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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

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No. 3508

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE GODAVERY.
DOWLAISHWERAM, 7th March 1877.

From

The Off^o Superintending Engineer
Godavery District

To

Lieutenant Colonel J. Mullins R.E.
Chief Engineer & Secretary to Govt.
D. P. W. Madras.

Sir,

Through the
Engineer.

At the suggestion of the Exa-
miner of Public Works Accounts I
have the honor to address you on the
subject of a difficulty that has
arisen in disposing of some of the bills
submitted to this Department by the
collector on account of compensation
for land.

2 As you are aware it is a standing
rule of the Department which
has been generally followed, where
necessary, for some years past, that
every Estimate should include pro-
vision for the payment of compensation
to

to the owners of land occupied for that work, and the Examiner of Public Works accounts has pointed out to me that his duty in connection with bills for compensation for land, is to see with regard to each bill whether the charge is provided for by a sanctioned Estimate; if it is so provided for, he can pass the bill: if it is not, he cannot. And the difficulty that has arisen is simply this that some of the charges of this character now submitted by the collector are not provided for by any sanctioned Estimate.

3. In the Estimates of works in progress or lately completed such provision is nearly always found, and then the method of dealing with the bills is tolerably clear. There are however three classes of works in which difficulty occurs. + But see para 3

I; There is the case of works already finished, but concerning which the date of construction is known, or can readily

readily be ascertained from existing records.

II; Bills come up for works the dates of construction of which are not known. They may have been constructed only 6 or 8 years since, or it may be they are 15 or 20 years old and I believe that there is some limit to the time within which such claims are allowable. or it should be fixed.

III; Cases may occur of bills being submitted, through this Department, for compensation for lands occupied by works which have been constructed by other Departments. For instance some time since the salt Department constructed a channel, this Department has never had anything to do with the work, and has no information whether there ever was an Estimate, whether that Estimate contained provision for compensation or whether the accounts of the work have been closed, in fact nothing whatever

whatever is known about it. Of course the construction of this channel by another Department and without an Estimate as seems probable was altogether irregular and improper.

4 Another matter regarding these bills for payments of compensation in connection with works not in progress and for which there are consequently no accounts now open, is that the bills are often for very small plots of land, insignificant fractions of the whole area occupied; for instance, the bill now in my hands on account of the channel constructed by the salt Department is for 23 cents only, and I have no means of knowing whether any or how many more bills are coming in for that channel.

5 My proposal is therefore that every Bill should show clearly on its face (1) where the work is situated, (2) by whom it was constructed, if possible the name of the officer and subordinates ^{+ taluk and principal village near it.} said

3 said to have been employed upon it and (3) the date on which it is said to have been constructed also (4) whether the collector or other officer whose duty it may be has been able to satisfy himself that the date of construction given is the correct one a certificate to this effect might be printed at foot of the bill above the collector's signature. In the case of works completed more than 5 years since care should be taken that the bill shows all the compensation likely to be required for that work, in short that it is the final bill and the collector or other officer whose duty it may be should state that to the best of his judgment the bill shews all payments still due on that work.

6 In all cases of bills received for works whether in progress or not, if it be found that there is no provision in a sanctioned Estimate or that

that the amount of provision has
been exhausted. I think the bills
should be returned to the Revenue
Department for a certificate that
it is the final bill of that work.

4 7 Having obtained such a final
bill and having reason to believe
that the claim is not barred by
some Statute applicable to such
cases, the officers of this Department
will be in a position to submit the
bill for the sanction of Government.

8 It seems to me that this is a
very serious matter, and if not care-
fully dealt with may involve Govern-
ment in a large expenditure much
as of which may be quite unnecessary.
Until recently it was most diffi-
cult to get any bills for compensation
at all and now that the settlement
of compensation is receiving more
attention bills are coming in for
works which have not been in our
accounts for years some of which
cannot even be recognized by

by name. I am not sure that it
may not be necessary to depute
a special officer to enquire into
and deal with the question, as it
is not at all clear on what prin-
ciple the Revenue Officials take
up claims for compensation in the
case of works not now in progress.
9 I have only further to remark
that it would be a great conve-
nience and cause much saving of
labor to this office and the Exam-
iner's if in the case of works now in
progress in the Estimates of which com-
ensation is provided the Collector
would bill once for all, for the whole
of the compensation to be paid. I
hope that it may have some effect
in this direction I shall now re-
quest Range Officers to furnish the
Collector with lists of works of the
description above mentioned.

I have the honor to be
(signed) J. Beatty Major &c
Offg Suptg Engineer
True

(True copy)

L. Beatty - Major R.E.
Offg. Superintending Engineer Goddard.

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Enclosure in a letter
No. 532 dated 21st May/77
from the Offg. Superintending
Engineer Godavery to the
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

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AP No. 532 Irrigation.

FROM,

THE OFFG. SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
GODAVERY DISTRICT.

TO,

THE CHIEF ENGINEER
FOR IRRIGATION

MADRAS.

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CAMP DOWLAISHWERAM, 21st May 1877

SIR,

In continuation of my letter
No. 479 of 17th May 1877, and with reference
to para 7. I send copy of my letter No. 3508
of 7th March 1877 on the subject of difficulties
in dealing with compensation Bills.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant.
P. Beatty Major R.E.
Offg. Supr. Engineer Godavery.

mpd by
CW

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Civ. by the Govt. of India No 568/13-11-73
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Irrigation.

FROM,

THE OFFG. SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

GODAVERY DISTRICT.

TO,

THE CHIEF ENGINEER

FOR IRRIGATION

MADRAS.

DATED 21st May 1877.
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No. 532

ENCLOSURE One

Compensation Bill.
Sending copy of letter
No 3508 of 7th March 1877
on the subject of difficul-
ties in dealing with

N. H. W.

4020-8-77.

Office Note - 1877

To C.E.
The S. G. Godavary has sent
me a copy of his No 3508
7 March 1877.
Land Compensation claims
Practically the difficulty of
settling such claims owing to
there being no sanction is
small, as S.O. can easily be
obtained.
The real difficulty will finally
arise from the filling up of
the details in the Register of
Rights of the land to be paid
for.
Much of the information which
the S. G. seems to be desirous
is provided for in the form
of the Register the adoption of which
was directed in S.O. No 1617
dated 20th June 1873.
If a clear description of the situation
of the land & of the work for
which it was taken up be
given in the Register there should
be no great difficulty in identifying

2. Still with

the work if it was constructed during the last 20 years.

With regard to Major Beatty

Chap III I do not see that

DE have anything to do

with Compensation claims

for work constructed by other

Departments and money

to pay such is not I should

think to be paid in the

9. 10

8. 11

(1) - Register provides further

(2) - In material I should say

in most cases

(3) Register provides for date of

transfer lands being shown

date of its occupation would

take the place of them was no

proper transfer. This is

What the Revenue Officers have

to show - the date of construction

of the work they have no means

of knowing

(4) I am sorry I think

I agree with Major Beatty that

the work was done at 20

years is not at all

the work was done at 20

years is not at all

the work was done at 20

years is not at all

the work was done at 20

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As the rules now stand
the bill is one - or
should be - the demand
of the land owner, and for
each landowner there must
be a separate bill, and we
cannot refuse to entertain
A's claim simply because
B, C, & D have not admitted
their claims. The statute's
limitation is the only
effectual bar to ^{genuine} claims

Ad
7.8.

Register of bills for compensation
for land taken up long
since for which that leave
has been completed and the
accounts closed should
be final & that they should
be undisputed all claims
of Government did for a
time after which no claims
were taken up long time
would be received
I think the collector should
not be required to forward
bills & receipts for all lands
taken up but in papers
at once but the claims
under each separate application
should be included in
one bill & plan & schedule
should be dealt with at one
time - If the
Registrar asks for all
the land for a canal or
channel or river, at once
then should be one bill

the same as many registers
Hills, as there was application
the difficulty was
informed has arisen from
small roads & lanes
2 causes
1. the want of system in
making applications - if
these things are they should
include the particulars
to make to complete
identification then can
be successful in disposing
of the change which is
2. the delay on the part of
the Revenue officers in
giving confirmation and
issuing registers & bills
the want of system is apparent
in land applications in
proposals and shown
in land plans as is always
done for Railways & the
in LHO's Canal there is much
less confusion & any number

could be specifically
brought to the Collector's notice
the rule of the organization
is that applications for
land must be supported
by land plans & schedules
vide Circular No. 56
but whether this is attended
to I do not know.

4/6/77

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OF MADRAS
SECRETARY

Fort St. George 27 July 1877

Done in OFFICE at (1)
The District Engineer's
(Godavery) letter No. 358 dated
7th March 1877, to the Chief
Engineer P. W. D. on the subject
of difficulties encountered in
dealing with land compensation
bills, is said to have been
forwarded through you.
When may I expect it?
I have a copy, but you
may very likely wish to
offer some remarks on the
original.

To W.
Para 5 of the D.

letter may be taken as
summarizing his proposals.

He wishes every bill to
show

- (1) the situation of the work.
- (2) the name of the Officer who
constructed it
- (3) date of construction
- (4) that the collector is satisfied
that the date of construction as
given is correct

and he wishes to have in the
case of old work.

- (5) a certificate from the
collector to the effect that the
bill is a final bill.

(1) is already provided for in
the printed form of bill.

(2) (3) & (4) appear can easily be
provided for in the bill form
if considered desirable, but inasmuch
as the information is only
required in the case of new-current
work, it would probably be
better to give this information
in a separate memorandum attached
to bills for old work.

(5) cannot I think be improved.

FORMER CASES.

I No. 764 (Ref 157).
R. 1284 (D-1/2)

E. I. Form No 22

Receipt No. 176

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The Supp. Engineer
Godfrey

Receipt No. 7
Dated

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No. 532

Dated 21st May 1950

LATER CASES.

No. of 187 .

Subject: - Compensation Bill.
Forwarding copy of letter
No. 3508 of March 11/77
on the subject of difficulties
in dealing with -----.

Sent to Government with No. 18. W. of

Printed with G. O. No. _____ dated _____

REMINDERS RECEIVED.

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No.	Date.
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N^o. 572 W Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 11th Aug^r 1877

• Read the following :—

L. 100
 do do } (P.E. de 3508 97. March 177.)
 do do } (P.E. de 533 21. May 77.)

In the letter above
recorded the District
Engineer Godavery points
out certain difficulties
in the settlement of
claims to compensation
for lands taken up
for public work, and
makes the following
proposals with a
view of correcting
existing procedure.
Each Bill to show
(1) situation of the work
(2) names of the officers

see who constructed it.

(3) date of construction.

(4) which should be verified by the Collector.

And in the case of old work

(5) a certificate from the Collector to the effect that the bill is a final one.

2. Some instructions have already been given in the orders quoted in the margin in respect to claims to compensation for land. Under these orders all claims should be accompanied by

(1) a land register duly identifying the land.

(2) a bill which has to be countersigned by the District Engineer.

(3) a memo. showing rate

L.O. 1617 of 20 June 1873
1042 of 15 April 1875

vide proposal (1)
(2)

per acre as compared with rate provided for in the work estimate. A large amount of the information which the District Engineer considers desirable is already provided for in the form of Register the adoption of which was directed in L.O. 1617 dated 20 June 1873. That form being properly filled up there should be no difficulty in identifying the work if it was constructed during the last twenty years. The name of the officer who constructed the work is considered to be immaterial in most cases. As regards

proposal (3) it is re-
marked that the
Revenue Officers have
no means of showing
the date of construction
of works. The Register
provides for the date of
transfer of the land
being shown; and if
there is no formal
transfer, the date of
occupation may be
given instead. No (4) is
consequently unnecessary.
No (5) cannot it is
considered be enforced.
As the rules now stand
the Bill is supposed
to be the demand of the
landowner, and for
each land owner there
must be a separate bill.

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4. Details of the def.
usually better in
landowner's disposal
claims to compensation.
This is considered to
be a river def.
The want of a system
in making a file
of these. If these
show the particulars
necessary to com-
plete identification
then it should be na-
tural in the disposal
of the charge should be
the duty on the part
of the Revenue Officers
to be able to impose
action and pro-
pounding registers
and bills.
5. These land applied
to in the proper form
and shown as local

plans as in clause for
 Railways and the Indian
 Irrigation and Canal
 Company the same
 be no confusion
 of any undue delay
 be specially brought
 to the notice of
 b. This matter is referred
 to the attention of all
 officers of the Depart-
 ment, and District
 Engineers will be sur-
 prised to see that the
 rules are strictly
 followed to the letter.
 17. Claims to compensa-
 tion for land taken
 up in connection with
 works carried out by
 officers of other departments

should be disposed of
 by those officers in
 direct communication
 with the collector.

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Instructions for the settle-
ment of claims to com-
pensation for lands taken
for public works.

Wheat Engineer