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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th May 1875.*

No. 191. Read the following letter from Major J. N. HUNTER, R.E., District Engineer, Salem, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Yercaud, 6th April 1875, No. 6:—

I HAVE the honor to forward, for the decision of Government, a letter from the Officer in charge of the Oosoor Range, on a letter from the Vice-President, Local Fund Board, for the Oosoor Circle, with a resolution of the Board, dated 12th March 1875.

1 Copy of letter from Captain Bailey.
1 Do. from Vice-President, Local Fund Board.
1 Extract from Board's Proceedings.

2. This is to the effect that the roads nominally executed by the Revenue Department are, in the first week of each month, to be measured and checked by the Imperial Overseers, on whom will therefore fall the burden of the work, while the credit, if any, devolves on the Revenue Department.

3. Against this Captain Bailey protests, and urges that the Overseers have already more than they can do; and that there can be no *claim* on the services of the Overseers, as the calculation for superintendence by this department charged to the Local Fund Budget is made only on works actually superintended by the department.

4. In all that Captain Bailey has stated, I most cordially agree; and feel so sure that the arrangement would lead to ill-feeling between the subordinates of the two departments, that I think it would be preferable to hand the roads over to us altogether than have the mixed authority advocated by the Local Fund Board.

5. It would seem that this measurement is the proper duty of the Local Fund Overseer or of the Revenue officials.

From Captain H. BAILEY, Executive Engineer, in charge of No. 2 or Oosoor Range, to Major J. N. HUNTER, R.E., District Engineer, Salem, dated Oosoor, 25th March 1875, No. 2,063.

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith, for your orders, letter, No. 451, of the 18th, with enclosures (to be returned), from the Vice-President, Local Fund Board, Oosoor Circle.

2. When the proposition that the Overseers should measure the work executed by the Revenue Department was forwarded for my opinion, I stated that I thought it would be impossible for them to do the work, as it would have to be done at the very time when the Overseers are busiest with their own accounts.

3. I also pointed out that the arrangement was likely to create a great deal of ill-feeling between the subordinates of the two departments, as during the time the Overseers would be measuring the work the Local Fund Maistries who carry them out would have to be placed practically under their orders.

4. On looking over the Local Fund Budget for next year, I find that there are 262 miles of road under the Revenue Department; supposing that these are equally divided among the three Overseers they would have to travel 87 miles to inspect the work, as repair would be going on at different parts of each road simultaneously.

5. That the Taluq Overseers can do this and attend to their own work I do not believe.

6. Seeing that in the Local Fund Budget the grant for superintendence by this department has only been made on the value of work to be carried out by it, I cannot understand how the Board can be entitled to the services of the Overseers for measuring works for which no payment is made; but I do not place any particular stress upon this, but refer the matter because I believe it will be impossible for the Overseers to make the measurements and attend to their own proper work at the same time, especially in next year in which the allotment for irrigation works is largely increased.

7. An early reply is requested.

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From F. WILKINSON, Esq., Acting Vice-President of the Local Fund Board, Oosoor Circle,
to Captain H. BAILEY, Executive Engineer, in charge of Oosoor Range, dated
Senkagiroog, 18th March 1875, No. 451.

I HAVE the honor to forward, herewith, a resolution of this Circle Board, dated 12th instant, and to request you will be good enough to direct the Taluq Overseers to measure the work performed on roads repaired by the Revenue Department from the commencement of the next official year. The Tahsildars will be directed to furnish to the Taluq Overseer on the 28th of each month a statement showing the amount of work said to have been performed in the enclosed specimen form, and the measurement of this species of work will not, I apprehend, interfere with the other duties of the Taluq Overseer.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board, Oosoor Circle, dated 12th March 1875.

PARA. III.—Read Memorandum of the Acting Vice-President, dated 1st instant.

(b.) Read also Memoranda thereon by the Tahsildar of Darampury, Deputy Inspector of Schools, F. G. Shaw, Esq., Honorary Surgeon Wells, Captain Bailey, and Natt Streenevass Rao.

RESOLVED, First, that as the Board are entitled to the services of the Taluq Overseers, the Board are of opinion that they should be required in the first week of each month to measure the work performed on roads repaired by the Revenue Department during the preceding month.
Second.—That all avenues should be in charge of the Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. WILKINSON,
Acting Vice-President

No. 192.

ORDER THEREON, 8th May 1875, No. 1,316.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 19.

THE Local Fund Board are under a misapprehension as to the duty of the Department Public Works in regard to work performed by other agency. Completion certificates will of course be furnished in accordance with the rules; but the amount of general supervision to be exercised by the Department Public Works in regard to work executed by other agency, and the arrangements for exercising it, must be left to the District Engineer, and cannot be dictated by the Local Fund Board.

(True Extract.)

Major R.E.
Major, R.E.,
Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.
" Financial Department.
" District Engineer, Salem,

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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Onssoon Circle. Measurements to be made by Taluk Overseers of the works executed by the Revenue Department. The Local Fund Board informed that they in their resolution regarding the labor under a misapprehension as to the duty of the Department Public Works in regard to work performed by other agency.

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Comm. to the
Board of Revenue
26 May/75