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8th April 1863.

No. 16 Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 25th March 1863, No. 758.

Reviewing the Financial Sketch Estimate for 1863-64, appertaining to the Public Works Department. (Vide Proceedings Public Works Department, dated 25th March 1863, Nos. 476 & 477.)

No. 16 ORDER THEREON, 8th April 1863, No. 243.

To be recorded.

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

Exd T. O'Connor.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Memorandum from the Acting Accountant General :—

Forwarding an Extract of sums appertaining to the Public Works Department as entered in the General Estimate of Cash Requirements. } (Here enter 18th March 1863.)

ORDER THEREON, 25th March 1863, No. 758.

1. With this Memorandum the Acting Deputy Auditor and Accountant General forwards, for submission to the Government of India, the Extract from the Financial Sketch Estimate for 1863-64 required by paragraph 44 of the Budget Rules.

2. A sum of Rupees 20,000 is estimated as the probable collections at the Pier, but no charge is entered on the same account, nor is it stated whether the amount has been arrived at by deducting the charges in accordance with the spirit of the Order in the Revenue Department dated 13th January 1863, No. 74, paragraph 4. At present the establishment at the Pier is paid from the Repair Funds of the Presidency District.

3. Under the spirit of the Revenue Order just quoted, the sum of Rupees 2,094, the probable charge on account of the establishment on Cochrane's Canal, should be borne by the tolls levied on boats plying on that Canal. No entry however of these collections is made in the statement under review.

4. A sum of *Rupees* 40,769 is charged in the Extract as the probable expenditure on account of Travellers' Bungalows and Native Choultries, while on the same account *Rupees* 40,679 are entered in the explanatory Memorandum showing the differences between the Chief Engineer's Estimate and that prepared by the Accountant General. It is not clear whether the amounts referred to are intended to show the probable expenditure on the repair of the Bungalows or the charges for watching the buildings and for furniture required therein. This should be explained.

5. The Government of India disallowed the amount entered under the head of Travellers' Bungalows in the Financial Budget of the current year pending the settlement of the question as to which Department should bear the cost. Mr. Lushington is requested to report whether any instructions have been received on this subject.

6. A sum of Rupees 4,00,000 is entered by the Accountant General as the 1 per cent. Income Tax Grant for the next year, but the fact that this amount is included in the sum of Rupees 6,32,030 entered in another part of the statement as the probable expenditure from Local Funds has been apparently overlooked. The Accountant General must be aware that the Ferry Funds (under the Collectors) known as Local Funds and available for expenditure on Public Works fall far short of the amount entered in his statement.

7. The rule that the Local Fund grants continue to be available, although not utilized during the year, appears to have been lost sight of. From the accounts now before Government, it appears that a sum not less than Rupees 97,474* (the probable unexpended balance of the current year's allotment) will be available from this source for expenditure during the coming year. It is not known what balances are available in the Marine and Educational Departments. Mr. Lushington is requested to ascertain this in preparing the revised estimate.

* 87,474 from Ferry Funds, 10,000 from the Income Tax Grant.

8. In the preparation of his explanatory Memorandum, the Accountant General should have taken as his guide the Public Works Budget passed by Government, which in addition to the probable outlay on Public Works proper, contains also the expenditure for guaranteed Companies.

(True Extract.)

H. Birdwood Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Deputy Auditor and Accountant General.
,, Financial Department.
Exd. S. T. Augustin.

