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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th April 1869.

No. 346. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Communicating to the Department concerned, letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts submitting the explanation called for regarding the excess expenditure incurred in 1867-68 from the Road Funds of the Madura District.	(Here enter 31st March 1869, No. 1,037.)

No. 347. ORDER THEREON, 16th April 1869, No. 1,036.

Local Funds, No. 8.
Accounts.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue, with reference to the Order of Government, dated 3rd March 1869, No. 553.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 1,037.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated April, 1869.

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G. O., 10th April 1869, No. 1,696.

APRIL.

Nos. 346-347.

Madura Road Fund.—Explanation of the Controller of Public Works Accounts regarding the excess expenditure incurred in 1867-68, communicated to Board of Revenue.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 31st March 1869.

No. 804. Read the following letter from the Acting Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 9th March 1869, No. 5,121:—

1. Adverting to paragraph 4 of the Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department of the 3rd March 1869, No. 553, I have the honour to forward, for the information of Government, a detailed statement of the expenditure by Public Works Officers from the Road Fund of the Madura District during the past official year.

1 Statement.

2. The outlay on "New Works" amounted in the aggregate to Rupees 85,283-4-4, and, of the items enumerated in the enclosed statement, the expenditure on those numbered 1, 2, 6, and 7 was fully adjusted by appropriations sanctioned by Government or the Board of Revenue during the year 1867-68.

3. With respect to Item 3, I would invite the attention of Government to my statement of "objectionable items" of the 3rd* July 1868, which was referred by the Secretary to Government in the Revenue Department to the Board of Revenue on the 6th idem. The attention of the Superintending Engineer was called to the unauthorized expenditure in this office statement under date the 7th January† 1868, with a view to measures being taken for the transfer of the amount provided for the work in the Supplemental Local Fund Budget from the credit of the Revenue to that of the Public Works Department. Formal sanction to this transfer was accorded in the Board's Proceedings of the 12th September 1868, No. 6,503.

* No. 965.

† NOTE.—The expenditure on Item 3 was incurred in the months noted below:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
November 1867	1,432	4	0
December ,, ...	5,167	7	3
January 1868	3,599	5	5
February ,, ...	2,567	8	7
March ,, ...	242	6	0
	12,999	15	3

The accounts for November 1867 were received late in December, and notice of the unauthorized outlay in the former month was taken on the 7th January 1868.

4. The excess on Item 4 was covered by a grant of Rupees 2,780, which was made in the Board's Proceedings of the 25th March 1868, No. 2,172; but as those Proceedings did not reach this office till the 3rd April, or after the close of the official year 1867-68, the Board were informed by me that the amount had lapsed.

5. As regards Item 5, the excess over allotment was only Rupees 74, for which no special grant was necessary.

6. The unauthorized outlay on Item No. 8 was specially brought to the notice of the Superintending Engineer by this Office in a "Statement of Objectionable Items," dated 13th March‡ 1868, but as the matter was not satisfactorily settled before the 31st idem, the subject was placed before Government for orders in this Office Statement No. 943, dated 1st July 1868, and, having been referred by the Revenue Secretary to

‡ NOTE.—The outlay on Item 8 was incurred as follows:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
In January 1868...	3,214	6	0
,, February ,, ...	9,367	3	1
,, March ,, ...	6,026	11	0
	18,608	4	1

The accounts for January were received late in February, and notice of the unauthorized expenditure in the former month was taken on the 13th March.

Government to the Board of Revenue for report on the 3rd idem, remains still undisposed of.

7. The expenditure on "Repairs" in 1867-68 was Rupees 4,516-5-11. Of the six works which were in progress, the outlay on those numbered 9, 10, and 12 was covered by duly authorized appropriations. The excesses on Items 13* and 14† were so small as to require no special allotments for their adjustment. The expenditure without allotment on Petty Repairs (Item 11) was only Rupees 33-8-0, and calls for no remark.

* Rupees 91-14-0
† Do. 2 : 0-0

8. It will be seen from the above, that the Controller of Public Works Accounts is in no way responsible for the large expenditure in excess of the receipts from the District Road Fund in Madura during the past official year. The excesses which occurred were promptly brought to notice, and, with the two exceptions mentioned above,‡ were duly adjusted by appropriations of funds. This office has no record of the assets of the District Road Fund, nor has it any control over outlay by the Revenue authorities. The Controller is expected to check all unauthorized expenditure by Public Works Officers, and this duty, as shown in the preceding paragraphs, was faithfully performed.

‡ Paragraphs 4 and 6.

9. Having carefully examined the Progress Reports of the Public Works Officers in the Madura District for the current official year, I find that, as compared with the original grants, there has been no excess or unauthorized outlay, except on the undermentioned work, for which no allotment has yet been made:—

	Expenditure up to 31st January 1869.
	Rs.
Maintaining four additional miles of the road from Terumungalum to Oosalamputty	613

The Superintending Engineer has been addressed upon the subject of this outlay.

10. If the grants from the Madura District Road Fund be modified as proposed, in the Boards Proceedings recorded in the Orders of Government in the Revenue Department of the 3rd March 1869, No. 553, there will be large excesses of expenditure, as compared with the reduced allotments, by Public Works Officers; but I respectfully submit that this office cannot, in any way, be held accountable for those excesses, as the check over outlay exercised by it was with reference to the *original* assignments made for the various works in progress.

Statement showing the outlay from District Road Funds by Public Works Officers in the Madura District during 1867-68.

	Work.	Estimate.	Grant for 1867-68.	Order sanctioning grant.	Expenditure in 1867-68.	Remarks.
		Rs.	Rs.		Es. A. P.	
	New Works.					
1	Road between Terupatoor and Cottamputty ...	26,500	10,000	Revised Local Fund Budget for 1867-68. Item No. 10.	10,000 0 0	No excess.
2	Do. do. Cottamputty and Nattam ...	33,000	10,000	Item No. 11.	10,000 0 0	Do.
3	Do. do. Terumangalum and Oosalamputty ...	28,100	13,000	Board's Proceedings No. 6,503, dated 12th Sept. 1868.	12,999 15 3	Do.
4	Constructing Bridge across Munjaloor river.		1,500	Item No. 4.		A further sum of Rupees 2,780 was allotted for 1867-68 in March 1868, and objected to by this office. *Vide* Procs. Board of Revenue, No. 5,374, dated 23rd July 1868.
	Do. do. across Venkatadricottah river.	14,090	3,060	*Vide* Board's Procs. No. 2,172, dated 25th March 1868.	7,401 4 0	
			1,991	Item No. 3.		
			6,551			
5	Constructing Platform Bridge of eight vents across the Oppaur Ooday near Pullaputy.	5,060	5,060	Revised Local Fund Budget for 1867-68. Item No. 6.	2,074 0 0	Excess Rupees 74, for which no special allotment was necessary.
			3,060	Deduct.		
			2,000			
6	Road No. 13, from Dindigul to Nattam ...	10,000	10,000	Item No. 12 ...	9,330 12 0	No excess.
7	Improving Road No. 13 between Tirupatoor and Tondy.	36,780	15,000	Do. No. 9 ...	14,869 1 0	Do.
8	Do. No. 14, between Manaloor and Shevagunga.	18,740	...	.....	18,608 4 1	*Vide* Proceedings Board of Revenue No. 6,178, dated 28th August 1868.
	Total of New Works ...	...	66,551	.....	85,283 4 4	.....
	Repairs.					
9	Road No. 25, from Terumungalum to Oossalamputty.	820	820	Do. Repairs Local. Item No. 18.	£20 0 0	No excess.
10	Do. No. 20, from Madura to Oossalamputty.	1,500	1,500	Do. No. 7. ...	1,499 15 11	Do.
11	Petty Works	...	...	.....	33 8 0	No grant.

Statement showing the outlay from District Road Funds by Public Works Officers in the Madura District during 1867-68.

	Work.	Estimate.	Grant for 1867-68.	Order sanctioning grant.	Expenditure in 1867-68.	Remarks.
	Repairs.—(Concluded.)	rs.	rs.		rs. a. p.	
12	Blasting rock at Kodacavel Ghaut.	...	1,040	Item No. 9.	1,040 0 0	No excess.
13	Repairing Scroomally Hill Road	...	460	Do. No. 16 ...	401 14 0	Excess Rupees 91-14-0, for which no special grant was necessary.
14	Maintenance repairs to road from Paveacolum *via* Poombaray to Pulni	607	607	Do. No. 19 ...	631 0 0	Excess Rupees 24, for which no special grant was necessary.
	Total of Repairs ...	...	4,367	.....	4,516 5 11	

(Signed) S. BROOK,
Acting Controller of P. W. Accounts.

MADRAS,
9th March 1869.

No. 805. ORDER THEREON, 31st March 1869, No. 1,037.

ACCOUNT, No. 78.

1. Communicated to the Revenue Department with reference to the Order in that Department No. 553, dated 3rd March 1869.

2. The Government consider the Controller's explanation perfectly satisfactory.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.
„ Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue Department.

No. 1276

Ctd. 21 March 1870.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Dated March 1870.

Read 2nd April.

Ctd. 6th March 1870, No. 1037.

MARCH.

Nos. 804-805

Road Funds.—Letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts submitting the explanation called for regarding the excess expenditure incurred in 1867-68 from the Road Funds of the Madura District, ~~communicated to the Department concerned with a remark~~ that the explanation submitted is considered to be perfectly satisfactory.