

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

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From Colonel H. R. MEAD, R.E., Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Trichinopoly, 26th February 1886, No. 644 M.D.

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2. I request that orders may be issued to the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury, Madura, to carry out this order as it is not done now, and for him, whenever there are funds available in the sub-treasuries, to meet the requisitions of the Executive Engineers as far as possible. Under the code, the Executive Engineer sends his requisition for funds required at the different treasuries on the 10th of the month prior to the month for which the funds are required, and the Deputy Collector informs him that the funds applied for have been placed at his disposal. There can be, I think, no difficulty in the Deputy Collector's placing, from the available funds, as much as possible at the Executive Engineer's disposal, and if this is done, I hope that generally the amounts will be sufficient to meet the requirements; should they not be, the Executive Engineer will have to make special arrangements and make some of the payments from other treasuries.

3. I regret much that Government have not thought fit for special arrangements to be made as contemplated in paragraph 1860 of the code, and this especially with regard to the two sub-treasuries, Tiruvadanai and Tirushuli, in Ramnad division; they are situated 45 and 32 miles from Ramnad, and unless the Executive Engineer is allowed to draw on these treasuries but only on Ramnad treasury, it will be necessary for the subordinates to make large cash payments to contractors and ryots, and this is not only against the code, but it is most objectionable. A glance at Trigonometrical Survey sheet, where the boundaries of the Ramnad estate are marked off, shows that it is impossible for the Executive Engineer to make all payments to contractors himself, and hopeless to expect contractors, ryots, &c., to accept cheques, in payment of work done, on the Ramnad treasury. Again, it is most unfair to throw on upper subordinates, who have no permanent office and only one clerk and one lascar, the charge and disbursement of large sums of money, and for them to be constantly sending 30 and 40 miles to Ramnad for cash and for their own pay or allowances and that of their establishments.

4. I earnestly request some arrangement may be made to avoid this state of things that has been now for five months; as I believe the revenue of the estate is, to a large extent, paid from time to time by the estate tahsildars into the sub and other Government treasuries, there should be no difficulty in arranging for the funds required by Public Works Department being available at the sub-treasuries.

No. 922-C.

Transferred to the Financial Department with advertence to Government Order in that department, Mis. No. 143, dated 10th February 1886.

CHEPÁK,
6th March 1886.

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Col., R.E.,
Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

ORDER—dated 13th March 1886, No. 223, Financial.

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2. In reference to paragraphs 3 and 4 of his letter, Colonel Mead has already been informed that the cheques of the Public Works Department will be met to the extent of available funds.

(True Extract.)

W. WILSON,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.

„ Accountant-General.
„ Collector of Madura.
„ Revenue Department.

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