

*Financial Deptt*  
*Proceedings of the Madras Government*  
*Read the following:*

No. 1,530.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 16th October 1880.

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, North Arcot District, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ranipett, 24th September 1880, No. 365:—

WITH reference to G.O., Financial Department, dated 28th July last, No. 1,461, requesting me to report why the District Engineer was not consulted as to the contract for the construction of the Tirupati Dispensary before it was entered into, and how far the officers of the Public Works Department were responsible for the bad work reported, I have the honor to forward herewith an extract of the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board passed at their Meeting on the 20th instant in reply to the question.

2. The Local Fund Board observe that after the estimate had been prepared for the Tirupati Dispensary and forwarded to them the Board resolved to carry out the work under their own supervision and they informed Captain Pennycuik, the District Engineer, accordingly. Captain Pennycuik in his letter, No. 2,427, dated 30th November 1874, remonstrated with the Board against the adoption of such a course which he considered would be most injudicious, and the Local Fund Board then reconsidered their decision and at their Meeting of the 18th December 1874 resolved to ask the Tirupati Mahant to bear the increased cost of Department Public Works Supervision, and finally at their Meeting on the 22nd January 1875 they agreed to the building being constructed by the Department Public Works. The execution of the contract had not been commenced at that time. The work was handed over to the Department Public Works and was entirely carried out by them from first to last. The contract was given by the Local Fund Board to a man who has for many years been employed as contractor in this district and on the Railway, and both Colonel Prendergast and Mr. Vincent have informed the President that no fault, in their opinion, rested with the contractor for the way in which the work was eventually carried out. Mr. Vincent in his letter, No. 790, dated 12th September 1879, to the President, and Mr. Parsick, the Local Fund District Engineer, have each officially declared that the real cause of the failure of the building was defective design, and not bad workmanship.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Extract from Proceedings of Local Fund Board.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government with reference to the order quoted and in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 13th August 1880, No. 1,157.

2. The inquiry has elicited the fact that the supervision of the construction of the building by the Department Public Works was allowed by the Local Fund Board at the special request of the District Engineer and that 25 per cent. additional had to be paid for this supervision. It does not appear, however, by whom the faulty design was prepared.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,  
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department,  
with one original enclosure to be returned.  
,, President of the Local Fund Boards, North Arcot District.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 17<sup>th</sup> Jan'y/81.

Read the following:—

Pro: in the Financial Dept. (H.E. No 60 of 11<sup>th</sup> Jan'y/81.)

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Dispensary at Tonnally—in North Arcot District.—Submitting for information of Government letter from President of the Local Fund Board, reporting that the construction of the — was supervised by the Department Public Works from first to last.

OCTOBER.  
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PROCEEDINGS, 16TH OCTOBER 1880, No. 1,530.

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To  
THE CHIEF SECY. TO GOVT.,  
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT,  
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Board of Revenue,  
MADRAS.

Order in the Fin. Deptt. dated 11<sup>th</sup> January 1881 No 60

Communicated to the Public Works Department with reference to G.O. in that Department dated 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1880 No 1566 W. The Superintending Engineer will doubtless ascertain who prepared the design which has been pronounced by the professional department to be faulty.

/True Extract/

C. D. McKean,  
Under Secretary

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