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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

11th November 1881, No. 2810 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper :—

No. 51. From the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, dated 31st October 1881, No. 463.

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, 11th November 1881, No. 2810 W.

THE Government consider that it would be fair to charge the Local Fund Board half Mr. Norris' pay and allowances while he has the management of Local Fund Works. This arrangement will accordingly be adopted in supersession of that ordered in G.O., No. 1837 W., dated 27th July 1881.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Financial Department.

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GENERAL
ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of 1881 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
FOURTH CIRCLE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated November, 11th.

Issued

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G. O., 11th November 1881, No. 2810 W.

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 51-52.

Mr. H. E. Norris, Executive Engineer,
North Arcot Division, stating that half the
pay and allowances of — would be a fair
charge against the Local Fund Board for the
management of Local Fund Works.

No. 463

Supg. Engineer's Office, II Circle
Coimbatore, 31st October 1881.

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From,

The Superintending Engineer
II Circle.

To,

The Chief Engineer P. W. D.
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your Memo:

Enclosures 2.

1 Extract from No. 426 dated 31st August/81 I have
Local Fund
Board Proceeding
4/12/81
1 Copy of Letter
No. 175 of 18th
October/81 from
Presd. L. F. D. North
Arcot to Supg. Engr.

the honor to report that I proposed
to the President of the Local Fund
Board and to Mr. Norris what I
considered a fair arrangement regarding
the payment to be made for Mr. Norris
services it was that $\frac{3}{4}$ of his pay
and allowances should be paid as
long as he was in charge of Local Fund
Works and the Office (having to make
numerous payments by Cheques) but
that as soon as he was relieved

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of

of the latter duties only $\frac{1}{3}$ should
be paid.

2 Mr. Whiteside instead of
giving his own opinion thought
right to place my letter and one
he requested Mr. Norris to write
to him with the diary for August
before the Local Fund Board and
forwarded the enclosed ^{very} enclosed
long proceedings to me in which
the Board express their willingness
to pay $\frac{1}{2}$ Mr. Norris' salary,
on their receipt I pointed out
to the President that his opinion
and not that of the Board was
asked and requested to be
informed if he personally agreed

Copy of letter
enclosed.

with the Local Fund Board Proceedings.
3. Mr. Whiteside in reply informs
me that he is not in a position to
utter an independent opinion without
laying the matter before the Board but
that he agrees with the Boards Proceedings.
I am surprised at this because when
at Chittoor on the 8th August I made ^{it} a
great point that Mr. Norris should be
relieved of the duty of issuing Cheques
&c. and he agreed with me and I
most certainly understood from him that
he would arrange to do so but it was
not until September that I found
he had done nothing towards it and
in the Local Fund Board Proceedings
(in which he says he agrees) my proposal
and request is called unreasonable.

4. I consider that the amount
to be paid for Mr. Norris services

as one that must be settled in an
arbitrary manner and I see no hope
of Mr. Whiteside, Mr. Norris and
myself agreeing on the matter espec-
ially as the former Gentleman considers
he is not entitled to an independent
opinion.

The amount in question is a very
small one and the value of the services
rendered is impossible to value with
accuracy.

I would propose that Government
should direct that $\frac{1}{2}$ Mr. Norris
salary be paid by the Local Fund Board
as they propose but that in addition $\frac{1}{2}$ the
travelling allowance drawn by Mr. Norris
should also be paid by them.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servant


Major R. G. S. S. S.
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J.B. No. 1837 N. 27-7-81.
C.E. 2017. 30-8-81.
" 426. 31-8-81.

From P. H. G. No 6318
The Supp. Engineer,
Second Circle.

2870 W

Dated 31st of
Sept. 01 } October 1881.

No. 463

Inc. 2

Mr. W. Morris, Esq. Engineer
North Arcot D.C. :-

Reporting regarding
—, and proposing that
Government should
direct that half Mr.
Morris' salary be paid
by the Local Fund Board.

C.S. H. 2017

No. 175.

North Arcot Collectors Office
Venkataghorikottay 18th October 1881.
S/H

From, W. S. Whiteside Esq.
Collector of North Arcot.
To.

The Supp. Engineer II Circle.

Sir, With reference to your letter of
the 19th ultimo No. 361_{N.A.}, I regret to observe
that you appear to have mistaken my
position as President of the Local Fund
Board. Your letter dated the 5th Idem
No. 193_m requesting me to inform you
as to the share which the Board was
prepared to meet in Mr. Morris pay and
allowance was addressed to me as President
of the Local Fund Board. In my capacity
as such, I am not in a position to offer my
independent opinion in matters of this kind
without laying the matter before the Board.
I have simply followed this procedure in
the present instance and duly furnished
you

you with a copy of the Board's resolution.

2. I may now add that my own individual opinion is quite in accordance with the views embodied in the Board's resolution.

3. I doubtless told you when you were lately at Chittoor, that I would see if it would not be possible to relieve Mr. Morris of the duty of issuing Cheques but after consultation with the Treasury Deputy Collector it was found impossible to do so and the Board recorded a similar opinion in their resolution.

4. Mr. Morris removed to Vellore some time ago and virtually exercises no supervision over any Local Fund Work. The Chittoor Bridge work, in consequence of his departure is almost at a stand still and I cannot see how his imperial duties are materially interfered with by any Local Fund Work.

5. The Government have, in G.O. No.

No. 1837 W. dated 27th July last, sanctioned the retention of Mr. Morris's services until the 1st November at the latest and I beg to inform you that Mr. Vivian, the newly appointed Local Fund Engineer has promised to join by the 25th instant, when I hope that Mr. Morris will be finally relieved.

Yours &c
(s) W. S. Whileside
Collector.

(True Copy)

W. S. Whileside
Supplying II. C. C.

Extract from the minutes
of Proceedings of the Local Land Board
held on Monday the 12th September 1881.

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3. Read letter from the Local
Land Board dated 10th August 1881
giving full explanation regarding
his supervision of Imperial and
Local Land work entrusted to
his charge.

On receipt of the Superintendent
Engineer's letter the Board obtained
from Mr. Harris an extract from
his official diary for the month
of August last in order to ascertain
distinctly how much of his time
had been spent on the supervision
of Local Land work and how
much had been devoted to his duties
as D. P. W. Resident Engineer. In
his letter he forwarded the D^r. Superintendent
forwarded the required extract
from

from his diary Mr Harris draws
at length to the fact that during
the month of August quite as much
if not more of his time has been
devoted to Imperial work and
that he has been obliged to neglect
Local Fund Office routine in
order to attend to imperial require-
ments on his time. No doubt of this
has been on one side it has been
on that of the Local Funds. And
again he remarks "I may in conclusion
mention that for some neglecting
Imperial work in favor of Local
Fund work I can safely say
I have neglected the latter in
favor of the former, and that
on every day of the month since
the 4th the office routine of neither
of the departments has been left
in arrears." The Board on perusal
of the extract from Mr Harris's
diary are chiefly of opinion that
his time has been by no means
occupied on Local Fund ~~Fund~~
Works ^{to the prejudice of Imperial duties,} but that on the contrary
his

his duties as Executive Engineer
have engrossed the largest portion
of his time during the month. Under
these circumstances the Board
are by no means prepared to
entertain the Superintendent's
Engineer's proposal to saddle
the Local Fund Board with two
thirds of Mr Harris's salary as Executive
Engineer. The order of Government
dated 19th August No 7836 directed
that Mr Harris should carry on
all Local Fund works with the
existing establishment and that
the usual 25 per cent will be charged
for such service. Mr Harris's attention
has been solely directed to the
Jalawar Local Fund works
since the 1st of August.

1. The Hattamanchi Bridge at Chitloor
2. The foundation of the Dispensary
at Palawan

We have not visited the Palace Causeway
and nothing whatever has been done
with the Rangoon Railway.
The Superintendent Engineer includes
in the list of works in his letter
under reply the repair to the Chitloor Church.

This

This however is not a Local Fund
work at all. It is a government
building and it has not been made
over to the charge of the Local Fund
Board. Its repairs ought properly
to have been executed by the collector
under the terms of Government Order
No 2522 of
date 7th October 1879, but as their execution
required considerable professional
skill and constant careful super-
-vision of a skilled officer it was
necessary that the work should be
carried out by a professional officer,
and as the District Engineer is
building a new Chacheri for the
Assistant Collector at Chittaur
and in consequence has frequently
to visit the town the supervision
to the repairs of the other government
buildings properly devolved upon
him. It thus appears that Mrs
Harris' attention during the month
of August has been solely directed
to the execution of only two Local
Fund works - the Staffmanche
Bridge and the Patnaur Dispensary -
and to this latter building Mrs
Harris made but one hasty visit.

The Superintendent Engineer
is extremely desirous to relieve
Mr Harris of all Local Fund office
work. The Board consider that such
request is wholly unreasonable. They
have no officer to whom they can
delegate such supervision. Major
Meads was specially anxious that
the issuing cheques should be
taken from Mr Harris, but it is
hardly necessary for the Board
to point out that no one could
venture to issue cheques for large
sums of money of the expenditure
of which he knew nothing, and
the Accountant General would
undoubtedly object to the issue of
cheques by any but the responsible
officer, especially while that officer
is actually on the spot and doing
work in the district. In view to
set Mr Harris free as far as possible
for his imperial duties the Local
Fund Board relieved him of the
inspection of all Local Fund road
repairs throughout the Division.

They

They strengthened his office establish-
ment and as already shown and
required his attention to the super-
vision of two works. They consider
therefore there are no grounds what-
ever for relieving him of all his office
work. The supervision of the local
fund works has been conducted
entirely by local fund officers,
no members of the Imperial establish-
ment other than Mr Harris has
been employed in their business.
Mr Harris has transferred his
head quarters to Vellore some days
ago and is now residing there and
the Board entirely concur with Mr
Harris in saying that their local
fund works, if any there, have
been neglected in favor of his
Imperial duties. As the Board
gather from the Superintendent
Engineer's letter that the Govern-
ment are desirous of reconsidering
their order of the 21st July the Board
are inclined to agree to such change
and they will pay half his salary
as Executive Engineer from the
1st

1st August until he is relieved
by the officer whom they have
appointed but in this case
the charge for 25 per cent will
of course be withdrawn. The
Board have appointed an officer
at present residing in the Chamber
state in the North West Provinces.
He has been telegraphed to join
as soon as possible and the Board
expect he will be here early
in October.

/ True Extract /

L. T. Clinton.

President.

N^o 2810 W

sent
D. Slatt

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 17th November 1881

Read the following:—

From the Supply. Reg.
Second Circle

M. No. 163 of 31st Oct. 81.
g. 10/10.

The Government
Consider that it would
be fair to charge
the Local Fund
Board half Mr.
Norris' pay and
allowances while
he has the man-
agement of Local
Fund works. This
arrangement will
accordingly be
adopted in super-
cession of that
ordered

ordered in G. O.
No 18374 dated 27th
July 1887.

The Hon W. H. Houston

[Signature]

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Supdy Engr & Co. Inc.
Exams. S. W. Accounts
Financial Department
(To the Chief Secretary
for counter initials)

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G.O. 11240 of 1874 No 2815/11

Nos 51552

M. W. R. Hoare
Esq. Esqr. North Arcot District

Stating that half the
pay & allowances of
— would be a fair
charge against the
L.F. Board for the
management of L.F. work.

Shd be Receipt Regd.