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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 8th July 1865.

No. 127. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Passing orders on certain correspondence relative to the payment of compensation to Inámdars, &c., for lands taken up for Public Works in the Godavery District. } (Here enter 3rd July 1865, No. 1,853.)

No. 128. ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1865, No. 1,562.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Read the following :—

No. 40. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th June 1865, No. 3,196.

Read the following papers.

From Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 26th April 1865, No. 1,118.

SIR,

Rupees 2,20,000 have been allotted* in the current year for the payment of compensation for lands taken up for Public Works in the Godavery District, and the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, has been requested to disburse the amount in communication with the Collector.

* Government Order No. 392, dated 10th February 1865.

From T. A. N. CHASE, Esq., Sub-Collector, in charge of the Godavery District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Nursapur, 11th May 1865, No. 75.

SIR,

1. In reply to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th ultimo, No. 1,989, I have the honor to report that of the sum of Rupees 1,19,916-8-6, sanctioned by Government Order, dated 23rd February 1864, No. 325, for disbursement to Inamdars, &c., on account of compensation for lands taken up by channels for the year 1863-64, Rupees 1,11,536-11-8 were expended up to the end of August 1864, when, as directed in the Order of Government, Department Public Works under date the 20th August 1864, No. 2,396, the balance amounting to Rupees 8,379-12-10 remaining unexpended, was transferred to the accounts of the Public Works Department. It was then purposed to disburse this sum from the Budget allotment for 1864-65. I have applied to the Superintending Engineer for the money, and on receiving it I will at once pay the Inamdars. There are some other individuals in the District who have to receive sums out of that amount.

2. Rupees 2,20,000 were placed at my disposal by the Public Works Department on the 30th of April, for compensation to Inamdars for the year 1864-65.

3. In accordance with the instructions contained in the Board's Telegram, dated 27th ultimo, I have debited that sum to the Public Works Remittances under the column "Unadjusted," and credited to deposit the sum of Rupees 35,100, and with that sum I am paying Inamdars the compensation due. The money having only been placed at my credit on the 30th April, (Sunday,) I was unable to pay any Inamdars during that month.

The Board observe that in accordance with their telegram of the 27th April, the sum of Rupees 8,379-12-10, mentioned in paragraph 1 of the Sub-Collector's letter above recorded, should have been disbursed out of the two lacs and twenty-thousand referred to in paragraph 2. No further application for additional moneys was required. The large sum in question was sufficient to cover all disbursements on account of compensation. It is to be regretted that no steps were taken to carry out the intention formed in August 1864, before the close of the financial year.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 41. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department :—

Requesting sanction to the sum of Rupees 35,087-1-4, being the amount of compensation due to Inamdars, &c., for lands taken up for channels and embankments in the Godavery District. } (Here enter 20th June 1865, No. 1,376.)

No. 42. ORDER THEREON, 3rd July 1865, No. 1,853.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 4.

1. The Board of Revenue, in their Proceedings under date the 4th December 1863, No. 7,630, having submitted four Statements from the Collector of the Godavery to show that a sum of Rupees 1,19,916-8-6 (or in round numbers Rupees 1,20,000) was due for lands taken up in that District on account of channels, embankments, and other purposes, in connection with the irrigation of the Delta from the anicut at Dowlaishweram, sanction for the disbursement of that sum was given in Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, No. 602 of 9th April 1864, and, it appearing that Rupees 20,000 were available in the Revenue Budget, Rupees 1,00,000 were ordered to be handed over to the Collector from the Public Works assignment of that year.

Public Works Proceedings, 20th April 1864, No. 1,126 A.

2. The late date on which this payment was ordered to be made having, however, attracted the notice of the Government of India, they remarked in paragraph 4 of their letter, dated 23rd July 1864, No. 531C-3,373, that the mere transfer of money to the Collector did not constitute a disbursement within the year, and any part of the money so transferred that had not actually been paid away within the year lapsed at its termination. On reference being made to the Superintending Engineer, that Officer stated that no part of the Rupees 1,20,000* placed at the disposal of the Collector had been paid to the claimants for compensation before the 30th April 1864, but that Rupees 1,11,536-11-8† had subsequently been disbursed to them. It thus became necessary to treat the whole amount as having lapsed, and meanwhile, claims in the Godavery having been preferred to an aggregate extent of Rs. 2,20,000, including the sum of Rs. 1,19,916-8-6 above referred to, application was made to the Government of India on the 21st November 1864, for the grant of that sum for immediate disbursement in the District.

* Inclusive of Rupees 20,000 in Revenue Budget.

† Inclusive of Rupees 20,000 from Revenue Budget.

No. 3,346.

3. A favorable reply was received to this application in due course, and in Proceedings of the Public Works Department of the 10th February 1865, No. 302, intimation of this additional assignment was conveyed to the Superintending Engineer and to the Revenue Department, and, to guard against any delay being allowed to occur in utilizing the money for the settlement of all claims to their full extent, special attention was called to the necessity of making the requisite disbursements without delay. These Proceedings were duly communicated by the Revenue Department to the Board of Revenue on the 13th February 1865, and by them to the Collector on the 17th idem.

4. Notwithstanding all these precautions to ensure the grant being properly and in good time employed for the purpose to which it had been given, it would appear that no steps had been taken by the Collector of the Godavery to obtain the

money from the Superintending Engineer either to reimburse himself with the Rupees 1,11,536-11-8 he had expended, or to discharge recognized claims, and consequently it is feared that the whole amount, or the larger portion of it for which no actual payment can be shown to have been made previous to 30th April last, has lapsed. It is remarkable that throughout the Board's Proceedings of the 8th June 1865, No. 3,085, allusion is only made to the grant of the year 1863-64, amounting to Rupees 1,19,916-8-6, while that of Rupees 2,20,000 sanctioned in 1864-65, is altogether ignored. In fact the information before the Government as to the extent to which the funds made available in the past year have been appropriated is so imperfect, that they must defer passing orders on the papers recorded at the head of these Proceedings until furnished by the Board of Revenue with a clear statement, showing the several claims which the grant of Rupees 2,20,000 was applied for, those which have been finally adjusted, and those which now require settlement.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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