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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
30th September 1873.

No. 239. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, dated 22nd July 1873, No. 1,867 :—

ABSTRACT.—Employment of Imperial and Local Fund Overseers on works without reference to funds from which they are carried out.

No. 240. ORDER THEREON, 30th September 1873, No. 1,048.

Local Funds, No. 1.

THE Governor in Council is unable to sanction any change in the rule under reference, that Local Fund servants shall be employed exclusively on Local Fund works : such works are chiefly roads, and do not require, for their construction, the same engineering attainments as are needed for the proper prosecution of imperial works. A less expensive class of men may be consequently employed to the manifest advantage of the Local Funds which are already heavily debited for Public Works supervision. Cases may occur in which a different practice may be desirable; but these must be *exceptionally* arranged for between the President of the Local Fund Board and the District Engineer, the *rule* remaining unchanged.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 381. Read the following letter from Major R. F. OAKES, R.E, District Engineer, Tanjore, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 2nd May 1873, No. 109 :—

WITH reference to G. O., No. 506, dated 12th April 1870, in the Revenue Department, relative to the non-employment of Local Fund Overseers on Imperial Works, I have honour to inform you that as the extract from paragraph 6 of the Board's Proceedings noted in the margin, clearly indicated that their proposal was based on the supposition that the Local Fund Works were being, or were to be executed under the supervision of the Revenue Department, while in both districts which then formed the 6th Division the Local Fund Works were undertaken by the Public Works Department, the order of Government was not regarded as in any way applicable to the 6th Division, and the arrangements already made for the execution of the works both Imperial and Local were not altered; those arrangements consisted in economising the time of the subordinates as far as possible, by limiting the area in which each worked, and by entrusting to each subordinate works both Imperial and Local within the limits of their charges, the important and special works excepted; and these were entrusted to the subordinates best qualified to undertake them, regardless altogether of the charge or fund to which the work was to be debited, or of the fund from which the subordinate was paid.

Communicated in G. O., No. 141, of 22nd April 1870, Public Works Department.

"The sums which are entrusted to Local Fund Overseers are not large, and the organization of the Revenue Department gives sufficient opportunities for supervising them."

2. Thus the most important works in the Trichinopoly District, carried out during the last three years, have been, the bridges over the Iyaur, viz., the iron girder bridge on Road No. 2, and the bridge of six arches on Road No. 7; the former was superintended by an Imperial Overseer and the latter by a Local Fund Overseer.

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3. In the Tanjore District the large masonry works recently or now in progress are those noted in the margin; these have all been superintended by subordinates on the Imperial Establishment with the exception of the first, on which a Local Overseer was employed under an Imperial Supervisor. Thus, in Tanjore particularly, the Local Fund Works have had the benefit of the supervision of some of the best of the Imperial subordinates, and I have no hesitation in saying that the works enumerated could not have been carried out by the Local Fund subordinates. I may further state that if the Imperial and Local Fund subordinates were strictly employed only on the works executed from the funds from which they are paid, the subordinates of both classes would have to be increased in number for the larger ranges, which such an arrangement would entail, would render it impossible for the subordinates to exercise a due supervision

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I —Vettaur Regulator.
I.—Pamaniyaur ,,
L and I.—Pandaviyaur ,,
L and I.—Velliyaur ,,
I.—Five Large Bridges on Road No. 65.
I.—Veerasholen Bridge on Road No. 73.
I.—Palavaur Bridge on Road No. 81.

I indicates Imperial and L indicates local.

over the works in progress. I would, therefore, deprecate any change in the system which now prevails.

3. My reason for bringing the matter forward now is because the District Engineer of Trichinopoly has been called upon by the President of the Local Fund Board 'to report if any persons paid entirely from Local Funds are employed on any Imperial work, and, if so, under what authority,' and he has referred the matter to me, and as I must regard myself as responsible for the continuance of the system of employing Imperial and Local subordinates indiscriminately on Imperial and Local duties in Trichinopoly as well as in Tanjore, I have deemed it proper to submit my reasons for so doing to Government.

No. 382. ORDER THEREON, 22nd July 1873, No. 1,867.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 41.

THIS letter will be referred to the Revenue Department with a view to the re-consideration of so much of the order in that Department, No. 506 of 12th April 1870, as concurs in the view taken by the Board of Revenue which would limit the employment of subordinates paid from Local Funds to local works only; such as roads, however conveniently situated in proximity with them minor Imperial works such as tank repairs might be, on which District Engineers would be inclined to avail themselves of the same agency.

(True Extract.)

C. H. Thuillier Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Tanjore.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Financial do.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER, TANJORE.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated July 22nd.

Recd. July 30th 1873 Encl.

G. O., 22nd July 1873, No. 1,807.

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Nos. 381-382

Establishment.—Letter from the District Engineer, Tanjore, reporting on the subject of the employment of Imperial and Local Fund Overseers on works without reference to the funds from which they are carried out.

for

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 2274.

From

Pay. of Govt. P. W. Dr. Dated 22 Aug 1873 & 1869 187.

FOR ORDERS.

I am in favor of the rule laid
down already that Local Fund
Servants should be employed ex-
clusively on Local Fund Works.
These are chiefly Roads - and
do not require such attainments
as Imperial works - or consequently
a less Expensive class of men
may be employed - to the ad-
vantage of these Funds which
can pay heavily for establishments.
Cases of course will occur in

a different basis
to the present - that there
should be arrangements & settlements
between Dr. Engr. & Civ. Estabt
to enable being as the Statute -

I am strongly in favour of Mr Sim's
view. These are petty Establishments entirely
paid by the Municipal Commissioners who
have quite enough work for them to do, and
their employment on Imperial work is
misunderstood.

As it is, the Local Funds are paying
probably far too large a percentage on the
work done for them by the Imperial Engineering
Establishment. In South Arcot and Cheltenham
in Madura, the Local Funds under the
name of Supervision pay the whole Public
Works Charges of the District - Imperial included -

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In Tanjore too the Charge is also large -

I would allow no departure from
the rule save under the President's sanction

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I think if those Officers are paid
entirely by the Local Boards, then the
Local Boards ought to be exclusively
entitled to their services. Otherwise some
part of their pay ought to be calculated
from Imperial funds -

How is the percentage paid by
Local & Municipal bodies in the
Madras Presidency calculated?
establishment

Sept 17/73

FOR ORDERS.

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Pro: of Govt. P. W. Dept.

Employment of Imperial & Local Fund Overseers on works without reference to funds from which they are carried out.

Govt. Resn. No 2274 dated 22 July 1873, No. 1867

No. 1048. 30 Sept. 73

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