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No. 57 E.

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OOTACAMUND,
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(True Extract.)

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Steamer
26 April 1883

Sd/ R. A. Sankey Col R.E.
Secy. to Govt. P. W. D.

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I have &c.

W. Cummins
Actg Asst Secretary.

To,
The Public Works Dept.

S.D

Mr. A. Summers Esqr &c

Saw

Please send back the complete file of G.O. 1483 w d/ 23 May. 83.

I fear that the ruling will give rise to many inconvenient questions. How is C to know the value of estimates or the expenditure on projects sanctioned by local S.to. offices.

There is a great deal of bureaucratic delay in estimates may even be done in the Central office that is not adequately represented by actual Expenditure If we reduce an estimate by professional scrutiny from say 2 lakhs to 1 the L.F. Board will grant 6 this entail - but the percentage chargeable by ~~agent~~ the S.to. Dept for professional scrutiny will fall

The Govt will communicate this to the C. Engr to

will be corresponding
enhanced. The L. J.
Bd will then cry out
about the high percen-
tage, be mindful of
the benefit to their
finances which the
reduced expenditure
involves. It seems to
me that the principle
of the thing is wrong
and I doubt whether
these considerations
prevented the writers
when the ruling was
considered just.

A more Equitable
arrangement would be
to distribute the con-
tribution pateably
among all L. F. Boards
according to total
Expenditure on Public
Works. The L. J. Bds
can utilize the profes-
sional Resources of the
S.W. Dept. to any extent
they wish. If they do
not take advantage

of the position, it is
their own fault.

The principle of
the ruling is also
objectionable from the
fact that it may
have the effect of
restraining L. J. Boards
from submitting im-
portant projects for
S.W. Dept. scrutiny in
order to save the ~~cost~~ percentage

The Extra Schedule
requirements specially
sanctioned must be
maintained in any
case, and it would
be as well, that their
Services should be
fully availed of by
L. J. Bds: encouraged
to employ them instead
of making it their
interest, to do without
them.

Perhaps it would
be better to show these
remarks to S.W. also
could be further

[illegible] March/80, and to

Action of Lt Thorneycroft necessary.

J.

R.E.

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C.A.W.

To Dr W

Submitted for consideration.

Cr

2/6.

I am inclined to think no further action is necessary, at all events for the present.

The L. F. Boards are bound to submit all projects above certain limits to S. Lt. for sanction, & the latter again submits above certain limits to W.

C. has stated that both methods of effecting outlay the charge will seem unduly onerous, & accd. formerly has accepted the arrangement now in force.

Cr

2/6

To Cr

For information - I fancy you must have overlooked the limits that L. F. Boards are limited to sanctioning projects exceeding certain limits - The Cr Office tells me that they will be

Letter

have no difficulty in obtaining from the Local the amount of Expenditure incurred on projects sanctioned by the P. W. D.

There is undoubtedly a great deal in what you advance in other respects, but you see Dr W is not disposed to take any action.

Cr

2/6

To E. W.

I do not wish to press the matter - if you think it should not be proposed - but there is I imagine some misapprehension as to facts.

My impression was that L. F. Boards were bound to submit all estimates within defined limits to the S. W. Dept. I have been refreshed by memory on the point by Mr Cowie's letter of 6. Feb. 1850, and the

Revision of Rules

impression is adequate
formed. The thing is
left very much to the
discretion of the L.J. Boards.
It is true that certain
limits are indicated,
but it is added in para
8 that the Court have no
desire to lay down
definite rules, but
"prefer" to leave the
discretion to L.J. Boards.
Under the Local Loans
Rules framed under the
Act. L.J. Boards & the
Board of Revenue are
vested with independent
powers of sanction, and
neither the Accountant
General nor the Examiner
can possibly Record whether
in these cases the projects
have been professionally
examined by the Rly.
This is not a matter of
audit that it needs to be
reported to the Accountant
General.

My proposal for the
distribution of the Rs 21 Sc
differs from either of
the alternatives because

by the Examiner. He takes
the Estimates examined
as the basis in either
case. I proposed a
rateable distribution
irrespectively of the Es-
timates examined, basing
it on the total outlay
in each Circle on Public
Works.

The Board of Revenue
have already drawn
attention to what they
consider "the cost of the
Scrutiny for each Estimate"
(Pro. No 88 of 11 Jany. 83)
and have therefore
left to the L.J. Boards
with whom the choice
follows its imp.

Para 3 of their Pro.
however leaves only
impression as to the
discretionary power vested
in L.J. Boards in regard
to professional Scrutiny
of Estimates.

A.S.
6.6.83

C. A. W.

I am glad you have gone over with the question for I was under a misconception all along. I thought the percentage charged to the Boards was on the Estimates ~~as~~ sanctioned — I now see that it is on the annual expenditure on these Estimates. —

However it is plain that the L.F. Bs must entrust for new scrutiny all Estimates above the defined limits. And the Estimates required to be passed & the submission of which for scrutiny is left to the discretion of the Presidents are only those below the limits.

I take your point that (I finish sentence) that the Boards, are wise to keep down our percentage, while retaining an interest in the Estimates below the limits. Well, the onus if failure will rest with them if they do not choose to take advantage of our scrutiny. And then is then to send that any L.F. Engineer ought to be able to prepare properly a project for less than Rs. 2500, & a repair Estimate under Rs. 10,000.

There is a point which strikes me in addition to yours. A L.F. Board, to escape the percentage, might sanction a large project & procurement without knowing anything about it. To bridge a road, say, would cost Rs. 10,000. They might sanction seventeen bridges or culverts, each under Rs. 2500. This I presume [illegible] support your view. It would then be [illegible]

and would any Presidency or Board
act at departure the obvious intention
of Govt? I rather think they will
meet them to the best of their ability.—
Is there not this against your
proposals to debit charge rateably
against total outlay irrespective of the
Estimates? Local Fund Circle A
spends in a year Rs. 50000, all
on works or repairs below the limit.
Local Fund Circle B spends in same
year same amount, but Rs 25000 of
that has been on Estimates above the
limit & which we have sanctioned.
Both Circles would be charged the
same for our establishment, but Circle
only one has benefitted thereby.
Viewing the matter broadly I am
disposed to allow the matter to
stand as it is. I myself ~~—~~ f
would prefer a rateable charge on
the Estimates as sent up to us.
At same time all subjects on
the Letter of Ventilation & Sewerage
in the Punkah Agent to your views
being known.

GJ.
15/6

To be attached to
the original of the
GO. RS
16/6

[6] P.W.C. No 3870

Govt. of {188 } Madras.

To

The P.W. Dept

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Regarding the mode of distributing extra Establishment charges

with order.

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