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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 3rd February 1864

No. 81. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Issuing certain instructions regarding the connection of the Department of Public Works with the Salt works. } (Here enter 16th December 1863, No. 3,720.)

No. 82. ORDER THEREON, 3rd February 1864, No. 204.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for their information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 3,720.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 16th December 1863.

No. 405. Read the following letter from Captain F. J. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 5th December 1863, No. 1,423 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to request early instructions as to the intentions of Government in Order No. 2,704 of 17th September 1863, regarding the connection of the Department Public Works with the Salt works.

2. I understood that the Board of Revenue were dissatisfied with the existing practice and proposed to transfer the duty to the Salt Department Officers; the Collector of Madura clearly was under this impression—he prepared his own Estimates and Budget.

3. But the Collector of Tinnevelly has sketched out all that he thinks necessary for the Salt works, and calls on me to prepare the Estimates. I do not see how this procedure in any way differs from that which the Revenue Board disapproved of—the Officers of this Department never had any thing to do with the Salt works beyond the estimating for and execution of the Collector's requisitions.

4. I believe that the Board's reasons for dissatisfaction were well founded. The Officers of the Department were not consulted; they were merely to carry out the views of the Revenue Officers, it is very seldom that a Collector himself inspects his Salt Pans, &c., which are generally difficult of access, and the Engineer Department are therefore obeying really the orders of the Salt Department Subordinates, who persist in doing again and again what they have done for years before.

5. If the Government consider that the Department Public Works is to be in any way responsible for the Salt works, I trust that they will give us larger discretion. I have just received copy of the Collector's Budget containing the names of works and approximate Estimates, the original having been sent to the Revenue Board, with a request that I will prepare detailed Estimates to the amount of Rupees 81,000, and this when the whole country is under water from recent rains.

6. If the Department Public Works is to have any share in the work we ought to be informed of the views of the Salt Department, and at least allowed time to inspect and suggest the best method of securing their object; it is impossible to do this properly when the first we hear of the subject is on the 5th December.

No. 406. ORDER THEREON, 16th December 1863, No. 3,720.

1. The Proceedings of Government No. 3,600, dated 7th December 1863, clearly explain the duties and responsibilities of the Superintending Engineers in connection with works considered necessary and desirable for the development of the Salt revenue.

2. The Collectors being the best judges of the requirements of the Salt Department will select the works for entry in the Budget, and the Superintending Engineers will prepare the Estimates for the sanction of Government.

3. Owing to the late period at which the Board of Revenue was requested to submit a list of works connected with the Salt Department for entry in the Budget for 1864-65, the local Revenue Officers have been unable to give the Superintending Engineers timely intimation of the projects selected by them. This inconvenience will not, however, again be felt if the Collectors be instructed to communicate with the Superintending Engineers during the early part of the year respecting the works to be entered in the Budget for the following season. The Board of Revenue will be requested, through the Revenue Department, to instruct the Collectors accordingly. should as a rule

4. On the Estimates entered in the Budget being sanctioned for execution, the works ~~will~~ be carried out by the professional Department; but it will perhaps be found convenient in most cases that the Revenue Officers undertake their construction, and it is believed that such an arrangement on the ground of expediency and economy is generally desirable.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
To all other Superintending Engineers.
To the Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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