY. TO THE
BOARD OF REVENUE, REGARDING THE
AMOUNT IN THE LOCAL FUND ACCOUNTS
OF COMPENSATION PAID FOR LANDS
TAKEN UP FOR CERTAIN ROADS IN
VILLAGATAM.

Transferred

No 54

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

Read the following:—

Pro. Board of Revenue
through the Civil Department } (U.E. No. 3985 of 23 Decr/76.)
From the Exec. P.W. Accts (U.E. No. 334 of 12 Decr/76.)

The Government
agrees with the Board
that the charge in
question should be
paid from Provin.
cial Funds. The
Examiner will adjust
it accordingly.

G.M.

The Exec. P.W. Accts
S.E. Vizagapatam
Civil Department

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To
The Ex^t of P. W. Accounts
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Dated

Issued

Recd

Enc^d.

G. O. 5th June 1877 No. 54

Nos. 101 & 102.

Land Taken up for certain
roads, Vizagapatam Dist -
Cost of Compensation on
account of — the paid
from Provincial Funds
Sent in 1877