GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

6th November 1879, No. 2126.

Local Funds—P. W. Supervision.

Read the following papers :—

No. 37. *Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated* 16*th October* 1879, *No.* 9731, (*Miscellaneous*).

From J. GROSE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Nellore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 14th October 1879, No. 50.

I have received a letter from the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, with reference to G.O., 25th September 1879, No. 2428, of which I have obtained a copy from Executive Engineer's office.

2. Before answering it or laying it before the Local Fund Board, I wish to be informed whether Local Fund Boards are to be allowed to undertake all their works with their own agency or whether they are bound to give the " maximum " determined under paragraph 3 by the Superintending Engineer to the Department Public Works ?

3. I ask because I am in this difficulty. If all the Local Fund Board's works are executed by its own agency it has enough to justify it in entertaining a supervising Engineer, but if the Department Public Works are to keep far more than half, as the Superintending Engineer of the Third Circle proposes, we are not so justified, and I do not see how the minor works which are left on our hands are to be supervised without disproportionate expense.

4. Moreover it seems probable that we shall have to pay more for Department Public Works supervision than we are paying now.

5. I see that according to the Government Order (which has not been communicated to me yet), the new system is to be introduced from the 1st January, so that we have only a little more than two months to complete all our arrangements. This must be my excuse for not awaiting orders before making these inquiries.

Submitted for the early orders of Government.

2. The Board are of opinion that Local Fund Boards should be at liberty to arrange for the execution of *all* Local Fund works by means of " Other Agency " from the 1st January next ; as pointed out by Mr. Grose the transfer of a portion of the works only perhaps scattered over the district, as for instance branches from a trunk road retained by the Department Public Works is likely to entail disproportionate expense on the Circle Boards in some cases. The Board's view appears to be in accordance with the intention of Government judging from the concluding sentence of paragraph 3 of the order to the effect that, subject to the maximum limit fixed by Superintending Engineers, the opinion of the Presidents should be accepted as to the actual amount of work to be retained.

3. A copy of the G.O., dated 25th September 1879, which was duly received in this office on the 4th instant, was despatched with Board's Proceedings of the same date on the 13th. The delay in despatch was due to the Press.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 2032.

Referred for early remarks to the Department of Public Works.

OOTACAMUND, (Signed) H. B. GRIGG,
17th October 1879. *Acting Under Secretary to Govt.*

No. 3318.

No. 38. MEMORANDUM.

Returned to the Financial Department with the remark that the intention of G.O., No. 2428 W, of 25th September 1879, was that Local Fund Boards should be entitled to maintain by other agency than that of the Public Works Department all their works if they should so elect, and that their choice is so far free, but that they must not ask the Public Works Department to maintain a portion of such works exceeding that which the Superintending Engineer considers the department can undertake. The Board of Revenue are, therefore, correct in their interpretation of the order in question.

(By Order,)

FORT ST. GEORGE, (Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Major, R.E.,
3rd November 1879. *Acting Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.*

No. 39. ORDER THEREON, 6th November 1879, No. 2126.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue and to all Presidents of Local Fund Boards.

(True Extract.)

C. G. MASTER,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
" all Presidents of the Local Fund Boards.

Exd. T. D. Ryan.

Govt. of (1879) Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To
The BOARD of REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated November, 6th.
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Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 6th November 1879, No. 2126.

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SECRETARY.

Fort St. George, 1st Decr 1879.

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OFFICE NOTE.

To Chief Secretary.

Please arrange for communicating to this Department Proceedings, Financial Dept., No. 2126, dated 6 Novr. 1879.

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Communicated accordingly.

E. Clarke
Ag. Chief Secy

Ft. St. George
3rd Decr 1879.

To the Public Works Departmt

No 3162W

P. W. Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 10 Decr/79

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Pro: in the Finl. Dept (P. E No 2126 of 6 Nov/79)

Communicated to Supg Engineers.

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