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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

16th May 1879, No. 1,381 W.

General Account.

Read the following paper :—

No. 99. From Major L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, General Branch, dated Chepauk, 28th April 1879, No. 29 W.

In continuation of my letter No. 18 W, dated 22nd April, on the subject of the delay in the issue of the Local Fund Budget and of Objectionable Expenditure generally, it will be useful at this time to note the progress that has already been made to reduce the number of Objectionable Items under Local Funds.

2. The average monthly number of Objectionable Items under Local reported to Government from April 1876 to December 1877 was 24·34. That from January 1878 to December 1878 was 30·08. So far therefore from decreasing the number of Objectionable Items has increased about 25 per cent.

3. The number reported for the last four months of 1878 was exceptionally large. In September 52 items were brought to the notice of Government, in October 54, in November 49 and in December 51.

3. I have on several occasions* had occasion to remark on the almost complete indifference apparently shown by all Public Works Officers concerned to the orders of Government on the subject of objectionable items. As another instance in point I may call the attention of Government to the accompanying statement showing the number of instances an item of objectionable expenditure has been brought to the notice of Government, the orders of Government thereon, and their effect. From April 1876 to January 1877 this item of objectionable expenditure incurred on the Subsidiary Jail at Repalle passed unnoticed by Government. In February 1877 Government called for a revised estimate. In January 1879 the Government are still calling for this estimate. In April 1879, as far as can be ascertained from the records of this office, the estimate has not yet been submitted.

* Notably in my letter No. 14 W, of 13th April 1878.
No. 222 W, of 13th August 1878.
Memorandum No. 1, of 20th January 1879, amongst others.

TOTAL Number of Items Objectionable as regards Appropriation from 1876-77 to December 1878.

Months.	Imperial.	Irrigation.	Provincial.	Local.	Special.	Total for each Month.	Remarks.
From April 1876 to December 1877.	131	804	258	511	72	1,776	
Monthly average ...	6·24	38·28	12·28	24·34	3·43	84·57	
For 1878.							
January	5	7	5	14	8	39	
February	3	7	7	10	2	29	
March	8	11	10	11	2	42	
April	2	6	2	2	2	14	
May	4	10	3	9	5	31	
June	3	14	6	28	3	54	No returns submitted, but the items printed in large type were objectionable.
July	1	25	5	37	2	70	
August	...	33	8	44	2	87	
September	1	24	11	52	1	89	
October	...	14	16	54	2	86	
November	...	15	16	49	2	85	
December	3	20	22	51	2	98	
	30	186	114	361	33	724	
Monthly average ...	2·5	15·5	9·5	30·08	2·75	60·33	

CHENNAI,
30th April 1879.

(Signed) L. CONWAY-GORDON, Major, R.E.,
Examiner, of Public Works Accounts.

SPECIAL.

Constructing a Subsidiary Jail at Repalle.

Estimate ... ... Rs. 5,220
Expenditure to end of February 1879. „ 7,556

Excess ... Rs. 2,336

Remarks by Examiner.	Orders and Remarks by Local Government.
April 1876 *to January* 1877.	
Reported to Government.	.....
February 1877.	
This is an incomplete work of the past official year. It is suggested that the District Engineer be requested to submit a revised or Supplemental Estimate for sanction.	The District Engineer, Nellore, will submit the necessary revised estimate as early as possible.
March 1877.	
Do. do.	The estimate called for in G.O., No. 299 W, of 26th June 1877, should be expedited.
April 1877.	
The Government in their Order No. 299 W of 26th June 1877, observe that the District Engineer, Nellore, will submit the necessary revised estimate as early as practicable.	The submission of the revised estimates should be expedited.—*Vide* paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 459 W, dated 20th July 1877.

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Constructing a Subsidiary Jail at Repalle—cont.

Remarks by Examiner.	Orders and Remarks by Local Government.
May 1877.	
In G.O., No. 459 W, dated 20th June 1877, the Government have directed the District Engineer to expedite the submission of the revised estimate called for in G.O., No. 299 W, dated 26th June 1877.	The submission of the revised estimate should be expedited.—*Vide* paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 459 W, dated 20th July 1877.
June 1877.	
The Government in their Proceedings, No. 554 W, dated 7th August 1877, observe that the submission of the revised estimate should be expedited.—*Vide* paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 459 W, dated 20th July 1877.	The District Engineer should not delay the submission of the revised estimate any longer.
July 1877.	
The Government in their Proceedings, No. 725 W, dated 12th September 1877, observe that the submission of the revised estimate should be expedited.	The District Engineer was called upon in June last to submit a revised estimate. He will state why it has not ere now been sent in.
August 1877.	
The Government in their Proceedings, No. 1,007, dated 13th Oct. 1877, observe that the estimate should be submitted without delay.	Recorded with reference to G.O., No. 1,626 W, dated 13th November 1877.
September 1877.	
In their Proceedings No. 1,626 W, dated 13th November 1877, the District Engineer is required to report the cause of the delay in the submission of the revised estimate called for in June last.	No further orders are required beyond those quoted by the Examiner, to which the Superintending Engineer should no longer delay to reply.
October 1877.	
In their Proceedings No. 1,626 W, dated 13th November 1877, the District Engineer is directed to report the cause of the delay in the submission of the revised estimate called for in June last.	It is observed that this item has been sufficiently disposed of by Government in G.O., No. 30 W, dated 4th January 1878.
November 1877.	
The Superintending Engineer has already been asked in previous Government Orders on the subject to report the cause of the delay in submitting a revised estimate for this work.	.....
December 1877.	
It is not known whether the District Engineer has reported the cause of the delay in submitting a revised estimate already asked for in previous orders.	The Superintending Engineer's reply to the several orders is still awaited.
January 1878.	
This office with a view to eliciting an explanation from the Superintending Engineer in respect to the submission of a revised estimate of the remark in the previous month's statement. This explanation if received will be duly communicated to Government in the following month's statements.	.....

Constructing a Subsidiary Jail at Repalle—cont.

Remarks by Examiner.	Orders and Remarks by Local Government.
February 1878.	
The District Engineer states that the cause of the delay has already been reported to the Chief Engineer in his letter No. 258 of 30th March 1878.	.....
March 1878.	
Do. do. do. ...	In his letter recorded with G.O., No. 1,773 W, dated 10th April 1878, Major Hasted promises to report the names of the individuals responsible for the great delay in connection with this revised estimate. The Government will await his report.
April 1878 *to June* 1878.	
.....	.....
July 1878.	
In G.O., No. 2,766 W, dated 6th July 1878, the Government state that the District Engineer's report is awaited with regard to the names of the individuals also responsible for the great delay in the submission of the revised estimate.	Major Wood will call upon the officer concerned for the explanation of the most unsatisfactory delay.
August 1878.	
Do. do. do. ...	Communicated to Superintending Engineer in continuation of G.O., No. 4,276, dated 7th November 1878, for early attention and report.
September 1878.	
Do. do. do. ...	.....
October 1878.	
Do. do. do. ...	The Superintending Engineer, First Circle, will submit the report called for in G.O., No. 2,766 W, dated 6th July 1878, accompanied by the revised estimate so long awaited.
November 1878.	
Do. do. do. ...	*Vide* paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 399 W, dated 8th February 1879.
December 1878.	
Do. do. do. ...	Do. do. The report referred to should be expedited with a full explanation of the delay in its submission.
January 1879.	
Do. do. A reply is also awaited to a reference made by this office on 12th October 1878. Three reminders and a memorandum have been sent to the Executive Engineer calling for the same.	The report called for from the Superintending Engineer should be at once furnished with a full explanation of delay in its submission. The Executive Engineer should also be called upon to reply to the references from the Examiner and to explain the delay in doing so.

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No. 100. ORDER THEREON, 16th May 1879, No. 1,381 W.

RECORDED with reference to the recent orders passed on the subject of irregular expenditure, *vide* G.O., No. 913 W, dated 26th March 1879.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
To Superintending Engineers.
To the Consulting Architect.
" Financial Department.

Erd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies

GENERAL
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of [1879] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The CHIEF ENGINEER for IRRIGATION,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated May 1879.

Issued

Recd. Exd.

G. O. 101 May 1879, No. 1,981 W.

MAY.

Nos. 89-100.

Observe the Time under Cover [illegible] Letter from the Secretary, Public Works Department, requesting the return of [illegible] Accounts, bearing on the subject [illegible] duly filled up, dated to date [illegible] and signed.

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5. I HAVE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS HAD OCCASION TO [illegible]

*COMMUNICATED BY LETTERS NO. [illegible] OF 13TH. APRIL 1978. NO.1852.W.OF 13TH. AUGUST 1978. MEMORANDUM NO.1 OF 20TH. JANY.'79. AMONGST OTHERS. } ON THE [illegible] [illegible] AT [illegible] ALL PUBLIC WORKS [illegible]

STATES CONCERNING TO THE ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT ON THE SUB-JECT OF OBJECTIONABLE LETTERS [illegible]

[illegible]

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE,

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEDIENT SERVANT,

L. Conway-Gordon

[illegible]

Gd. P. 8 N 81 W 2-10-78
1094 W 8-4-77

Total No. of Items objectionable as regards Appropriation from 1876-77 to December 1878.

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Thomas Gordon

Chepauk
30th April 1879

Examined P.W. Accts & Major R.E.

Rec'd 10-5-79 Ack. 14-5-79
Ld Acct 5-5

Rec'd 16-5-79 No 1881 B

Constructing a subsidiary jail at Prapalli

Estimate Rs. 5,220

Expenditure to end of February 1879 — 7,550

Excess — 2,330

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Remarks by Examiner

Remarks by Local Government

April 1876 to January 1877

Reported to Government.

February 1877.

This is an Incomplete work of the past official year. It is suggested that the District Engineer be requested to submit a revised or supplemental Estimate for sanction.

The District Engineer Nellore will submit the necessary revised Estimate as early as possible.

March 1877

Do. Do.

The Estimate called for in G.O. No. 29 M. of 26 June 1877 should be expedited.

April 1877

The Government in their order No. 29 M. of 26 June 1877 desire that the District Engineer Nellore will submit the necessary revised Estimate as early as practicable.

The submission of the revised Estimate should be expedited — vide para 3 of G.O. No. 1 29 M. dated 20 July 1877.

No 9 16-5-79 No 138 1/7

Remarks by Examiner	Orders and Remarks by Local Government
May 1877.	
In G.O. No. 459 W dated 20 June 1877. the Government have directed the Distt Engineer to expedite the submission of the revised Estimate called for in G.O. No. 299 W dated 27 June 1877.	The submission of the revised Estimate should be expedited. Vide para 3 of G.O. No. 459 W dated 20 July 1877.
June 1877.	
The Government in their Pro: No. 502 W. dated 7 August 1877 observe, that the submission of the revised Estimate should be expedited. Vide para 3 of G.O. No. 459 W. dated 20 July 1877.	The District Engineer should not delay the submission of the revised Estimate any longer.
July 1877.	
The Government in their Pro: No. 720 W. dated 12 Sept 1877, observe that the submission of the revised Estimate should be expedited.	The Dt Engineer was called upon in June last to submit a revised Estimate. He will state why it has not ere now been sent in.
August 1877.	
The Govt in their Pro: No. 1097 dated 13 October 1877 observe that the Estimate should be submitted without delay.	Recorded with reference to G.O. No. 459 W. dated 13 December 1877
September 1877.	
In their Pro. No. 1081 W dated 13 November 1877 the District Engineer is required to report the cause of the delay in the submission of the revised Estimate called for in June last.	No further orders are required beyond those quoted by the Examiner, to which the Superintending Engineer should no longer delay his reply.

Remarks by Examiner	Orders & Remarks by Local Government
October 1877.	
In their Pro. No. 1081 W dated 13th November 1877 the Distt Engineer is directed to report the cause of the delay in the submission of the revised Estimate called for in June last.	It is observed that this item has been sufficiently disposed of by Government in G.O. No. 30 W. dated 5 January 1878.
November 1877.	
The Superintending Engineer had already been asked in previous G.Os on the subject to report the cause of the delay in submitting a revised Estimate for this work.	
December 1877.	
It is not known whether the Distt. Engineer has reported the cause of the delay in submitting a revised Estimate already asked for in previous orders.	The Superintending Engr's reply to the several orders is still awaited.
January 1878.	
This office with a view to eliciting an explanation from the Superintending Engineer in respect to the submission of a revised Estimate of the remark in the previous monthly Statement. This explanation, if received will be duly communicated to Government in the following monthly Statement.	
February 1878.	
The Distt Engineer states that the cause of the delay has already been reported to the Chief Engr. vide letter No. 258 dt 20th March 1878.	

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Remarks by Examiner	Orders Remarks by Local Government
March 1879. The same remarks as in February 1878.	In his letter recorded with G.O. No 1732 W dated 10 April 1879 Major Baird promises to report the names of the individuals responsible for the great delay in connection with this revised Estimate. The Government will await his report.
April 1878 to June 1878	
July 1878 In G.O. No. 2766 W dated 8 July 1878 the Government state that the District Engr's report is awaited with regard to the names of the individuals also responsible for the great delay in the submission of the revised Estimate.	Major Wood will call upon the Officer concerned for the explanation of the most unsatisfactory delay.
August 1878 - Do -	Communicated to Supt. Engr in continuation of G.O. No 1270 dated 7 October 1878 for early attention and report.
September 1878 - Do -	

Remarks by Examiner	Orders and Remarks by Local Government.
October 1878. - Do -	138 / 9 The Superintending Engineer 1st Circle will submit the report called for in G.O. No 2766 W. dated 8 July 1878 accompanied by the revised Estimate so long awaited.
November 1878. - Do -	Vide para 3 of G.O. No 399 W dated 8 February 1879.
December 1878 - Do -	- Do - The report referred to should be expedited with a full explanation of the delay in its submission.
January 1879. - Do - A reply is also awaited to a reference made by the office on 10 October 1878. Three reminders and a demi-official have been sent to the Executive Engineer calling for the same.	The report called for from the Superintending Engineer should be at once furnished with a full explanation of delay in its submission. The Executive Engineer should also be called upon to reply to the reference from the Examiner and to explain the delay in doing so.

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No. 1381 W

Ptd: of the Madras Government
Under date the 16th May 1879
Read the following

From
The Examiner P. W. Accts. (No. 29 W of 28th April 1879)

Recorded with reference to the recent orders passed on the subject of irregular expenditure vide G.O. No. 913 W dated 26th March 1879.

Chief Engr to Legislative
Secy Engineers
Chief
Captain
Architect
Municipal
Secy

Despd 27-5-79

Dr

Sir, in H. Mr. Amer
in the order stands in
dealing with matters
and today I have
dispatched should be
issued in view to
discuss systematically
the all objectionable
items now outstanding
the personal a line
drafted to "recall"
the Emanuel letter
may suffice — W. to
representation be taken
and particularly the
history pts are cited
then that I have
hardly taken to
know a view after
some friendly cons.
Deliberation which and
call for redress

Cir 10-5-79
Ld Oct 5-5

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Govt. of India

PUBLIC WORKS.

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To

Dated

Signed

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 16 May 1879. No. 1387W

Nos. 99-100.

Objectionable Items under Local Funds - Letter from the Examiner P.W. Accounts pointing out the progress that has already been made to reduce the number of — recorded