

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	97	Press Mis.
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13th January 1868.*

No. 190. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th December 1867, No. 8,192.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 19th October 1867, No. 290:—

1. Adverting to the Board's Circular Order, No. 35 of 1867, embodied in their Proceedings of the 4th instant, No. 6,323, I have the honor to draw the attention of the Board to Rules XVIII and XIX, for the management of the District Road Fund.

2. By the first of these Rules, Range Officers are enjoined to furnish Collectors with Monthly Progress Reports shewing the amount expended. Hitherto, in this district at all events, these reports have always been furnished, discriminating the amount expended on each work only in a fuller form than that now prescribed.

3. Rule XIX enjoins Range Officers to send in to Superintending Engineers Monthly Progress Reports of "*work done*," and to Collectors extracts from these Reports "*showing the progress made on local works*."

4. In this district these latter reports are not, nor are they now ordered to be furnished, and this is an omission which, in my opinion, urgently requires to be dealt with.

5. I have it on the authority of Captain Oakes that the amount put down in the Progress Reports of *expenditure* (under Rule XVIII) furnishes no criterion whatever of the actual work done; indeed, both Mr. Banbury and myself incurred considerable ridicule, both from Captain Oakes and Colonel Greenaway, for our innocence in supposing that a very trifling entry of expenditure furnished no proof whatever that a work had not been actually completed.

6. I consider that it is of far greater importance that a Collector should know, from month to month, how the actual execution of each work progresses, than what may be the state of the Range Officer's accounts regarding it, the regularity of whose disbursements are necessarily dependent upon many immaterial circumstances.

7. This object may be easily attained by adding to the form of Progress Report of Expenditure now promulgated a column for remarks, and by the Range Officers entering therein brief details of the actual state of each work.

8. The Range Officers under Captain Oakes now do this, and I am quite satisfied; but I shall certainly not be satisfied if, in future, I am to receive nothing, but the meagre form relating to expenditure now prescribed.

9. I have the honor, therefore, to beg the Board to procure the sanction of Government to the addition, to the newly prescribed forms, of a column headed either "*Work done*" or "*Remarks*," and to the issue of instructions to Superintending Engineers to direct their Range Officers to enter therein information relative to the amount of work actually completed.

Submitted to Government for their consideration and orders. The Board consider that the addition of the "*Remark*" column, suggested by the Collector, is necessary to shew the progress of the works included in the Return; and they

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Submitting to Government letter from Collector of Godavery District furnishing certain information connected with the imposition of water tax on the Nidadavole and Baharazally estates.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

No. 78.

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Submitting for orders of Government letter from Acting Collector of Trichinopoly suggesting the addition of a "Remark" column to Progress Reports of expenditure furnished by Range Officers to Collectors, with Board's request that Collector's recommendation be sanctioned.

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accordingly request that sanction may be granted for the addition of the column proposed in the form of the Return prescribed in the Order of Government, dated 30th August 1867, No. 1,881.

No. 191.

ORDER THEREON, 13th January 1868, No. 97.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government approve and sanction the proposal.
2. The necessary orders will be issued in the Department Public Works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
.. the Public Works Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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