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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
10th April 1862.

No. 32. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 3rd April 1862, No. 669.

Declining to adopt the suggestion of the Civil Paymaster that advances required by subordinates of the Department of Public Works, be authorized by Treasury Orders from Government direct, and directing him to continue to pass all advances to subordinates on first appointment to the Department of Public Works without reference to Government and see that such advances are re-paid regularly by monthly instalments.

(Vide Proceedings Public Works Department, dated 3rd April 1862, Nos. 70 and 71.)

No. 33. ORDER THEREON, 10th April 1862, No. 274.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Public.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from W. J. RAYNOR, Esq., Officiating Civil Paymaster, to Lieut.-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort Saint George, 12th March 1862, No. 101 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Order of Government Department Public Works, No. 235, dated 17th ultimo, I have the honor to state that it is not usual for this Office to audit advances, which are not taken in the accounts as *bonâ fide* charges, but are held as unadjusted, until recovered in cash or adjusted by audited Bills.

2. The practice heretofore has been for the Sub-Treasurer to make advances under instructions from the Accountant General, and to forward to this Office, for registry and recovery of the amounts, Duplicates of the receipts granted by the parties. But under recent orders from the Government of India, advances at the Presidency are required to be made on Treasury Orders signed by the Secretary to Government, which are registered in this Office before payment, and the amount recovered in due course from the pay bills of the Officer concerned.

3. In order to avoid delay and inconvenience, I duly passed one month's salary in advance to Assistant Overseer Elliot of the Public Works Department in accordance with the instructions contained in the Order under reply, but have to request that such advances be authorized in future by Treasury Orders, as the audit of advances as a rule is calculated to create confusion in the adjustment of accounts.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd April 1862, No. 669.

1. In this letter the Civil Paymaster reports with reference to the Order of Government, dated 17th February 1862, No. 235, that he has passed one month's salary as an advance to Private Elliot to avoid delay and confusion, and suggests that such advances be authorized in future by Treasury Orders from Government direct, as the audit of advances as a rule by him is calculated to create confusion in the adjustment of the accounts.

2. The Government observe that the Civil Paymaster's suggestion is opposed to the orders of the Government of India of 2nd July 1861, No. 403, which cancelled the orders of 3rd May 1861, No. 5,330, on the representation of this Government.

3. One great object sought by this Government in the Financial letter to the Government of India dated 11th June 1861, No. 293, was to avoid references to them in each case where an advance was required by a Subordinate of the Department Public Works. The grounds urged by this Government for cancelling the Order of 3rd May 1861, were that no greater degree of security would be attained by each case being separately submitted for their sanction, as they would necessarily pass all such as a matter of course on the countersignature of the Civil Auditor and Departmental head, and that the only result of the references to them would be that increased delay would be caused and more detail work thrown upon Government and the Civil Auditor.

4. Under these circumstances the Government see no grounds for adopting the Civil Paymaster's suggestion, who will under these orders continue to pass all advances to Subordinates on first appointment to the Department Public Works without reference to them, and see that such advances are re-paid by monthly instalments in accordance with existing Rules.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

To the Civil Paymaster.
,, Chief Engineer, for information.
,, Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle.
,, Do. do. Central Circle.
,, Do. do. Southern Circle.
,, Financial Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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