

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

18th December 1880, No. 2352.

Local Funds.

Read the following paper :—

Endorsement of the Public Works Department, dated 9th December 1880, No. 2768 :—

ABSTRACT.—Transferring Office Note from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated 1st December 1880, No. 832, on the subject of placing funds at the disposal of Public Works Officers for execution of Local Fund works.

No. 58. ORDER THEREON, 18th December 1880, No. 2352.

With reference to G.O., 17th November 1880, No. 2136, Financial Department, His Grace the Governor in Council deems it necessary to rule further that transfers of funds by Presidents of Local Fund Boards to the officers of the Public Works Department should be made through the Accountant-General by credit in the first instance to Provincial Funds.

(True Extract.)

R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Accountant-General.
" Public Works Department, with one paper.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

17th November 1880, No. 2136:

Local Funds—Public Works Establishment.

Read the following papers:—

No. 98. *Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th June 1880, No. 856.*

Read the following letter from E. F. WEBSTER, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Point Calimere, 25th May 1880, No. 605:—

I have the honor to submit the following case for the orders of the Board of Revenue.

2. The Local Fund Boards of this district having, as the Board are aware, left in charge of the Department of Public Works the maintenance of roads on river embankments as well as the execution of new and special repair works already undertaken, the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, applied to me for funds to meet expenditure for the current month. Under paragraph 4 of G.O., dated 22nd March 1880, No. 609, in which it is stated that the President alone is the officer directly responsible for the proper appropriation of the money "entrusted to him, and that he should place the executive officers in funds monthly or from time to time as the circumstances of the case may demand subject to such regulations as may be hereafter passed," I instructed the Treasury Deputy Collector to place Rs. 6,000 at the disposal of the Executive Engineer. But the Superintending Engineer objects to receive the money from treasury and observes that it should be obtained through the Accountant-General and the Examiner of Public Works Accounts. As no instructions have been issued on this point, I request to be informed whether my procedure was correct.

3. If the Board concur in the views of the Superintending Engineer, I request that early orders may be issued for placing a sum of Rs. 6,000 at the disposal of the Department of Public Works for expenditure during the current month.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Board consider that the President has interpreted correctly the Orders of Government, dated 22nd March 1880. The President is now the sole custodian of the fund, and any disbursements made must be made by him. The Accountant-General has no direct control over the fund, except in regard to audit. The Board however are inclined to think that the simplest system for effecting transfers of funds for works to be done by Department of Public Works Agency would be for such expenditure to be treated as an *advance recoverable* by the Account Department, the settlement being made at the close of the year, between Provincial and Local Funds, as is now done in the case of establishment charges and local deficits.

3. With reference to paragraph 3 of the President's letter he is requested to give the details of the sum of Rs. 6,000, the source whence he proposes to meet it, and the circle or circles to which the works involved appertain, in order that necessary orders may be passed thereon. He will also state whether the question of leaving the works, adverted to in paragraph 1 of his letter, dated 22nd December 1879, No. 1538, recorded in G.O., Financial Department, dated 5th January 1880, No. 23, in charge of Public Works Department, has been reconsidered in connection with his revised scheme submitted in his letter, dated 20th February 1880, No. 187, embodied in Board's Proceedings, dated 18th March 1880, No. 388.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. B. GRIGG,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

N^o. 247 Wd/28 Jan'y/81

Communicated to the
Examiner, P. W. Accounts.

(Sd/ J. P.
H.S.

Enc^d J. W. Acheson } With copy of G.O. No.
Supt. Engrs } 2136 dt 17 Nov/80.
Supt. of works } Finl. Dept.

No. 1503.

Referred to the Accountant-General for remarks.

OOTACAMUND,
27th July 1880.(Signed) J. A. DAVIES,
*Acting Under Secy. to Govt.*No. 99. *From A. C. TUPP, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 7th August 1880, No. 849-N.*

Local Fund Department.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 1503, dated the 27th July 1880, I have the honor to state that the procedure adopted by the President, Local Fund Board, Tanjore, in placing funds at the disposal of the Executive Engineer of that district for the maintenance of roads on river embankments and special repair works was the correct one; and that I agree with the Board of Revenue in their view of the position in which Presidents of Local Fund Boards and the Accountant-General stand with regard to outlay from Local Funds. But I would remark that there is apparently no reason why payments of the nature under reference should not be charged direct to the work on account of which they are made instead of to the Suspense head "Advances Recoverable."

No. 1765.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for any further remarks with reference to the suggestion at the close of the Accountant-General's letter.

OOTACAMUND,
9th September 1880.(Signed) J. A. DAVIES,
*Acting Under Secy. to Govt.*No. 100. *Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th October 1880, No. 11,368 (Miscellaneous).*

Read endorsement from the Acting Under Secretary to Government, dated 9th September 1880, No. 1765, on letter from the Officiating Accountant-General, dated 7th August 1880, No. 849-N, stating that the procedure adopted by the President, Local Fund Board, Tanjore, in placing funds at the disposal of the Executive Engineer, &c., was the correct one.

The Board see no objection to the adoption of the suggestion made by the Accountant-General in the concluding part of his letter to the effect that payments made to the Public Works Department should be charged direct to the work or works for which they are made.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 101.

ORDER THEREON, 17th November 1880, No. 2136.

The Board will issue the necessary instructions accordingly to all Presidents of Local Fund Boards.

(True Extract.)

J. A. DAVIES,
Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Public Works Department.
" Accountant-General.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Govt. of 1880

FINANCIAL.

To
THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated November, 17th.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 17th November 1880, No. 2136.

NOT RECORDED.
Nos. 98-101.

Local Funds.—Public Works Establishment.

The Board of Revenue to issue to all District Officers, District Boards and Local Board instructions to the effect that payments made to the Public Works Department should be charged direct to the work or works for which they are made.