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# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

## Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,*
*12th March* 1870.

Read the following papers :—

No. 112. From the Controller of Public Works Accounts, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 20th January 1870, No. 2,004.

In their Public Works Proceedings of the 10th September 1869, No. 2,984, the Government disposed finally of such parts of the Statements of Objectionable Items in the Public Works Accounts for the past official year, submitted by this Office, as appertained to expenditure from *Imperial* and *Income-tax* Funds, and referred for consideration and disposal in the Revenue Department extracts from those statements relating to irregular outlay from *District Road* and other *Local* Funds.

2. As, in the absence of orders upon the Objectionable Items of *Local Fund* expenditure in the Accounts of 1868-69, I am still unable in some cases to confirm the conditional "clearances" granted to Range Officers for that official year, I beg that early orders may be issued in the Revenue Department on the reference made to that department in paragraph 4 of Public Works Proceedings above quoted.

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Transferred to the Revenue Department for early attention.

Fort St. George, 22*nd January* 1870. (Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R.E., *Secretary to Government, P. W. D.*

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Referred to the Board of Revenue with the request that immediate attention be paid to the Orders of Government, dated 30th September and 28th December 1869, Nos. 2,696 and 89, Miscellaneous, respectively.

(By Order),

Fort Saint George, 27*th January* 1870. (Signed) H. WELLESLEY, *Acting Under-Secretary to Government.*

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No. 113. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th February 1870, No. 1,079.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 30th September 1869, No. 2,696, Revenue Department.

Abstract.—*Objectionable Items under District Road Fund.*—Extract from the Statements received from Public Works Department, referred to Board of Revenue for early report.

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With the foregoing Order the Government referred to the Board for report extracts (seven) from the Statement of Objectionable Items under the Local Funds, submitted by the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

2. The sums reported to have been spent objectionably by the officers of the Public Works Department may be classed as follows :—

(1.) Expenditure on unsanctioned works.
(2.) Do. on works without specific allotments.
(3.) Do. on works in excess of the sanctioned allotments.
(4.) Do. on works in excess of their sanctioned estimated cost.

3. The Board have carefully gone through the several items of charge enumerated in the Statements, and have recorded their remarks opposite to each of them. It will be observed that some of the charges have already been passed by the Board, and their sanction duly communicated to the Controller. The remaining charges have now been admitted with the exception of the two noted in the margin.

STATEMENT No. 2.
*North Arcot.*—Improving the road from the town of Tripathy to the Railway Station and to the town of Calastry.—Expenditure, Rupees 10,660-2-1.

STATEMENT No. 7.
*Kistna.*—Shaiguncga Channel.—Expenditure Rupees 511-3-6.

4. The Board are surprised to find that the officers of the Public Works Department should have spent any money on unsanctioned works in spite of their repeated orders and those of Government, passed on each year's Local Fund Budget. In paragraph 4 of their Circular Memorandum, dated 8th December 1868, No. 1,250, the Board specially requested the Superintending Engineers "to instruct their "Range Officers not to spend any money in excess of the amount allotted for each "work before obtaining the requisite sanction for additional funds, nor to under-"take any work for which estimate has not been sanctioned according to rules."

5. As the Accounts of expenditure incurred by the Public Works Department from the several Local Funds go direct to the Controller, and are audited by that officer, the Board are unable to prevent any unauthorized expenditure; they therefore request that some stringent orders may be issued holding the Superintending Engineers and Range Officers strictly responsible for such charges.

6. The Board avail themselves of this opportunity to solicit the attention of Government to their Proceedings of the 25th October 1869, No. 7,915, and to the draft of the Revised Local Fund Rules submitted for approval. As the circulation of these rules will tend to improve the present unsatisfactory state of things, the Board request that early orders may be passed regarding them.

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No. 114. ORDER THEREON, 12th March 1870, No. 354.

Local Funds, No. 4.
*Accounts.*

ORDERED that the seven statements, received with the above Proceedings, be transmitted to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, through the Public Works Department.

2. Orders will be issued to the Superintending Engineers from the Public Works Department with reference to paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Board's Proceedings.

3. The Local Fund Rules alluded to in paragraph 6 will be taken into consideration after the report of the Public Works Commission is disposed of.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Edl. F. R. Bantleman.

Rev & Department

No 354

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 12 March 1870

Read the following

Papers

From the Comptr of P.W Accounts — (No 4.6. 20th Jany/70 No 2004)

Pro: Board of Revenue.

Sub: Board's report on the extracts from the Statements of objectionable items under the Local Funds, submitted by Controller of P.W Accounts, embodied in G.O. dated 30th Sept/69 No 2696.

(R.C. 16th February 1870)

Ordered that the Seven statements received with the above Proceedings be transmitted to the Controller of P.W. Accounts through the Govt Department.

Order

Govt. of Madras (1870) Supplement.

REVENUE.

To

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 1870.

Read,

G. O., 12th March 1870, No. 604.

Ditto.

MADRAS.

Nos. 112—114.

Objectionable Items under Local Funds—Board's report on the statement submitted by the Controller of Public Works Accounts, transmitted to their officer.

From Rev & Agr Dept
G.O. Nos 1112 to 1114 dated 12th March 1870
Rec'd 15th March 1870
Ans 17th March 1870

2 Orders will be
issued to the Superintend-
ing Engineers from the
C. W. Department with re-
ference to paragraph 5
of the Board's Proceedings.

3 The Local Fund
Rules alluded to in para
6 will be taken into con-
sideration after the Report of
the Sanitary Commission is
disposed of.

Copies from the rules & Instructions Received
with my Letter Rev. 4th