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2nd April 1877.*

Famine Relief.

No. 13A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th March 1877, No. 1,227:—

Read the following letter from J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 9th March 1877, No. 105.

With reference to Board's Proceedings, No. 3,165, dated 13th December 1876, I have the honor to submit, herewith, a statement showing the allotments from Local Funds for roads on which Imperial Funds have been spent for relief purposes in the Cuddapah Circle.

2. I beg to state that for none of the relief-works now in hand in the Madanapally Circle have there been any allotments made from Local Funds.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

STATEMENT showing the Allotment from Local Funds for Roads on which Imperial Funds have been spent for Relief purposes in the Cuddapah Circle.

No.	Name of Road.	Allotment under Maintenance.			Remarks.
		RS.	A.	P.	
1	Road from Sidhout to Budwail from the 19th to 26th mile, at Rupees 50 per mile.	380	0	0	Item No. 9 in Part II of the Budget of 1876-77, 59 miles. Allotment Rupees 5,000.
2	Road from Sidhout to Wontimitta from 1st furlong of the 1st mile to 5th furlong of the 3rd mile and from 5th mile to 4th.	150	0	0	Item No. 5 in Appendix to Part II, 7 miles. Allotment Rupees 350.
3	Road from Wontimitta to Tungatoor, via Kotapaud from 2nd furlong of the 2nd mile to the end of the 4th mile and from the 7th mile to Tungatoor.	200	0	0	Item No. 6 in do. of do., 5 miles. Allotment Rupees 500. For 3rd and 4th miles.
4	Nellore Road from 38th to 45th mile, at Rupees 150 a mile.	1,200	0	0	Item No. 7 in Part II, 48 miles. Allotment Rupees 7,310.
5	Mydukur Road from the 6th to 10th mile, at Rupees 40 a mile.	200	0	0	Item No. 10 in Appendix to Part II, 17 miles and 4 furlongs. Allotment Rupees 700.
Total ...		2,130	0	0	

(Signed) J. W. JOHNSTON,
Special Deputy Collector,
for Acting Collector.

The items entered are all maintenance allowances. The Board presume that the whole of the maintenance grants have not been spent by the Public Works Department, and that no expenditure has been incurred by them on the portions of the roads in question. On this understanding the Board request the Accountant-General to

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deduct the sum of Rupees 2,130 from the grant already placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department. This sum should be debited to Local Funds and credited to Imperial Funds as a recovery.

2. The Board have entered Rupees 200 as the grant, at 40 Rupees a mile, for five miles of the last road mentioned, the allotment for which was omitted by the Collector.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 13B.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd April 1877, No. 1,292A.

Miscellaneous.

APPROVED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Financial Department.
" the Accountant-General.

Ed. A. F. Goodall.

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4. The first item needs no remark. The second is made up of the sums marginally noted. The first two of the

	RS.	A.	P.	
Expenditure on wells ...	633	11	9	
Do. by civil officers ...	13,362	3	4	
	7	12	2	
	0	0	3	
Petty differences of expenditure	0	10	0	
	0	10	4	
	0	3	8	
Total...	14,005	3	6	

marginal items, aggregating Rupees 13,995-15-1, are the expenditure on wells and cattle ponds. The Collector points out that a sum of Rs. 12,096-8-0, or the expenditure up to August 1872 on wells and cattle ponds, is accounted for in the statement appended to paragraph 4 of Mr. Master's letter recorded in G.O., Revenue Department, dated 13th September 1873, No. 980. The difference between this amount and Rupees 13,995-15-1, or Rupees 1,899-7-1, is presumed to be the expenditure between August 1872 and March 1873. The petty items of differences are owing to the omission of amounts in the Progress Reports furnished by the Public Works Range Officers, from which the accounts of the Collector were prepared.

5. The third item is the expenditure appearing in the Collector's accounts in excess of that shown in those of the Examiner, and is composed of the following sums:—

	RS.	A.	P.
1 ...	10	0	0
2 ...	866	9	5
3 ...	1,416	12	7
4 ...	900	0	0
5 ...	8	0	4
Total ...	3,201	6	4

Of these five items, the first and fifth appeared in the Progress Reports furnished by the Public Works Department, and were therefore embodied in the Collector's accounts. The fourth item was expended by the Salt Deputy Collector, and was not reported to the Public Works Department. As regards the second and third items, the Collector points out that the expenditure as given by the Examiner is that incurred in 1871-72, whereas his accounts embrace outlay to August 1872, and hence the excess.

6. Before submitting to Government the Acting Collector's statements the Board sent them to the Examiner in order that they might be checked in his office. That officer's reply is recorded at the head of these Proceedings. He is of opinion that a further investigation of the accounts to test the accuracy of the figures would cost time and money, and doubts whether any useful results will thereby be obtained. The Board agree with him, and think that further inquiry may be dispensed with.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

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No. 17.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd April 1877, No. 1,294.

Miscellaneous.

THE Board's suggestion for dispens-
ing with further investigation of the
accounts in question, is accepted.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Offg. Chief Secretary.

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Expenditure on Famine Relief Works in Ganjam District in 1871 and 1872.—Accepting Board's suggestion for dispensing with further investigation of accounts connected with —

APRIL,
Nos. 16-17.

G.O., 3rd April 1877, No. 1,294

Dated April, 3rd
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No. 995.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 3rd March 1877.
Read again:—

MISCELLANEOUS No. 2,127.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th March 1876.

From R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjam, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chatterpore, 17th January 1876, No. 298.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 2,921, dated 21st October 1875, and to their Miscellaneous Proceedings, No. 11,252, dated 22nd December 1875, communicating G.O., Revenue Department, No. 1,816, dated 18th idem, I have the honor to forward, herewith, a statement explaining the discrepancies and omissions in connection with the expenditure on famine relief-works therein alluded to.

ORDERED that the statement with its accompaniments received with the foregoing letter be forwarded to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, with a request that he will be good enough to cause the figures to be checked and to return the statements with any remarks that may seem necessary.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed)

H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, with five enclosures to be returned.

MISCELLANEOUS No. 4,799.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th June 1876.

From Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort St. George, 5th May 1876, No. 7-B.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings, No. 2,127, under date the 9th March 1876, with regard to certain discrepancies between various statements that purport to show the expenditure on famine relief-works in the years 1871 and 1872, and with reference thereto to remark that I shall be glad to pursue the subject further should the Board be of opinion that any useful result will be thereby secured.

2. I will at once confess that so far as this office is concerned the question of the determination of the exact amount spent in famine relief-works in the years 1871-72 has in course of time lost much of the interest it once possessed. The amount spent in famine works has already been determined within very narrow limits. To pursue the subject further with a view to its determination absolutely

correctly, to discuss the incidence of each petty item on its own merits with any reasonable hope of coming to an agreement thereon, will require not only an investigation of the accounts in some of the local offices, but also a careful criticism of the comparative evidential value of certain apparently discordant initial accounts.

3. All this will cost time and money, the expenditure of which can only be justified by considerations of utility. So far as this department is concerned these considerations do not exist. Should they exist in the Revenue Department, the investigation into these accounts will be proceeded with; but I own I should be glad if the Board could find it possible to view the matter in the same light as myself and to consider the question as practically settled.

The Examiner of Public Works Accounts is requested to return the statements which were sent to him with Board's Proceedings, dated 9th March 1876, Miscellaneous No. 2,127, to enable the Board to decide the question raised in this letter.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

From the same Officer, dated 21st June 1876, No. 15-B.

As requested in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Miscellaneous No. 4,799, dated 10th June 1876, I have the honor to return the statements received with their Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 2,127, dated 9th March 1876.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 to 5.—Statements.

The foregoing papers will be submitted to Government with reference to their Order, Revenue Department, dated 18th December 1875, No. 1,816.

2. With his letter of the 17th January 1876, No. 298, the Acting Collector of Ganjam forwarded statements explaining the discrepancies in connection with the expenditure on famine relief-works existing between the Collector's and the Examiner's accounts as pointed out in Board's Proceedings, dated 21st October 1875, No. 2,921.

3. The differences between the two sets of accounts amounted to Rupees 12,943-14-3, as shown below:—

	RS.	A.	P.
1. Difference owing to expenditure in Collector's accounts being up to August 1872, while the outlay in Examiner's accounts was brought up to March 1873	2,140	1	1
2. Expenditure omitted in the Collector's accounts	14,003	3	6
	16,143	4	7
3. Expenditure shown in Collector's accounts, but not reported to the Examiner	3,201	6	4
	12,943	14	3

at the disposal of the P.W.D. This sum should be debited to local funds and credited to Imperial Funds as a recovery.

The Board have ordered Rs 200 as the grant at 40 Rs a mile for 5 miles of the last road mentioned, the allotment for which was omitted by the Collector.

(True Copy and Extract)

H. E. Stokes
Secretary

To The Collector of Cuddapah District, General
(True Copy)

H. E. Stokes

Secretary

To The Additional Secretary to Government P.W.D.,
with Copy of Statement

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