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8th March 1873.*

No. 199. Read the following Endorsement of the Financial Department, dated 14th February 1873:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th February 1873, Miscellaneous No. 877.

From the Acting President of the Local Fund Board to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ch. O. No. 304.

I HAVE the honour to submit the following for the orders of the Board of Revenue.

2. On the 17th August last, the Local Fund Board of the Chatterpore Circle passed the following resolution with regard to certain details to be shown in the progress reports submitted by the Department of Public Works:—

“The Board consider it desirable that the progress reports forwarded to them monthly should exhibit in the remark column the details of the work actually performed during the month with the rates at which each particular item is carried out. They would altogether exclude work performed in previous months, letting each progress report be complete in itself. They resolve to request the Superintending Engineer to comply with their request if possible.”

3. This resolution was communicated to the Superintending Engineer who replies as follows:—

“*** As the work now devolving on the Range Officers in connection with accounts, etc., to be submitted to the Controller of Public Works Accounts and Superintending Engineer is very heavy, it is not possible that the additional information required by the Board, namely, to show in the remark column of progress report the details of work actually performed during the month, with the rates at which each particular item is carried out, can be supplied, or if so with anything like accuracy; at the same time I must not omit to state that the form in which the progress reports for Local Fund works should be prepared and furnished to Collector being the one embodied in the accompanying copy of G. O. No. 430, dated 9th August 1867 (to be returned), any additions or alterations to it are inadmissible in the absence of orders from Government.”

4. This reply was laid before the Local Board on the 20th ultimo, and the Board passed the following resolution:—

“The Local Fund Board think that the information asked for by them should be furnished by the Public Works Department. The Government Order quoted by the Superintending Engineer was passed in 1867, five years ago. The state of affairs has since been materially altered by the transfer of all communications to the Local Fund Board. Moreover, the Board in their Proceedings dated 17th January 1870, No. 311, ordered the insertion, in the remark column of progress report, of the actual mile or miles on which any work of construction or repair had been executed, and the amount of work on each mile. The Board do not consider the Superintending Engineer's objections tenable. Resolved that the Board of Revenue be requested to move the Government to order the Public Works Department to furnish the information in question.”

5. I have the honour to request that the Board will be pleased to move Government to order the Public Works Department to furnish the Local Fund Boards with the information asked for.

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SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

The Board think the required information ought to have been furnished without rendering necessary this reference to higher authority.

(True Extract.)

H. B. STOKES,
For Secretary.

Public Works for disposal.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 220.

ORDER THE

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 25.

Order No. 843 of 25th March 1870
311 of 17th January 1870, referred

2. It is simply impossible the
can be made to contain all details of
rates at which each particular item
executive and office, are not main-
made on them to report particular
estimated for; the result would

probably lead to useless and harassing controversies. Estimated rates cannot
always be adhered to throughout the progress of works, and the control over them
should be left to the District Engineer, whose province it is to deal with them.

3. That officer and Range Officers should however take pains to make their
progress reports clearly intelligible and even interesting by giving such
information in the column of remarks as shall convey to those concerned a
general correct idea of the state of progress of each work; specifying, for instance,
the miles in which work has been done during the month; and, in their places as
members of Local Fund Boards, they should be prepared to meet all inquiries with
perfect courtesy, and to place before the other members, either at the regular
meetings or in their own offices, any books or accounts that may throw a light
upon details regarding which information is sought.

It will be understood that special report may be required and should be
supplied where the Local Fund Board see good cause to suspect improper
practices.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To District Engineers.
To the Financial Department.
.. Revenue Department.
.. Board of Revenue.
.. Controller of Public Works Accounts.
Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

No 735

To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEERS.

&c. &c. &c.

Dated March 8th.

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G. O., 8th March 1873, No. 753.

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Progress Reports.—Passing orders on Proceedings of the Board of Revenue relative to certain information being furnished in progress reports submitted by Public Works Officers.

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