(1) பக்கங்களின் எண்ணிக்கை 60

(2) புதுக்கித் திருப்பிய நாள் July. 88

(3) ஆதாரங்குறிப்பவர் சுருக்கொப்பம்

தமிழ்நாடு ஆவணக் காப்பகம்.

தமிழ்நாடு அரசு

P.W.D. துறை

அரசாணை எண். / மு. கோப்புத் தாள் எண். 2569.W. அச்சகம் / பலவகை

நாள் : 20. 8. 1888 ~~198~~ .

மடிக்கவோ கண்டபடி கையாளவோ கூடாது

ஆவண. கா-1—18,006—15-6-87.

20th August 1888, No. 2569 W., Public Works.

2569/1

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following papers:—

Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

With reference to G.O. No. 1331 W., dated 5th May 1888, para. 2, calling for my views with regard to advisability of any of the minor irrigation works being made over to the Local Fund Boards, I consider that only in very special cases should this be done, and most certainly none of the ordinary repairs to the minor irrigation works carried out by the Collectors should be made over.

2. My reason for this is that the policy and wish of Government is that these works should be executed by the ryots themselves, and that they should be made, as much as possible, to take an interest in the works, and eventually, as the work of Tank Restoration Scheme goes on, that they should contribute labor, &c., towards the necessary repairs to the irrigation works—*see* para. 4 of G.O. No. 477, Revenue, dated 14th May 1887.

3. If these repair works are carried out through the Local Fund establishments, of course the repairs would be done by contract, all work done would be measured up and paid for at ordinary rates, and the ryots would take no interest in the works, but look on it that they had nothing to do with the repairs, but that Government were bound to keep all the works in efficient repair without their doing any thing towards them.

4. I consider it absolutely necessary and advisable that these repairs should be carried out through the Revenue Department that has the influence necessary to make the people take an interest in the works, and be, to a great extent, responsible for their proper upkeep. The Revenue Department have village and taluk establishments, and if these are worked properly much can be done.

5. Another point has to be considered—could the Local Fund Board establishments undertake the work even if strengthened? I hold they could not. The Public Works Department ten years ago had charge of all the works in the districts, including the roads and all the irrigation works; and it is notorious that the minor irrigation works were neglected, and the reason is obvious: the minor irrigation works are so numerous, it is impossible for any small department to properly supervise them; the work must be done by the villagers themselves, led and assisted by the Revenue Department with their prestige and village and taluk establishments. In the whole Presidency there are 28,000 of these works—

In Ganjam	there are	2,355	minor works;
,, Madura	,,	5,188	do.
,, North Arcot	,,	2,669	do.
,, South ,,	,,	2,684	do.

I consider it would be impossible for the Local Fund establishments, even if strengthened, to execute the necessary repairs to, say, even 10 per cent. of their work year by year.

6. I see no objection in special cases for the Local Fund Boards being asked to execute repairs to irrigation work (Imperial or Minor) when, for any special reasons, it may be advantageous to do so, just in the same way as is done now occasionally (Post

offices for example), and as the Public Works Department carry out works for the Local Fund Boards (Madura bridge for example), but I strongly object to irrigation works being, as a rule, carried out by Local Fund Board establishment in any district. The work should generally be done by the Public Works and Revenue Departments.

OOTACAMUND,
15th May 1888.

(Signed) H. R. MEAD, Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

To the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

From G. T. WALCH, Esq., Superintending Engineer, I Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 27th July 1888, No. 255 G.L.

With reference to para. 2 of G.O. No. 701 L., Local and Municipal, dated 9th April 1888, communicated with G.O. No. 1331 W., dated 5th May 1888, I have the honor to report that there are no works in this circle which can with advantage be made over to the Local Boards.

From J. HANNAN, Esq., Superintending Engineer, II Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (through the Chief Engineer for Irrigation), dated Bezváda, 4th June 1888, No. 81 G.L.

With reference to G.O. No. 1331 W., of the 5th May 1888, requesting Superintending Engineers to report whether any works now under the Public Works Department can with advantage be made over to Local Boards, I have the honor to inform you that the Executive Engineer, Nellore Division, states that there are no works in his division that could be handed over to the Local Boards. As I know nothing personally of the Nellore District, I cannot offer an opinion.

2. As regards the Kistna District, I am of opinion that all the works beyond a distance of 5 miles from the Ellore and Commamur canals, including the ten Imperial tanks in the Bezváda taluk, which are from 5 to 20 miles north of Bezváda, may with advantage be made over to Local Boards.

From Colonel H. SMALLEY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, III Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 27th June 1888, No. 635.

With reference to G.O. No. 1331 W., dated 5th May 1888, I have the honor to report that irrespective of irrigation works, minor new works and repairs under Postal, Telegraph and Police might generally with advantage be made over to the Local Fund Boards for execution. These buildings are always on or near roads which are kept up by the Local Fund Boards, and their Engineer could look after work on them without inconvenience; whereas in many cases the Department of Public Works has no irrigation or other work in the neighbourhood of such buildings, and consequently officers and subordinates of this department have to go over much ground, involving heavy travelling allowances and loss of time, to superintend some trifling work in connection with the above-mentioned departments.

From Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 6th June 1888, No. 218 E.W.

Adverting to para. 1 of G.O. No. 1331 W., of 5th ultimo, I have the honor to state that there are no works in this circle, which can with advantage be made over to the District Board.

From Colonel H. M. VIBART, R.E., Superintending Engineer, V Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Bangalore, 5th July 1888, No. 1457.

With reference to G.O. No. 1331 W., dated 5th May 1888, I have the honor to state that none of the works in this circle under the Public Works Department can with advantage be made over to the Local Boards.

From J. W. RUNDALL, Esq., M.I.C.E., Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Trichinopoly, 29th May 1888, No. 439 T.J.

I have the honor, with reference to G.O. No. 1331 W., of the 5th instant, to state that except in isolated and not often occurring cases, I do not think it would be possible with advantage to make over any works to the Local Boards.

2. As far as I know, the Local Fund Engineers complain of want of establishment, and if works now in charge of the Public Works Department were handed over in any numbers, the first thing that would happen would be a demand for increase in Local Fund establishment.

3. The isolated cases in which works could be handed over with advantage are in the case of large zemindaris, where there is no Public Works establishment, and where there is Local Fund establishment. For instance, when the Ramnad Division is abolished, it would be an advantage for repairs to Government buildings at Ramnad or other places within the zemindari to be undertaken by the Local Fund establishment, which must be maintained in the zemindari to look after the roads.

4. There are other places again where the Public Works Department can advantageously carry out work for the Boards, as in the case of the Gudalúr road in the Cumbum valley, Madura.

5. As regards irrigation works, however, I think there are good reasons why they should not be placed in charge of the Local Fund establishment: first, the Local Fund Engineers, with the exception perhaps of a few men who have formerly been employed in the Public Works Department, have not the requisite training to enable them to deal with irrigation and hydraulic questions; secondly, Engineers under the control of Local Fund Boards would necessarily give their chief attention to roads, and it is important, I think, that works on which revenue depends should be in charge of officers either of the Public Works or Revenue Department who are directly responsible to Government for their efficiency.

6. Occasionally the dual establishments may be mutually helpful, but I think it can only be occasionally.

From H. S. TAYLOR, Esq., Superintendent of Works, Periyár Project, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 11th May 1888, No. 101 P.R.

With reference to para. 1 of G.O. No. 1331, of 5th instant, I have the honor to report that there are no works in connection with the Periyár project which can be handed over to Local Board.

ORDER—dated 20th August 1888, No. 2569 W., Public Works.

The foregoing papers are replies to G.O. No. 1331 W., dated 5th May 1888, calling for reports with reference to para. 2 of G.O., dated 9th April 1888, No. 701, Local and Municipal.

2. The replies indicate that very few works now in charge of the Public Works Department can with advantage be made over to District Boards. The subject should,

however, be kept in view by Superintending Engineers, and if at any time they find that works appertaining to the Public Works Department in a particular locality can more conveniently be carried out by the District Board, the matter should be specially reported for the consideration of the Government.

3. The principle of mutual help between the two departments has all along been recognised, for the Public Works Department has accepted the maintenance of roads and the construction of bridges in several districts, while the Local Fund Department has undertaken * the repair of many postal buildings in remote localities.

* G.O. No. 3210 W., dated 24th Nov. 1887.
" " 595 W., " 20th Feb. 1888.
" " 1059 W., " 9th April "

(True Extract.)

Captain, R.E.,
Under-Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Local and Municipal Department.
To Superintending Engineers.
To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Revenue Department.

Exd, V. R. Bartleman,
Spare Copies

2569/M

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of {1888} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated August, 20th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 20th Aug. 1888, No. 2569 W.

AUGUST.

Public Works

Passing orders on replies received to G.O. No. 1331 W., dated 5th May 1888, calling for reports with reference to para. 2 of G.O., dated 7th April 1888, No. 701, Local and Municipal, regarding the transfer to Local Boards of any — under the Public Works Department.

20th February 1888, No. 595 W., Public Works.

2569/4

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following paper :—

G.O., dated 13th February 1888, Mis. No. 375 L., Local and Municipal.

Read—the following letter from R. B. BUCKLEY, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Civil Works—Buildings), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 31st January 1888, No. 45 B. :—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your endorsement, No. 3210 W., Public Works, of the 24th November 1887, forwarding copy of the proceedings of the Government of Madras in the Public Works Department in connection with the orders issued by the Local Government for the repair of Post office buildings by Local Fund Boards.

2. It is observed that the Madura District Board have expressed their unwillingness to undertake these works on the ground that their Engineer has enough to do already.

3. I am to express the hope of the Governor-General in Council that the Madura District Board may be induced to reconsider their decision in this matter. The arrangement proposed is obviously one for the public interest and convenience; and, as the necessary funds are to be furnished to the Board and the work of repair can be but a very inconsiderable addition to the duties of the District Board Engineer, it is hoped that the Board will see their way to accepting the proposal.

Order—dated 13th February 1888, Mis. No. 375 L., Local and Municipal.

Referred to the President, District Board, Madura, for report.

2. The Government trust that, on re-consideration, the District Board will accede to the wish of the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. S. MEYER,
Asst. Secretary to Government.

Order—dated 20th February 1888, No. 595 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, in continuation of G.O., No. 3209 W., dated 24th November 1887.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Exd. J. Moses.
Spare Copies

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1888) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated February, 20th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 20th Feb. 1888, No. 595 W.

FEBRUARY.

Post Office Buildings

Proceedings of the Local and Municipal Department on letter from the Government of India expressing a hope that the Madura District Board may re-consider their decision and undertake the repairs to — in their district, communicated to the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.

9th April 1888, Nos. 701, 702 L., Local and Municipal.

9569/5

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper :—

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, Home Department (Public), under date Calcutta, the 10th February 1888, No. 10—272-84.

Read—

Note B 55 by the Finance Committee on the amalgamation of Provincial and Local Establishment for Public Works.

Resolution—

Local Governments have been already made aware by the copies of the Note B 55 of the Finance Committee which were circulated for an expression of opinion that the Committee took up at considerable length the question of expense caused by the maintenance of double establishments for that class of public works which are known as Civil Buildings, Roads, and other Services.

2. It has been stated that the immediate effect of the introduction of the scheme of local self-government was in many places to promote the creation of dual establishments for such works, by setting up establishments under the control of the Local Boards for the execution of works handed over to those Boards, as distinct from the Public Works establishments retained for those works which remained under the control of the Government.

It was contemplated, however, that by degrees most of these works would be handed over entirely to the Local Boards, and the double establishments thus be saved.* This result is in most provinces far from being yet reached: in some the transfer has hardly begun, in others it has made considerable progress; and it is in the latter that the additional expense caused by the double establishment is most marked. The method, moreover, in which the transfer is being carried out differs in the several provinces; so that it would be impossible, during this period of transition, to lay down one rule for economising establishments which would apply to all. Thus in one province, work is still carried out for the Boards by the Public Works establishment, which acts quite independently of them, after having once taken over the works; in another, the Public Works establishment has been made over for the use of the Boards, although not entirely subordinated to them, and carries out Local as well as Provincial works; in a third, a portion of the establishment has been lent to the Boards, which are otherwise independent as regards the works transferred to them, but are subject to the direction and the system of accounts of the Public Works Department, while a separate establishment at the same time carries out Provincial and Imperial works; in another, the works handed over to the Boards have been practically taken out of the hands of the Public Works establishment,

* Resolution in the Home Department, No. 17—747-59, dated 18th May 1882.

which only carries out Provincial and Imperial works. It is in the last class that the dualisation of the establishments has been most complete, and that the expense is most marked. The reason of this is that the Public Works establishment has to look after Provincial or Imperial works scattered amongst local works over a very wide extent of country, and consequently the cost of establishment bears a very high proportion to the outlay on works and repairs.

3. The majority of the Finance Committee, observing the expense caused by the double agency during the period of transition, recommended that some arrangement should be entered into for amalgamating the establishments, and their recommendations are clearly in the direction of again placing the execution of the works wholly under the Public Works organisation. The Governor-General in Council, however, while opposed to any measures of compulsion in the direction indicated, is of opinion that the complete amalgamation of Provincial and Local establishments is in itself undesirable, and would in practice be productive of inefficiency. At the same time, he agrees that double establishments are a disadvantage, both to the Local Boards themselves and to the Government, in cases where the quantity of work is not sufficient to fully employ both. It is incumbent upon the Government to see that money, whether raised by local rates or by general taxation, is economically spent. The supervision of local works by Local Boards is a valuable means to this end, but Local Governments should, as far as may be consistent with the duties and position assigned to these Boards, prevent the division of work from giving rise to the necessity for two independent sets of establishments. The methods adopted to mitigate the evil must vary according to circumstances, and with reference to the local conditions, which differ considerably as indicated in paragraph 2, but the general principle to be adopted should be that all important works should be carried out by professional Engineers in order to secure sound engineering, while Local Boards should be left to entertain their own petty establishments for executing repairs and minor works of construction. The system introduced should, however, be to some extent elastic, and the alteration in existing arrangements should be moderate and well considered. Acting on this principle the measure to be taken in some provinces should be in the direction of encouraging Local Boards to hand over the execution of works to the Public Works Department by making a very moderate charge for supervision, while retaining in their own hands full discretion in the selection of works to be carried out. In other provinces, where works on a considerable scale are being successfully carried out by the Local Boards, the measures should be in the direction of transferring more, until all this class of work is handed over to the Boards, and the retention of the Public Works establishment for it, except for purposes of Government control, becomes unnecessary. In short, any opportunities for amalgamation and for abandonment of the present dual system should be embraced by either transfer of Provincial to Local or the reverse whenever such transfer would not conflict with the principles thus laid down. At the same time, precautions must be taken against the exercise upon the Boards of pressure incompatible with the policy of local self-government, against the exaction of excessive percentages for local work done by the Public Works establishment, and against any manifestation by Public Works officers of a disposition to treat the wishes of the Boards otherwise than in a tolerant and conciliatory spirit.

4. The Governor-General in Council is further of opinion that in any cases in which Provincial or Imperial works are handed over to be carried out by the Local Boards establishment, the transfer should be made subject to a guarantee that the expenditure is to be accounted for in Public Works forms, and audited by Public Works Examiners. There has been considerable correspondence on this subject from time to time between the Government of India and the Governments of the Punjab and of Assam; and in both these cases the result has been that the Public Works system of accounts has been insisted on, as essential for the Public Works outlay of the Boards, subject to such modifications as may be approved to meet local requirements. Generally, it may be said that the following extracts paragraphs 1—4 of a letter, No. 308 A.G., dated 30th December 1884, to the Government of the Punjab, express the wishes of the Government of India in this matter :—

"I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your No. 759 of 15th March 1884, under which was forwarded a copy of the Notification quoted in the margin, prescribing general rules for the guidance of District and Local Boards, in which sanction was solicited to certain proposed alterations in the procedure for the supply of funds for, and audit of, accounts of Public Works entrusted to the Boards.

No. 528½, dated 26th February 1884.

"2. In reply, I am to observe that, in the opinion of the Government of India, the decentralization of control does not call for such important changes in these matters as the procedure laid down in the rules under notice will occasion, and I am to communicate the following observations thereon.

"3. The duties of the local authorities comprise essentially the selection of projects, the sanctioning of estimates, the allotment of funds placed under their control, and the general supervision and management of works—subject in all these matters to the well-chosen restrictions regarding professional assistance that have been imposed in the rules under notice. From the duties relating to the actual provision of cash and to the details of audit and booking, the Boards should be, as far as possible, entirely freed.

"4. Funds for expenditure should consequently, precisely as hitherto, be obtained through the medium of the Examiner of Accounts, and the booking, as well as the audit of the accounts, should rest finally with that officer. It is in no way essential that the Accountant-General of the Province should concern himself with the audit or with the booking of the outlay which, if brought upon his books, as the correspondence forwarded with your letter shows would be the case under the new rules, would at the close of the year be dealt with as Public Works, and not as Civil expenditure. The only Public Works expenditure with which he would have directly to deal is of the nature alluded to in Public Works Department Code, Chapter XV, paragraph 57, and for this disbursers would account, as heretofore, directly to him."

5. Hitherto, it is only in the Provinces of Madras and Bengal that the outlay of the Local Boards upon Public Works has been wholly freed from the control and accounts system of the Public Works Department. In both these provinces a special system of audit of Local Boards' accounts is in force, and it is presumed that the Local Governments are satisfied that the Public Works expenditure from Local rates is by this means sufficiently controlled and supervised. But it may be open to doubt whether in these cases the larger and more important works undertaken by the Boards might not be managed to the greater satisfaction both of the Government and of the Boards, if they were carried on under the system of control prescribed in the Public Works Department.

The Government of India has no wish to force the control of the Public Works Department on works which have been long in the hands of the Boards, if the Local Government think it unnecessary; but, while drawing attention to the matter, they desire that in the case of the more important works which have of late years been transferred, or will be transferred in the future, arrangements should be made to employ the necessary skilled departmental agency, to maintain the necessary control and to apply a proper system of audit and account in the direction indicated in paragraph 4.

Order—

Ordered, that the above remarks, which convey the decision of the Government of India upon the Note of the Finance Committee, and upon the question of the mutual relation between Local Boards and the Public Works Department in regard to Public Works at the present time, be circulated to Local Governments and Administrations for information and guidance.

Ordered also, that a copy be sent to the Public Works Department and to the Finance Department, with reference to its No. 42, dated 5th January 1887.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. M. YOUNG,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Government of Madras.

2569/7

Order—dated 9th April 1888, No. 701 L., Local and Municipal.

Recorded, with the remark that the Government adhere to the views expressed in G.O., 2nd September 1886, No. 1071 L.F., and in letter to the Government of India, dated 21st February 1887, No. 226, Financial, as to the inexpediency of handing over any of the Public Works now under the control of Local Boards to the Public Works Department. The Government are satisfied that the expenditure from Local rates is sufficiently controlled and supervised.

2. It will be considered in the Public Works Department whether any of the works now under that department or any of the minor irrigation works can with advantage be made over to the Local Boards on the conditions suggested in paragraph 4 of the Government of India Resolution read above. The assent of the Local Boards to those conditions will be essential.

(True Extract.)

H. E. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department, with copy of letter,
dated 21st February 1887, No. 226, Financial.

Endorsement—dated 9th April 1888, No. 702 L., Local and Municipal.

Copy to the Government of India, Home Department, with copies of the Proceedings referred to in paragraph 1.

H. E. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. Raitt.

Communicated to Supty Engrs who will with reference to para 2 of the order in the Financial Dept, report whether any works now under the P.W. Dept. can with advantage be made over to Local Boards.

2. The Chief Engineer for Irrigation will report his views with respect to minor irrigation work.

Supty Engrs
Ch. E. for Irrn

Govt. of (1888) Madras.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL.

Issued

Recd. Encl.

G.O., &c., 9th April 1888, Nos. 701, 702 L.

APRIL.

Public Works.

Recording, with remarks, resolution of the Government of India on note by the Finance Committee in regard to the transfer of Local Fund — to the Public Works Department.

Vide 2569 W. 20-8-88

With order

19
95/8

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following paper :—

G.O., dated 24th March 1888, Mis. No. 619 L., Local and Municipal.

Read—the following letter from the President, District Board, Madura, dated 8th March 1888, No. 69 :—

Adverting to G.O., dated 13th February 1888, Mis. No. 375 L., I have the honor to report that the District Board, Madura, have, on reconsideration, accepted the Chief Engineer's proposal as to the carrying out of repairs to certain post office buildings in this district, referred to in G.O., dated 7th July 1887, No. 1292 L., Local and Municipal Department.

2. Copy of the District Board's resolution is enclosed.

Order—dated 24th March 1888, Mis. No. 619 L., Local and Municipal.

Communicated to the Public Works Department, with reference to endorsement in that department, dated 6th February 1888, No. 515 C.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. S. MEYER,
Assistant Secretary.

Order—dated 9th April 1888, No. 1058 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, in continuation of G.O., No. 595 W., dated 20th February 1888.

2. A copy of these proceedings will be forwarded to the Government of India, with reference to their letter, No. 45 B., dated 31st January 1888.

(Here enter No. 1059 W., dated 9th April 1888.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Endorsement—dated 9th April 1888, No. 1059 W., Public Works.

Forwarded.

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

Exd. J. Moses.
Spare Copies

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Gobt. of {1888} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated April, 9th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 9th April 1888, No. 1059 W.

APRIL.

Post Office Buildings

Forwarding copy of proceedings regarding the acceptance of the Madura District Board to carry out the repairs to certain — in that district.

J 589/9

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following papers :—

From R. B. BUCKLEY, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Civil Works—Buildings), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 9th June 1887, No. 192 B.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 2926 W., dated 6th November 1886, on the subject of the maintenance and repair of all postal buildings in the Madras Presidency which are not situated at the head-quarters of divisions and sub-divisions of the Public Works Department.

2. In reply, I am to suggest that it might be possible to arrange through Local Boards for the work which the Public Works Department finds a difficulty in undertaking by its direct agency. If this cannot be done, orders will be issued on the proposal that the work should be undertaken by the Postal Department.

3. I am, however, to point out that in any case the care of the Post office buildings, as of all other public offices, is primarily the function of the Department Public Works, and that the Postal Department will not be able to take over more than a fraction of the outlying Post offices, because its constitution is specially ill-adapted to the construction and repair of buildings. The members of the Postal Department do not possess any professional knowledge of the requisite kind the buildings concerned are tenanted, for the most part, by native subordinates on very low salaries of about Rs. 20 or 30 per mensem, while the postal supervising officers are few in number with enormous jurisdictions and are both ignorant of local rates and unable to test the quality of work executed.

From Colonel J. O. HASTED, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, to the Chief Engineer, Travancore, dated 1st July 1887, No. 2195 C.

I have the honor to inquire whether you can arrange for the execution of repairs to the Post office buildings at Alleppey, Kottáyam, Nagercoil and Peermaad, the cost of repairs and a percentage for establishment, tools and plant being paid by this department.

2. Great inconvenience has been experienced by this department in carrying out repairs to the buildings in question owing to their distance from stations at which officers of this department are located.

No. 2196 C.

Sómpet (Ganjam).
Venkatagirikóta (North Arcot)
Mimissal (Tanjore).
Patukóta (do.)
Ammayanáyakanúr (Madura).
Ramnad (Madura).
Sátúr (Tinnevelly).
Tenkási (Tinnevelly).
Virudupati (Tinnevelly).
Srívaikuntham (Tinnevelly)
Vasudevanallur (Tinnevelly)
Sivakási (Tinnevelly).

The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, has the honor to inquire whether arrangements can be made by Local Fund Boards concerned for the carrying out of repairs to Post office buildings situated at the places noted in the margin, the cost of the repairs and a percentage for establishment and tools and plant being paid by this department.

2. Great inconvenience has been experienced in carrying out repairs to the buildings in question owing to their distance from stations at which officers of this department are located.

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Col., R.E.,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

1st July 1887.

From the Chief Engineer, Travancore Government, to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Chepâk, dated Trivandrum, 5th July 1887, No. 4451.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter, No. 2195 C., of the 1st instant.

2. I shall be happy to have the works mentioned undertaken as desired.

Proceedings of Government in the Local and Municipal Department, dated 7th July 1887, No. 1292 L.

Proceedings of Government in the Local and Municipal Department, dated 6th October 1887, No. 1899 L.

Read—again G.O., dated 7th July 1887, No. 1292 L., Local and Municipal.

Read—also the following papers :—

From C. F. MACCARTIE, Esq., President, District Board, North Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Chittoor, 19th July 1887, No. 59.

Adverting to G.O., dated 7th instant, No. 1292 L., I have the honor to state that I have no objection to the repairs of the Post office building at Venkatagirikóta being carried out by the District Board Engineering establishment under the arrangements proposed by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

From E. GIBSON, Esq., President, District Board, Tanjore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Vallam, 6th August 1887, No. 83.

With reference to G.O., No. 1292 L., dated 7th July 1887, I have the honor to inform you that the repairs to the Post offices in this district can be carried out by the Local Fund Engineer.

From J. LEE-WARNER, Esq., President, District Board, Tinnevelly, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 16th August 1887, No. 89.

In reference to G.O., dated 7th July 1887, No. 1292 L., Local and Municipal, I have the honor to report that arrangements can be made for the carrying out of the repairs to Post office buildings therein referred to in the manner proposed by the Chief Engineer.

From J. G. HORSFALL, Esq., President, District Board, Ganjam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Chatrapur, 23rd August 1887, No. 1214.

With reference to G.O., dated 7th July, No. 1292 L., and official memorandum, dated 9th instant, No. 552, I have the honor to state that the District Board can undertake repairs to the building occupied by the Post office at Sómpet.

From E. TURNER, Esq., President, District Board, Madura, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 15th September 1887, No. 99.

Adverting to G.O., dated 7th July 1887, No. 1292 L., Local and Municipal, I have the honor to submit copy of resolution, No. 83 of 1887, from which it will be seen that the District Board, Madura, are not inclined to accept the proposal of the Chief Engineer as to the carrying out of repairs to certain Post office buildings, as the Local Fund District Engineer has already enough of his own legitimate work to attend to.

ENCLOSURE.

PROCEEDINGS of the District Board, Madura, passed at the monthly meeting held on Saturday, the 10th September 1887.

* * * * *

No. 83.—Read G.O., No. 1292 L., dated 7th July 1887, requesting to report on the proposal of the Chief Engineer as to carrying out repairs by the District Board to Post office buildings at Ramnad and Ammayanáyakanúr, the cost of repairs and a percentage for establishment and tools and plant being paid by the Government, Public Works Department.

Also Local Fund District Engineer's endorsement, No. 1295, dated 27th July 1887.

Resolution.—The proposal is not approved. The Board are of opinion that their Engineer has enough to do already.

* * * * *

Order—dated 6th October 1887, No. 1899 L., Local and Municipal.

The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, will be informed that the District Boards of Ganjam, North Arcot, Tanjore and Tinnevelly agree to undertake the repairs to the Post office buildings in their districts on the terms mentioned in his memorandum, No. 2196 C., dated 1st July 1887. The Madura District Board is unwilling to accept the proposal, as its Engineer is already sufficiently occupied.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. S. MEYER,
for Ag. Chief Secretary.

ORDER—dated 24th November 1887, No. 3209 W., Public Works.

Communicated to Superintending Engineers concerned for information.

2. Repairs to the Post offices, except those in the Madura district, named in the Chief Engineer's memorandum, No. 2196 C., dated 1st July 1887, above recorded, will be intrusted to the Engineering establishments of the District Boards, the requisite funds, in addition to the usual charges for establishment and tools and plant, being placed at their disposal by Superintending Engineers.

3. With the consent of the Travancore Government, which will be applied for in the Political Department, the repair of the Post offices at Alleppey, Kottáyam,

Nagercoil and Peermaad will be intrusted to the Chief Engineer, Travancore, on terms similar to those refered to in G.O., No. 1909 W., dated 15th July 1887.

4. Ordered that a copy of these proceedings be forwarded to the Government of India.

(Here enter No. 3210 W., dated 24th November 1887.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, I Circle.
" " " V "
" " " VI "
" Postmaster-General.
" Political Department.

Exd. J. Moses.
Spare Copies

2569/11

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1887) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated November, 24th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 24th Nov. 1887, No. 3209 W.

NOVEMBER.

Post Office Buildings

Orders issued for the repair of — at certain places by Local Fund Engineers.

24th November 1887, No. 3210 W., Public Works.

[illegible]

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following papers :—

From R. B. BUCKLEY, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Civil Works—Buildings), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 9th June 1887, No. 192 B.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 2926 W., dated 6th November 1886, on the subject of the maintenance and repair of all postal buildings in the Madras Presidency which are not situated at the head-quarters of divisions and sub-divisions of the Public Works Department.

2. In reply, I am to suggest that it might be possible to arrange through Local Boards for the work which the Public Works Department finds a difficulty in undertaking by its direct agency. If this cannot be done, orders will be issued on the proposal that the work should be undertaken by the Postal Department.

3. I am, however, to point out that in any case the care of the Post office buildings, as of all other public offices, is primarily the function of the Department Public Works, and that the Postal Department will not be able to take over more than a fraction of the outlying Post offices, because its constitution is specially ill-adapted to the construction and repair of buildings. The members of the Postal Department do not possess any professional knowledge of the requisite kind the buildings concerned are tenanted, for the most part, by native subordinates on very low salaries of about Rs. 20 or 30 per mensem, while the postal supervising officers are few in number with enormous jurisdictions and are both ignorant of local rates and unable to test the quality of work executed.

No. 2196 C.

The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, has the honor to inquire whether arrangements can be made by Local Fund Boards concerned for the carrying out of repairs to Post office buildings situated at the places noted in the margin, the cost of the repairs and a percentage for establishment and tools and plant being paid by this department.

Sómpet (Ganjam).
Venkatagirikóta (North Arcot)
Mimissal (Tanjore).
Patukóta (do.)
Ammayanáyakanúr (Madura).
Ramnad (Madura).
Sátúr (Tinnevelly).
Tenkási (Tinnevelly).
Viradupati (Tinnevelly).
Srívaikuntham (Tinnevelly)
Vasudevanallur (Tinnevelly)
Sivakási (Tinnevelly).

2. Great inconvenience has been experienced in carrying out repairs to the buildings in question owing to their distance from stations at which officers of this department are located.

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Col., R.E.,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

1st July 1887.

Proceedings of Government in the Local and Municipal Department, dated 7th July 1887, No. 1292 L.

Proceedings of Government in the Local and Municipal Department, dated 6th October 1887, No. 1899 L.

Read—again G.O., dated 7th July 1887, No. 1292 L., Local and Municipal.

Read—also the following papers:—

From C. F. MacCARTIE, Esq., President, District Board, North Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Chittoor, 19th July 1887, No. 59.

Adverting to G.O., dated 7th instant, No. 1292 L., I have the honor to state that I have no objection to the repairs of the Post office building at Venkatagirikóta being carried out by the District Board Engineering establishment under the arrangements proposed by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

From E. GIBSON, Esq., President, District Board, Tanjore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Vallam, 6th August 1887, No. 83.

With reference to G.O., No. 1292 L., dated 7th July 1887, I have the honor to inform you that the repairs to the Post offices in this district can be carried out by the Local Fund Engineer.

From J. LEE-WARNER, Esq., President, District Board, Tinnevelly, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 16th August 1887, No. 89.

In reference to G.O., dated 7th July 1887, No. 1292 L., Local and Municipal, I have the honor to report that arrangements can be made for the carrying out of the repairs to Post office buildings therein referred to in the manner proposed by the Chief Engineer.

From J. G. HORSFALL, Esq., President, District Board, Ganjam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Chatrapur, 23rd August 1887, No. 1214.

With reference to G.O., dated 7th July, No. 1292 L., and official memorandum, dated 9th instant, No. 552, I have the honor to state that the District Board can undertake repairs to the building occupied by the Post office at Sómpet.

From E. TURNER, Esq., President, District Board, Madura, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 15th September 1887, No. 99.

Adverting to G.O., dated 7th July 1887, No. 1292 L., Local and Municipal, I have the honor to submit copy of resolution, No. 83 of 1887, from which it will be seen that the District Board, Madura, are not inclined to accept the proposal of the Chief Engineer as to the carrying out of repairs to certain Post office buildings, as the Local Fund District Engineer has already enough of his own legitimate work to attend to.

Enclosure.

Proceedings of the District Board, Madura, passed at the monthly meeting held on Saturday, the 10th September 1887.

* * * * *

No. 83.—Read G.O., No. 1292 L., dated 7th July 1887, requesting to report on the proposal of the Chief Engineer as to carrying out repairs by the District Board to Post office buildings at Ramnad and Ammayanáyakanúr, the cost of repairs and a percentage for establishment and tools and plant being paid by the Government, Public Works Department.

Also Local Fund District Engineer's endorsement, No. 1295, dated 27th July 1887.

Resolution.—The proposal is not approved. The Board are of opinion that their Engineer has enough to do already.

* * * * *

Order—dated 6th October 1887, No. 1899 L., Local and Municipal.

The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, will be informed that the District Boards of Ganjam, North Arcot, Tanjore and Tinnevelly agree to undertake the repairs to the Post office buildings in their districts on the terms mentioned in his memorandum, No. 2196 C., dated 1st July 1887. The Madura District Board is unwilling to accept the proposal, as its Engineer is already sufficiently occupied.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. S. MEYER,
for Ag. Chief Secretary.

Order—dated 24th November 1887, No. 3209 W., Public Works.

Communicated to Superintending Engineers concerned for information.

2. Repairs to the Post offices, except those in the Madura district, named in the Chief Engineer's memorandum, No. 2196 C., dated 1st July 1887, above recorded, will be intrusted to the Engineering establishments of the District Boards, the requisite funds, in addition to the usual charges for establishment and tools and plant, being placed at their disposal by Superintending Engineers.

3. With the consent of the Travancore Government, which will be applied for in the Political Department, the repair of the Post offices at Alleppey, Kottáyam, Nagercoil and Peermaad will be intrusted to the Chief Engineer, Travancore, on terms similar to those refered to in G.O., No. 1909 W., dated 15th July 1887.

4. Ordered that a copy of these proceedings be forwarded to the Government of India.

(Here enter No. 3210 W., dated 24th November 1887.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, I Circle.
" " " V "
" " " VI "
" Postmaster-General.
" Political Department.
" Local and Municipal Department.

Endorsement—dated 24th November 1887, No [illegible]210 W., Public Works.

Forwarded.

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

Exd. J. Moses.
Spare Copies

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of {1887} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated November, 24th.

Encl.

Recd.

G.O., 24th Nov. 1887, No. 3210 W.

NOVEMBER.

Post Office Buildings

Forwarding copy of proceedings issuing orders for the repair of — at certain places by Local Fund Engineers.

G.O. No. 1331. W. dated 5 May 1888

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
15 MAY 88
P.W. DEPARTMENT, MADRAS.

989/14

Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrign.

No. 1

With reference to G.O. No. 1331. W. dated 5th May 1888, para 2. Calling for my views with regard to the advisability of any of the Minor Irrigation works being made over to the Local Fund Boards, I consider that only in very special cases should
this be done, and most certainly none of the ordinary repairs to the Minor Irrigation Works, carried out by the Collectors should be made over.

2. My reason for this is that the policy and wish of Government is that these works should be executed by the ryots themselves and that they should be made as much as possible to take an interest in the works, and eventually as the work of Tank Restoration Scheme goes on that they should contribute labour &c towards

the

the necessary repairs to the irrigation works, see para 4 of G.O. No 477 Rev. dated 14 May 1887.

3. If these repair works are carried out through the Local Fund Establishments, of course the repairs would be done by Contract, all work done would be measured up and paid for at ordinary rates and the ryots would take no interest in the works but look on it that they had nothing to do with the repairs but that Government were even bound to keep all the works in efficient repair without their doing anything towards them.

4. I consider it absolutely necessary and advisable that these repairs should be carried out through the Revenue Dept that has the influence necessary to make the people take an interest in the works and be to a great extent responsible for their proper upkeep. The Revenue Department have village and taluq Establishments and if these are worked properly much can be done.

5. Another point has to be considered, could the Local Fund Road Establishments undertake the work even if strengthened. I hold they could not. The P.W.D. 10 years ago had charge of all the works in the Districts including the Roads and all the irrigation works, and it is notorious that the Minor Irrigation works were neglected and the reason is obvious, the Minor Irrigation works are so numerous, it is impossible for any small Dept to properly supervise them, the work must be done by the villagers themselves led and assisted by the Revenue Department with their prestige and village and taluq Establishments. In the whole Presidency there are 28,000 of these works

In Ganjam	there are	2355	Minor Works
" Madura	"	5188	Do
" North Arcot	"	2669	Do
" South Arcot	"	2684	Do.

I consider it would be impossible for the Local Fund Establishments even if strengthened to execute the necessary repairs to say even 10 per cent of their work year by year.

P.W.C. No. 4717

6. I see no objection in special cases for the Local Fund Boards being asked to execute repairs to Irrigation work (Imperial or Minor) when for any special reasons it may be advantageous to do so, just in the same way as is done now occasionally (Post offices for example) and as the P.W.D. carry out works for the Local Fund Boards (Madura Bridge for example) but I strongly object to irrigation works being as a rule carried out by Local Fund Board Establishment in any District, the work should generally be done by the P.W. and Revenue Departments.

Recd. 19.5.88

Ootacamund
16th May 1888 (7)

Col. RE.
Chief Engineer for Irrign.

To

The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

1331 W 5.5.88
407 I. 6.7.87

~~1331 W. 5. 5. 88~~
1066 C. 12. 3. 88 G.O. 575 W
1125 C. 5. 2. 87 20.2.88
197 C. 20. 1. 87 G.O. 2210 W
G.O. 2495 W. 25. 9. 86 24.11.87
2010 W. 12. 8. 86
1059 W. 5. 4. 88

13-5-88

Await replies from Supt. Engrs.

File
16/8/88

5-VI-88

NO. 255 G.I. 38

FROM,

G. T. Walch Esqr.
THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

FIRST CIRCLE.

TO,

THE CHIEF ENGINEER

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

DOWLAISHWARAM, 27th July 1888

SIR,

With reference to para 2 of G.O No. 701 L. Local & Municipal dated 9-4-88 communicated with G.O No. 1331 W. dated 5-5-88 I have the honor to report that there are no works in this Circle which can with advantage be made over to the Local Boards.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedient Servt.

G. T. Walch
Supt. Engr. 1st Circle.

TK

P.W.C. No 71

FROM, G. T. Walch Esqr

~~THE~~ SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

(3) FIRST CIRCLE

TO,

THE CHIEF ENGINEER

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

DATED 27th
DESPTCHED 30th } July 188 8
RECEIVED

NO. 255 G.L.

ENCLOSURES.

SUBJECT.

Informs that there are no works in this circle which can with advantage be handed over to Local Boards.

R.13.8.88 v R.20.8.88

Superintending Engineers Office

No. 81 G.L.

2nd Circle, Bezwada

4th June 1888.

From G 8/18

4 P

J. Hannan Esquire,

Superintending Engineer,

II Circle.

To

The Chief Engineer,

Public Works Department,

Thro' The Chief Engineer for Irrigation

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No. 1331 W of the 5th May 1888 requesting Superintending Engineers to report whether any works now under the Public Works Department can with advantage be made over to Local Boards, I have the honor to inform you that the Executive Engineer Nellore Division states that there are no works in his Division that could be handed over to the Local Boards. As I know nothing personally of the Nellore District I cannot offer an opinion.

2. As regards the Kistna District, I am of opinion that all the works beyond

a distance of 5 miles from the Ellore and Commamur Canals including the 10 Imperial Tanks in the Bezwada Taluq which are from 5 to 20 miles North of Bezwada, may, ~~I think~~, with advantage be made over to Local Boards.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obed^t Servant

J Harman
Superintending Engineer
II Circle

O. C.
Compd

P. W. Dept 5585

CHIEF ENGINEER
No. 10-II
7th JUN 88
FOR IRRIGATION

From,

(3)

The Supdg. Engineer,
2nd Circle

To,

The Chief Engineer,
P. W. D.

Thro' The Chief Engineer,
For Irrigation.

Dated 4th June 1888

No. 52 Sw.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer Public Works Department

For Chief Engineer for Irrign.

{ Madras
June 1888 }

No. 81 G.L.

Keep with the other [illegible] which are received

Works under the P. W. Deptt:
Informs that the Ex. Engr Nellore Dn
states that there are no works in
his division that could be
handed over to the L. F. Boards;
and that certain works in
the Kistna district may with
advantage be made over
to Local Fund Boards.

12.6.88

With Endorsement

13. 8. 88

Superintending Engineer's Office,
3rd Circle
Bellary 27 June 1888.

No. 635

From Col. H. Smalley R.E.
~~THE~~ SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
IIIrd CIRCLE.

58

To
THE Chief Engineer
P. W. Deptt.
Madras

Sir,

Enclosures.

With reference to G.O. No. 1331 W dated 5th May 1888, I have the honor to report that irrespective of Irrigation works, Minor New Works and Repairs under Postal, Telegraph and Police might generally with advantage be made over to the Local Fund Boards for execution. These buildings are always on or near roads which are kept up by the Local Fund Boards, and their Engineer could look after work on them without inconvenience; whereas in many cases the D.P.W. has no irrigation or other work in the neighbourhood of such buildings and

works

P. W. Circ 6301

From
The Superintending Engineer,
IIIrd Circle.

(31)

To
The Chief Engineer
P. W. Deptt.
Madras

Dated 27th } June 1888.
Received }

Enclosures.

No. 635

Minor New Works and Repairs under Postal, Telegraph and Police

Recommending the transfer of [illegible] to the Local Fund Boards for execution irrespective of Irrigation work.

Complied with 24.6.88 DW

with Madras

No: 218 / PW

Supdg: Engineer's office 4th Circle
Coimbatore, 6th June 1888.

9 5/82
6 P

From,

Colonel J. Beatty R.E.,
Supdg: Engineer, 4th Circle.

To,

The Chief Engineer,
P. W. Department.

Sir,

Adverting to para 1 of G. O. No. 1331 W of 5th Ultimo, I have the honor to state that there are no works in this Circle, which can with advantage be made over to the District Board.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt servt.

J. Beatty Colonel RE
Supdg: Engineer 4th Circle

A

works

PWC No 5382

(3)

From

The Supt Engineer,
Fourth circle

Dated 6th June/88
Rd 8.6.88

No. 218/W.

Works:-

States that there are no works in the circle which can with advantage be made over to the District Board.

Compile
WCM
8.6.88

DW

6.13.8.88 R. 20.8.88

6.13.8.88 R 20.8.88

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
V CIRCLE, MADRAS,
Bangalore ~~Chepauk~~, 5 July 1888.

No. 1457.

From Colonel H. M. Vibart R.E. 78

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
V CIRCLE,

858/174

To
THE Chief Engineer
Public Works Deptt.

Enclosures

SIR,

With reference to G.O. No. 1331 W dated 5th May 1888 I have the honor to state that none of the works in this Circle under the P.W. Deptt. can with advantage be made over to the Local Boards.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. servt.
H. M. Vibart
Col R.E.
Supdg Engineer V Circle

works

P. W. Cns 6628

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

V CIRCLE,

(3)

To

THE Chief Engineer

P. W. Department.

Dated 5th } July 1888.
Recd. 7th }

ENCLOSURES.

No. 1457.

States that none of the works in this Circle under the P. W. Department can with advantage be made over to the Local Boards.

Compilation
9.7.88

a. 13. 8. 88 R. 20. 8. 88

No. 439 T. J. Supdg. Engineer's Office VI Circle
Trichinopoly 29th May 1888

D 30/-

J 8/6/9/8

8/10

From,

J. W. Rundall Esqre M. I. C. E.
Superintending Engineer
VI Circle

To,

The Chief Engineer
P. W. D

Sir,

I have the honor, with referen to G. O. No 1331 ½ of the 6th Instant, to state that except in isolated & not often occurring cases, I do not think it would be possible with advantage to make over any works to the Local Boards.

2. As far as I know, the Local Fun Engineers complain of want of Establishment, & if works now in cha of the P. W. D were handed over in any numbers, the first thing that would happen would be a L. F. demand for increase in Establishment.

3 The isolated cases in which

works

works could be handed over with advantage, are in the case of large zemindaries, where there is no P.W Establishment, ~~not~~ and where there is Local Fund Establishment. For instance, when the Ramnad Dy is abolished, it would be an advantage for repairs to Government Buildings at Ramnad or other places within the zemindary, to be undertaken by the Local Fund Establishment, which must be maintained in the zemindary to look after the Roads.

4. There are other places again where the P.W.D can advantageously carry out work for the Boards, as in the case of the Gudalur Road in the Cumbum valley, Madura.

5. As regards Irrigation works however, I think there are good reasons why they should not be placed in charge of the Local Fund Establishment. First, the Local Fund Engineers, with the exception perhaps of a few men

who

969/86

who have formerly been employed in the P.W.D, have not the requisite training to enable them to deal with irrigation & hydraulic questions. Secondly, Engineers under the control of Local Fund Boards would necessarily give their chief attention to Roads, and it is important, I think, that works on which Revenue depends should be in charge of Officers either of the P.W or Revenue Departments, who are directly responsible to Government for their efficiency.

6. Occasionally the dual Establishments may be mutually helpful, but I think it can only be occasionally.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obdt Servant,

J. W. Rundall
Superintending Engineer
VI Circle

O.P.C. No 5167

From (3)

The Supt. Engineer
6th circle.

To

The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

No. 439 T.J.

Dated 29th } May 1888
Recd. 30th }

States that it would not be possible with advantage to make over any works to the Local Boards ——

4.6.88

D.13.8.88 D.24.8.88

No. 101 P.R

Supdt. of works Office
Periyar Project.
Madura 11th May 1888

D/11th

98/9
97

GP

From.

H. S. Taylor Esquire
Supdt. of works.

To.

The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

Sir,

With reference to para 1 of G.O. No. 1331 of 5th Instant. I have the honor to report that there are no works in connection with the Periyar Project, which can be handed over to Local Board.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt. servt.

Supdt. of works

PWC No. 446

(3/

From.

The Supdt. of works
Periyar Project

To,

The Chief Engineer
P. W D

No. 101 P.R

Dated 11: May 1888

Reports that there are no works in connection with the Periyar Project, wh. can be handed over to Local Board.

15.5.88

Abstract replies to G.O. No. 1831 W d/ 5 May 1888. regarding the advisability of any of the minor Irrigation works being made over to the Local Fund Boards.

Letter from	Abstract
The Chief Eng. for Irrig. d/ 15th May 1888	Considers that only in very special cases should any of the minor Irrig. works be made over to the L. F. Board; that none of the ordinary repairs carried out by Collectors should be made over, and that repairs should be carried out thro' the Revenue Depts. who have the influence necessary to make the ryots take an interest in the works.
The Supdt. Eng. I Circle No. 255 G.L d/ 27 July /88	Informs that there are no works in his Circle that can be made over to the L. F. Board.
The Supdt. Eng. II Circle No. 81 G.L. d/ 4 June 1888.	States that certain works in the Kistna District beyond a distance of 5 miles from the Ellore and Commamur Canals may be made over to the L. F. Boards and that there are no works in the Nellore Dn. which may be transferred.
The Supdt. Eng. III Circle No. 635 d/ 27 June 1888.	Reports that minor new works and repairs under Postal, Telegraph & Police may be transferred to the L. F. Board, as such buildings are near roads kept up by L. F. Board and can be conveniently attended to by their Engineers.
The Supdt. Engr. IV Circle No. 218/Ev. d/ 6 June 1888.	States that there are no works in his Circle that can be made over to the L. F. Board.
The Supdt. Engr. V Circle No. 1457 d/ 5th July 1888	—— Do —— Do —— Do ——
The Supdt. Engr. VI Circle No. 439 I.J. d/ 29 May 1888.	Does not consider it advantageous to transfer any works to the L. F. Bd., except certain Estate works, the chief reason being that L. F. Boards will complain of want of Establt: and that works on which revenue depends should either be under the immediate control of P.W. or Rev: Depts.
The Supdt. Eng. Periyar Dn. No. 101 P.R. d/ 11 May 1888.	Reports that there are no works in connection with the Periyar Project that can be made over to the L. F. Board.

C3/

Abstract of replies

2569W

12.c.88

B & R
el works

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 20 August

2569/99

READ the following

From the Chief Engr. for Irrigation H. E. No. – d/ 15th May 1888
From the Supdg. Engr. I Circle – No. 255 G.L. d/ 27th July 1888
——— do ——— II Circle – No. 81 G.L. d/ 4th June 1888
——— do ——— III Circle – No. 636 d/ 27th June 1888
——— do ——— IV Circle – No. 218 Gw. d/ 6th June 1888
——— do ——— V Circle – No. 1057 d/ 5th July 1888
——— do ——— VI Circle – No. 1039 I.G. d/ 29th May 1888
——— do ——— Periyar Project – No. 101 P.R. d/ 11th May 1888

10 P

The foregoing papers are replies to G.O. No. 1331 W. d/ 5th May 1888, calling for reports with reference to para 2 of G.O. d/ 9th April 1888, No. 701 Local and Municipal.

2. The replies indicate that very few works now in charge of the P.W. Department can with advantage be made over to District Boards. The subject should however be kept in view by Supdg. Engineers, and if at any time they find that works appertaining to the P.W. Deptt. in a particular locality can more conveniently be carried

out

2569/30

(3)

out by the District Board, the matter should be specially reported for the consideration of the Government.

3. The principle of mutual help between the two Deptts: has all along been recognised, for the P. W. Deptt: has accepted the maintenance of roads and the construction of bridges in several districts, while the Local + Fund Deptt: has undertaken the repair of many postal buildings in remote localities.

13.8.88

15/8/88

+ G.O. No 3210 W d/ 24.11.87.
" . 585 W d/ 20.2.88.
" . 1059 W d/ 9.4.88.

21/8

1/9

To the Local & Mul. Deptt.
Deputy: Engineer
" Chief Engr. for [illegible]
" Rev: Deptt:

16.8

17/8

Govt. of {1888} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

21/8

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

G.O. 20th Augt 1888, No 2569 W

Public Works

Passing orders on replies received to G.O. No 1331 W. d: 5th May 1888 calling for reports with reference to para 2 of G.O. d/17th Apl 1888 No 701 Local and Municipal regarding the transfer to Local Boards of any — under the P.W. Department

210/12

21/8.

21/8