

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
31st October 1870.*

No. 358. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th July 1870, No. 4,872:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Sub-Collector in charge of Coimbatore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 20th June 1870, No. 147.

As desired by Mr. Sullivan, I have the honour to forward the accompanying copy of a memorandum on the subject of Board's Proceedings, No. 3,877, dated 7th instant.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Memorandum.

The Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, under date the 7th instant, No. 3,877, communicating the Orders of Government, Public Works Department, dated 14th ultimo, No. 1,249, having at my request been forwarded to me, I feel it right to offer the following remarks, and trust that the Sub-Collector in charge will have the goodness to submit them for the perusal of the Board.

2. Adverting to paragraph 3 of the Order of Government, I beg to observe that my object in submitting the correspondence which had passed between the Range Officer and myself for the consideration and orders of the Board of Revenue was, to obtain definite instructions for future guidance as to whether Range Officers were to follow the course laid down in the Board's Standing Orders Nos. 57 and 65, or whether Colonel Walker was justified in peremptorily prohibiting his subordinates from making an advance for emergent repairs without his sanction. To prevent embarrassment on another occasion it was necessary that the question should be set at rest as to whether the Range Officer had or had not authority to make the advance.

3. I am at a loss to understand why in paragraph 4 of the order the Superintending Engineer has been called on to explain why an Overseer being present, it became necessary for the Tahsildar to execute the repairs. The entire responsibility of this rests with me. It was under my instructions that he undertook them, and my reasons are stated in paragraph 4 of my letter to the Board, embodied in the Proceedings quoted above. The question therein submitted as to whether a Taluq Overseer is a "competent member of the Public Works Department" within the meaning of the Board's Standing Order, No. 57, has not, however, been disposed of.

OOTACAMUND,
18th July 1870.

(Signed) H. E. SULLIVAN,
Acting Collector on leave.

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The memorandum will be submitted to Government, with reference to Government Order, 14th May 1870, No. 1,249, Irrigation Department.

No. 359. ORDER THEREON, 31st October 1870, No. 1,676.

Irrigation, No. 3.

THE Government observe that it is quite clear from the Order in the Public Works Department, dated 14th May 1870, No. 1,249, that it is the duty of the Executive Officer of a Range to supply funds for any emergent works which a Revenue-officer, acting under the authority given to him in the Board's Standing Order No. 57, may direct to be undertaken.

2. It is to be noted, however, that Revenue-officers are only required to act in such cases when a competent member of the Public Works Department is not present. In the particular case under reference, it appears that a Taluq Overseer

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was on the spot, and therefore the execution of the work might have been left to him, provided no other emergent work required his presence elsewhere. Further, it was clearly the Overseer's duty to have himself arranged for the closing of the breaches on the necessity for so doing being brought to his notice.

3. The Board of Revenue will be directed to impress upon all Collectors that Revenue-officers, when the services of a Public Works Officer of any grade are available, should leave to him the execution of works, restricting their own action to giving him all the aid in their power in procuring labour and materials.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Pres of the Madras Port
Under date the 31st Oct 1876

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Dated October, 31st.

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G. O., 31st October 1870, No. 1,676.

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Nos. 358-359.

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