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1st July 1862.*

No. 3. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Chief Engineer ; to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 13th June 1862, No. 1,527.

Public.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government No. 896, dated 1st ultimo, regarding the transmission to Government of the Public Works Budget on the 1st of November of each year instead of on the 1st December as hitherto, I have the honor to submit the following observations.

2. The above instruction was issued in consequence of the Orders in the Financial Department, dated 15th April last, requiring all Heads of Departments to furnish their Budget Estimates in the first instance to Government in time to reach the Government Office by the 1st November to admit of their being passed and transferred to the Accountant General by the 15th December for compilation and submission of the entire (Financial) Budget by the 15th January, so that it may be despatched to Calcutta by the 1st Steamer in February or earlier.

3. The Budget Estimates referred to are those submitted for incorporation in the Financial Budget and these have to be twice before the Chief Secretary, first separately and in detail from the Head of each Department, and again compiled into one by the Accountant General. The Chief Engineer, like other Heads of Departments, is required to submit his Budget Estimate to Government in the Financial Department, but the Estimate hitherto usually forwarded to the Accountant General was only an abstract of the Public Works Budget, the latter being forwarded in detail to the Secretary to Government Public Works Department and by the present Orders it would appear that both the detailed Budget for the Public Works Department, and the Abstract Budget Estimate compiled therefrom for the Financial Department are to be submitted by the Chief Engineer on the 1st November.

4. But the detailed Public Works Budget is not passed in the Financial but in the Public Works Department of the Secretariat, and therefore revision which may be made in the latter, with reference to Orders passed on Estimates under consideration in that Department will not be known in the Financial Department, and it will become necessary to submit a revised Budget Estimate to the Financial Department on the completion of the revision and on the final approval of the Public Works Budget being notified.

5. To avoid this double submission of the Budget Estimate, I recommend that the Chief Engineer submit the Budget Estimate either direct to the Accountant General or through the Financial Department after the necessary revisions are made in the Public Works Secretariat, which should be completed before the 15th December, the latest date fixed for the transfer of the Budget Estimate from the Financial Department of the Secretariat to the Accountant General, and of which revision the Chief Engineer should be advised in sufficient time to allow of his making up the Budget Estimate by the above date. This arrangement will, it is believed, suit both the Financial Department and the Accountant General, as the latter has simply to add the entries in the Estimate revised and passed as it will be in the proper Department, to the Financial Budget under compilation by him.

6. It has been the practice to require the local Budget Lists, viz., those from the District Engineer to reach the Central Office one month before the date fixed for the submission of the Public Works Budget by the Chief Engineer. District Engineers will therefore have to transmit their Lists so as to reach the Deputy Chief Engineers of Circles by the 1st October of every year. If these Officers are allowed a fortnight's time to examine and transfer the Budget Lists in question to the Chief Engineer along with a Memorandum of the Estimates they would recommend for entry with reference to the fixed allotment for the year, there will be but a fortnight's time remaining before the date fixed for the submission of the Public Works Budget to the Secretariat of that Department, within which period the Chief Engineer will have first to consider all the Lists together in order to determine what works can be admitted in the Public Works Budget to bring it within the total assignment, and then to compile the entire Budget in the classified form given for the purpose with the several figured Abstract Statements

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which are to accompany it. This interval of a fortnight would certainly be insufficient, and I recommend therefore that the date of transmission by the Chief Engineer be the 15th November, which will give a month for preparation, and if the Budget is passed in the Public Works Secretariat after the necessary revision by the 15th December, there will still be another month for the printing of it and for its despatch in time to reach Calcutta on or before the 1st February, the date fixed by the Government of India.

Referred to the Financial Department for consideration with reference to the Order in that Department, dated 15th April 1862, No. 289.

9th June 1862.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut. Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 4.

ORDER THEREON, 1st July 1862, No. 482.

As the detailed Public Works Budget is not submitted to or passed in the Financial Department, it will be considered in the Public Works Department, whether any change be necessary in the mode in, and time at, which the Budget Estimate is sent in to Government.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 1527

Central Office of P.W.D.
Chennai 13th June 1862

From
The Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary
to Government P.W.D.

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Central Office of P.W.D.
Calcutta 13th June 1862.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

W. Rossley, Esq. ^{Vent Colonel}
Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary
to Government P.W.D.

J. H. Callaghan

Financial Department

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(Dated 13 June, 1862. No. 1527)

Order thereon. 1st July 1862 No. 482

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Pro: 1st May 1862
No. 13-1

15 June 1862

Referred to the Committee
for consideration with
reference to the order in
that Dept. dated 15th

April 1862. No. 289.

27th 1862
Secretary to Govt
19th June 1862.

1st July 1862.

1st July 1862
No. 1834

From the Chief Engineer
to the Secretary
to Govt. (P.W.D.)

Dated 13th June 1862

Received 16th June 1862
No. 1527

No. 504

Order for the Secretary

Since that it will be understood
to submit the Public Works
Budget in the 1st of November,
and that it is recommended by the
Committee that the order
be passed to 15th June 1862.

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Proceedings of Congress

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Regarding the time
at which the Public
Works Budget should
be submitted to Congress