

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2302	Press ~~Mis.~~
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Dated	25-9-1865.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th September 1865.*

No. 497. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Works Department :—

Passing orders on a letter from the Controller of
Public Works Accounts, requesting certain
instructions with reference to the authority
granted to the Collector of Trichinopoly to
disburse all claims for compensation for lands
taken up for Railway within the amount of
his revised estimate. (Here enter 21st September 1865, No. 2,785.)

No. 498. ORDER THEREON, 25th September 1865, No. 2,303.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
21st September 1865.*

No. 495. Read the following letter from Captain J. F. FISCHER, R. E.,
Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 19th
September 1865, No. 1,294:—

Sir,

1. With reference to the authority granted to the Collector of Trichinopoly,
in paragraph 2 of G. O., No. 2,707, dated 14th September 1865, to disburse all
claims for compensation for lands taken up for Railway purposes within the amount
of his revised estimate of Rupees 1,25,000, I have the honor to request I may be
informed whether the Collector is authorized to make such payments prior to bills
being audited by this Office. In an Order of the same date, No. 2,709, the Govern-
ment drew the attention of the Accountant General, and the Consulting Engineer
for Railways, to previous orders on the subject, and pointed out, that "all charges
for land shall be disbursed, only on *Bills pre-audited by the Controller of Public
Works Accounts*," and that "no advances for land should be made except in cases
of real emergency, when land may be made over to the Company in anticipation
of sanction, the circumstance being immediately reported to Government through
the Consulting Engineer."

2. The Collector has already expended a sum of 30,000 Rupees, nearly the
original Budget grant, for which no bills have been passed by this Office, and he is
now allowed to spend another sum of 95,000 Rupees, the additional grant applied
for to the Government of India, but whether these sums are to be expended in
those cases of real emergency, in which payments might be made by the Collector
before he is in receipt of audited bills, is not stated in the Order, and hence the pre-
sent reference to Government.

3. Under the Orders marginally noted, Collectors are required to furnish (through
the Consulting Engineers) monthly Re-
gisters with Abstracts or Bills for the
amount of compensation for lands to be

No. 1,895, dated 6th July 1865.
" 2,201, " 1st Aug. "

disbursed by them; upon the sanction of Government being given to these, the bills
are to be passed by this Office and transmitted to the Collectors, who are only then
authorized to make the disbursements. I am not aware whether the Collector, of
Trichinopoly has submitted, in this manner, for the sanction of Government, the
claims for compensation on account of which he has already made and is about to
make large payments.

4. I observe from the accounts of the past year 1864-65, that great delay
takes place in submitting bills for the amounts of compensation paid by Collectors
on account of land made over to the Railway and Irrigation Companies. Out of a
sum of Rupees 2,63,370-13-9, brought to account from the Accountant General's
books as Railway charges on account of land, Rupees 64,845-9-1 appertain to
the sums disbursed in 1863-64, but adjusted in the accounts for 1864-65 owing to the
non-submission of bills in proper time, and the greater portion of the expenditure
in 1864-65, brought into the accounts of this Office for that year under G. O.
No. 2,449, dated 23rd August last, remains unadjusted by bills. The system of
booking unadjusted or unaudited Railway and Irrigation Company's charges is
contrary to paragraph 5, Section 4, Chapter XX. of the New Bengal Code of

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Accounts, and that this may be avoided in the accounts of the current year, it is hoped that Collectors will not fail to send in their bills in proper time for the two-fold purpose of their being passed for payment, and adjusted in the accounts of the proper year.

5. I would also point out that, in sanctioning the Statements submitted by Collectors, it is necessary for this Office to be informed of the particular Budget year's grant, and the particular amount allotted to each District, to which the several sums sanctioned appertain. The Collectors' statements should, therefore, contain full information on these points.

No. 496.

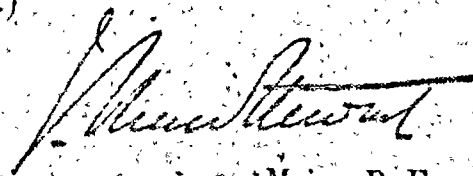
ORDER THEREON, 21st September 1865, No. 2,785.

RAILWAY, No. 59.

1. In authorizing the Collector of Trichinopoly to disburse all claims for compensation on account of lands required for Railway purposes within the amount of his revised estimate, the Government never contemplated that payments would be made, except in cases of real emergency, otherwise than on bills pre-audited by the Controller of Public Works Accounts. The attention of the Collector will be drawn to the Orders of Government, Nos. 1,895 and 2,201, dated 6th July and 1st August 1865 respectively, and he will be requested to prepare and submit to Government, through the Consulting Engineer, monthly registers of lands required for Railway purposes, accompanied by abstracts or bills for the expenditure exhibited therein. The Collector will also take measures for ensuring the early adjustment of the outlay already incurred during the current official year.

2. The Consulting Engineers for Railways and for the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company will be good enough to give their attention to the points noticed in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Controller's letter, and they will furnish the several Collectors with all the information which may be necessary to ensure a strict adherence to the Orders which have, from time to time, been passed by Government.

(True Extract.)



Major, R. E.,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Consulting Engineer for the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.

Revenue Department.

Board of Revenue.

Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Pro. 5th August 1865
12th July 1865

Recd - 1865

7th - 2656.

Proceedings of the Board
Expt. in the 8th 1865

Dated 21st 3rd 1865

Received 21st 3rd 1865.

7th - 2785

Passing order
on a letter from the
holder of the Account

Regulating certain instructions
with reference to the
order presented to the
of the railway to be
there all claims for
compensation for
taken up for
within the amount of the
allowed to be made

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25th 1865