Public Works (1897) Department.

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G.O., No. 3570 W

DATED 20th December 1897

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Alathur branch road. Letter from the Govt. of India declining to modify their decision ~~that the~~ moiety of the proposed expenditure on the —— payable by Govt. should be met from Provincial Funds, communicated, with remarks, to the officers concerned

H.O. 1/12

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To Chief Acct. Ch. Secy

I send herewith orig. G.O. No 3570 W of 20.12.97 which contains the order you refer to.

Please return both orders at early convenience.

C.

21.1.98

Reference

You have the printed copy of this as a circular. Put it up.

Cml
21/1/98

Ct. Pub Wks.
S.S.
21/1/98

V.E.

Under the CA's orders this is returned to P.W.D. with thanks.

S.S.
21/1/98
Fml Rest

R.K.

Telephone

From

The Chief Assistant
Chief Secretary

To.

CAW

There were some notes written in connection with the subject of G.O. 3572 W of 20th Decr 97. They are not in the original of this order which we have obtained from you. I think another paper went round at the same time. Could you let me have the notes I refer to for perusal?

Saw
18/1/98

Please see orgl G.O.
3570 W d 20.12.97 – It is not
mentioned within
was CA C/S

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Government (1897) of Madras.

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G.O., No. 3570 W., 20th December 1897.

DECEMBER.

Alathur Branch Road

Letter from the Government of India declining to modify their decision that the moiety of the proposed expenditure on the — payable by Government should be met from Provincial funds, communicated, with remarks, to the officers concerned.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—again the following papers:—

G.O., No. 2086 W., dated 30th July 1897.

Read—the following letter from Colonel M. W. BISSET, R.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Civil Works—Communications), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 23rd June 1897, No. 294 C.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 576 W., dated the 2nd March 1897, in which you intimate that sanction has been accorded by the Government of Madras, under Imperial Civil Works—Communications, to an estimate amounting to Rs. 12,060 for restoring the Alathur branch road, and you add that, as the restoration of the road is urgently required, chiefly in the interests of the Salt Department, it has been decided that half the expenditure shall be met by Government from Imperial funds and half by contributions. You therefore apply for a special allotment, from Imperial funds, of Rs. 6,030, or Rs. 7,507 inclusive of percentages, during 1897-98.

2. In reply, I am to say that the fact that the repairs to the road are required partly or chiefly in the interests of the Salt Department does not, in the opinion of the Government of India, make such repairs a "Salt work" chargeable to Imperial civil works. They consider that to permit of a road being classified as a "Salt work" it must be used *exclusively* for salt purposes, and that when such road is open to the public and used by the public, it becomes a regular "Civil work" even though Salt officers may be part of the public who use it.

Under these circumstances, I am desired to say that the moiety payable by Government of the proposed expenditure on the road in question, should be met from Provincial funds.

Order—No. 2086 W., dated 30th July 1897.

The Government of India will be addressed.

(Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Letter—to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated 30th July 1897, No. 2087 W.

With reference to your letter, No. 294 C., dated 23rd June 1897, conveying the decision of the Government of India that the moiety of the proposed expenditure on the Alathur branch road payable by Government should be met from Provincial funds, I am directed to request a reconsideration of the matter.

2. I am to point out that, although the road in question, if made, may be used by the public, yet it is not necessary that it should be restored on this account; on the other hand, it is essentially necessary that it should be put in order on account of the salt factory at Chunampet. It is therefore practically a "Salt work," though it may nominally be a "Civil work," and this Government considers it equitable that Imperial, and not Provincial, should contribute towards its restoration. His Excellency the Governor in Council trusts that this representation will be favourably considered, and that the allotment from Imperial funds applied for in my letter, No. 576 W., dated 2nd March 1897, will be sanctioned.

(Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Colonel, R E.,
Secretary to Government.

Read—also the following paper:—

From N. F. MACKENZIE, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Civil Works—Communications), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 22nd September 1897, No. 434 C.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 2087 W., dated the 30th July 1897, in which you request a reconsideration of the decision conveyed in Government of India letter, No. 294 C., dated the 23rd June 1897, that the moiety of the proposed expenditure on the Alathur branch road payable by Government should be met from Provincial funds.

2. In reply, I am to say that the question of chargeability as between Imperial and Provincial is decided solely according to the rules of classification in accounts, and not according to the department interested in the expenditure. The latter is a principle which cannot be taken into consideration, and the Government of India regret, therefore, that they are unable to assent to any modification of the orders already passed.

Order—No. 3570 W., dated 20th December 1897.

Communicated to the officers concerned.

2. The estimate of Rs. 12,060 sanctioned in G.O., No. 3393 W., dated 27th November 1896, is resanctioned as shown below:—

"Provincial No. 72 W. of 1897-98."
"Communications—Original Works."

3. The question of providing the Government share of the cost of the road from Privincial funds will be considered later in the year.

4. The Examiner of Public Works Accounts will report how the contributions from the district boards of Chingleput and South Arcot and the zemindar of Chunampet should be adjusted.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Local and Municipal Department.
" Revenue Department.
" Financial Department.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

[40/500]

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings :—

Again G.O., dated *30th July* 189*7*, No. *2086 W – 2087 W*

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Current No. *11148* of 189*7*, dated *22nd September 1897* from *the Govt. of India P. W. D.*

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No. 3570 W D/ 20th December 1897.

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ORDER.

Communicated to the officers concerned.

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"Communications, Original Works."

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4. The Examiner of P. W. Accounts will report how the contributions from the District Boards of Chingleput and South Arcot and the Zemindar of Chunampet should be adjusted.

5/10/97

Flag A

(linked file)

B/ Mis

To
The S. E. V Circle
" Exr. P. W. Accts
" L & M. Deptt.
" Revenue Deptt.
" Financial Deptt.

Mis

Note to accompany the draft order on letter from the Govt. of India No: 434 C d/ 22nd September 1897.

In the note for His Excellency d/ 27th September 1897 put up with the linked file, a history of the road is given.

In the accompanying letter the Govt. of India points out that the question of chargeability as between Imperial and Provincial is decided solely according to the rules of classification in accounts and not according to the Department interested in the expenditure, and declines to make any modifications of the orders already passed.

According to Code rules, the expenditure on roads is classified under the head "Communications", irrespective of the department interested in those roads, and all charges under this head are met ~~from~~ in this Presidency from Provincial and Incorporated Local Funds only. There is therefore no other alternative than to accept the decision of the Govt. of India.

The Govt. undertook to bear the moiety of the cost of the road vide G.O. No: 3842& Mis: Revenue d/ 26 September 1896 and the Board of Revenue in its resolution No: 4224& Mis: d/ 12 October 1896 asked the District Boards of Chingleput and South Arcot to arrange in communication with the Supdg. Engineer for the work being started in 1896-97 and to make payments out of their contributions. The work was accordingly put in hand during 1896-97 out of the contribution of Rs 1,500 paid by the District Board of South Arcot, and the Supdg. Engineer reports vide linked file that all the materials required for the masonry works are ready at site.

& printed with G.O. No: 3393 W d/ 27 November 1896 (Flagged A)
(Linked file)

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As the Govt. cannot now withdraw the promise to bear half the cost and compel the District Boards to meet the entire outlay, the amount promised will have to be provided from Provincial Funds&. No allotments can now be made under the restrictive orders of the Govt. of India, but the question may be considered later in the year. The work may, however, be proceeded with in the meanwhile from the contributions to be paid by the District Boards of Chingleput and South Arcot and the Zemindar of Chunampet.

& at the disposal of the P.W.D.

5/10/97

Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 11148

From The Govt. of India
P.W.D.

No. 434 C

Dated 22nd September 1897
Received 28th Do
Registered 10.11.97
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SUBJECT.

Alathur branch road. Stating that the question of chargeability as between Imperial & Provincial is decided solely according to the rules of classification in accounts and not according to the Dept. interested in the expenditure, and that the orders already passed in regard to the moiety of the proposed expenditure on the — from Imperial cannot be modified.

H.E. 5.10.97 oS/118

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	4673C	P. W	11-11-97
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	2050 W	"	28-7-97
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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

No. 434 C.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

CIVIL WORKS.

Communications.

5P

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department.

Simla, the 22nd September 1897.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2087 W, dated the 30th July 1897, in which you request a reconsideration of the decision conveyed in Government of India letter No. 294 C, dated the 23rd July 1897, that the moiety of the proposed expenditure on the Alathur branch road payable by Government should be met from Provincial funds.

2. In reply I am to say that the question of chargeability as between Imperial and Provincial is decided solely according to the rules of classification in accounts and not according to the Department interested in the expenditure. The latter is a principle which cannot be taken into consideration and the Government of India regret therefore that they are unable to assent to any modification of the orders already passed.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

N. F. Mackenzie

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Documents accompanying:-
Nil

Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 12201

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3570W

H. E. the Governor

File for C. no. 11148 of 97

From The Financial Deptt.

~~**Order**~~

Submitted to His Excellency with reference to his rescript of 4th November 1897 (Flagged B_I)

2. Orders are solicited as to whether the draft G. O. on Current No: 11148 (Flagged E_I) may now issue.

Yes
A.G.H.
16.12.97

No. 2690

Dated 7th Dec 1897

Received 9-12-97

Enclosures Files returned.

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W. Bell
14.12.97
W

CW

May

SUBJECT.

Alathur Branch road in the Chingleput Division.

Retransferring to the P.W.D. the papers on the subject of restoring the —

Presidency.

P. Q. W.

P. W. 29.
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3579C	20-8-97 ✓
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2006-7W	30-7-97 ✓
2050W	28-7-97 ✓
673	28-5-97 Public ✓
2627C	22-5-97 ✓
2453C	12-5-97 ✓
1061W	15-4-97 ✓
958W	5-4-97 ✓
1757C	26-3-97 ✓
575-6W	2-3-97 ✓
300-1W	1-2-97 ✓
904-5	29-12-96 ✓
3393W	27-11-96 ✓

FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.

C. 4/12/97.
A. 4/12/97.

HM.

Restoration of the Alathur branch road in the Chingleput Division. Fin: Dept:

C No: 3568.

Note.

The accompanying two files are submitted to the Hon'ble Sir Henry Bliss, K.C.I.E as desired by the P.W.D in C No: 3568 noted above, under instructions from His Excellency the Governor. The Govt: of India declines to make any contribution from Imperial Funds towards the restoration of ~~for restoring~~ the Alathur Branch road, which was undertaken in the interests of the Salt Dept, on the ground that the question of chargeability as between Imperial & Provincial is decided solely according to the rules of classification in the accounts & not according to the dept: interested in the expenditure. Since, as pointed out by the P.W.D, all expenditure on roads is classified under the head "Communications" irrespective of the dept. interested in those roads & all charges under this head are met in the Presidency

P.W.D. C. No. 11,148 in linked file.

Presidency from Provincial & Incorporated Local Funds, there appears to be no alternative but to accept the decision of the Govt: of India. The Govt: of India, on similar grounds, negatived the application made by this Govt for a grant from Imperial Funds for the purpose of meeting the expenditure proposed to be incurred on observations in connection with the total eclipse of the sun and it then drew attention to the principle referred to in the footnote ~~at page 5~~ to para. 10 of the ~~Govt: of India~~ to resolution printed in G.O No: 904-5 Finl d/ 29 Dec: 1896. The decision of the Govt: of India was accepted in this Case. and it is submitted that the principle is correct.

G: of I. letter in G.O No: 673 Pub: d/ 28 May 97 H

2. His Excellency is of opinion that if the Govt: of India is unwilling to pay the money, this Govt: should decline to make the road & that if Salt suffer~~ed~~s, it ~~was~~ is the ~~interest~~ affair of the Govt: of India - more than of this Govt: But the Govt: having already agreed to bear half the cost of restoring the road and the Dt: Boards of Chingleput and South Arcot & the Zemindar of Chunampet having consented to bear the rest of the charge, the work has been started with the aid of a portion (Rs 1500) of the contribution made by the Dt: Board of South Arcot, which has nearly been spent. The stoppage of the work at this stage would, to all appearances, amount to a breach of faith, so far as ~~the~~ Govt: is concerned in relation to the Dt: Boards & the Zemindar of Chunampet, ~~who have consented to make half the contribution are concerned~~. The Dt: Board of South Arcot would, besides appear to be entitled to a refund of the amount paid by it, if the road were left in an incomplete state. It is, therefore, submitted that the work may be allowed to be proceeded with, with the help of the contributions from the

The Dt. Bds. of course are not concerned as to whether Imperial or Provincial pays. They have the promise of Govt. & that is enough for them.
AA

the Dt: Boards of Chingleput & South Arcot & the Zemindar of Chunampet, the Govt: Contribution being deferred for payment ~~till the next year~~ later in the year as suggested in para. 3 of the P.W.D. draft in the linked file.

CWS
2.12.97

N.A. 3.12-97

The alternative is to refund from Provl. to the Dt. Bd. what has already been spent & to abandon the work.

I think we must go on & pay from Provl.

WS
4/12/97

Endt No. 2690 d 7.12-97.

Retransferred to the Public Works Department

A. Arundel
Chief Secretary

CWS.
4.12.97

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1,000—11-6-97.

Financial (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 3568.

B/C
Speak
CWS.
22.12.97

From P.W.D

Order

No. 4673C.

Dated 11 } 12.97
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SUBJECT.

Requesting to submit the accompanying two files to the Honble Sir Henry Bliss K.C.S.E. with any remarks that the Finl Department may have to offer.

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Note for His Excellency the Govern

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With reference to His Excellency's ×remark that the draft order on C. No 8670 should be sent to the Financial Department, it is submitted that that Department has no concern in the matter. The Local and Municipal Department has to arrange with the District Boards of Chingleput and South Arcot for the provision of funds due by those boards, and the Revenue Department has to ask the Zemindar of Chunampet to give the share of the cost of the road promised by him. It has therefore been proposed to communicate the order to the Local and Municipal and Revenue Departments only.

5/10/97

Maj

W

When the draft was prepared it was not anticipated that any portion of the cost would fall on Provincial Funds.

The D.P.W. says in its own Office note in the linked file that the "amount promised will have to "be provided from Provincial Funds". So 'Financial' is thereupon interested, and the papers shd. go to that Dept.. The Govt. of India letter in the linked file shd, at the same time, be submitted to Financial, for elucidation. I don't understand it. But of this I feel sure that if the Govt. of India won't pay the money, we should decline to make the road. Salt might suffer, but that is the affair of the Govt. of India, — more than ours.

A.EH 6.10.97

5.10.97

Note to accompany the draft order on

C. No: 8670.

An estimate of Rs. 12,060 for restoring the Alathur branch road near Chunampet, in the Chingleput Division was sanctioned, and the amount was ordered to be met as shown below, vide G. O. No: 3393 W of 27th November 1896.

Flagged: A

	Rs
By the District Board, Chingleput	2,687
——— Do ———, South Arcot	2,000
By the Zemindar of Chunampet	1,343
	Rs 6,030
By Imperial Funds, Salt	6,030
Total	Rs. 12,060

The District Board, South Arcot, having sanctioned an allotment of Rs 1,500 against the promised grant of Rs. 2,000, the S. E. was directed to start the work with the allotment of Rs. 1,500 and the Govt. of India was requested to provide the Imperial share vide G. O. No: 575-576 W of 2nd March '97

Flagged B

The S. E. V Circle brought to notice that a sum of Rs. 1,448 was spent on the road during 1896-97 against the grant of Rs. 1,500, and requested that the balance of the estimate might be provided for expenditure in the current official y

In reply, the Supdg. Engineer

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Finl Dept.
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To
C. No 3566

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informed that an application for a special allotment had been made to the Govt. of India and that its reply would be communicated on receipt. vide Memo: No: 2453 C d/ 12th May 1897. Flagged C

The Govt. of India remarked that to permit of the road being classified as a "Salt Work", it must be used exclusively for salt purposes and that when such road is open to the public and used by the public, it becomes a "Civil Work" even though Salt officers may be part of the public who use it, and decided that the Govt. share should be met from Provincial Funds. It was pointed out to the Govt. of India that although the road, if made, would be used by the public, yet it was not necessary to restore the road on this account; while on the other hand it was essentially necessary to put the road in order ~~[illegible]~~ on account of the Salt Factory at Chunampet, and that Govt. was requested to reconsider its decision and to provide the special allotment applied for from Imperial Funds. vide G.O. No: 2086-2087 W d/ 30th July 1897 Flagged D

In C. No: 8670, it is brought to notice that the work is well in hand, that all the materials required for the masonry works are ready at site and that it will be a pity to stop the work at this stage, and sanction of Govt. is requested to proceed with the work. It is therefore proposed to accord this sanction and to request the District Boards of Chingleput and South Arcot and the Zemindar of Chunampet to pay their share of cost. ~~and~~ As regards the Govt. share of the cost of the road, the reply of the Govt. of India will have to be awaited

A.S.K.
1.10.97

Mis

27/9/97

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CHIEF SECRETARY
13 NOV. 1897
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Government of Madras,

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Madras, 11th November 1897.

OFFICE NOTE.

From The Ag. Secretary to Govt.
P.W. Department

To The Chief Secretary
Financial Department.

With reference to His Excellency's remarks dated 4th November 1897 on the note put up with P.W. current No. 8670, the undersigned has the honour to request that the accompanying two files may be submitted to the Honourable Sir Henry Bliss, K.C.I.E., with any remarks which the Financial Department may have to offer.

B/

Ag. Secretary to Govt.

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