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No. 36. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 10th February 1865, No. 276.

Authorizing the incorporation in the Imperial Public Works Budget of the estimated expenditure from Local Funds, by Public Works Officers. (Vide Proceedings, Revenue Department, dated 10th February 1865, Nos. 198—200.)

No. 37. ORDER THEREON, 15th February 1865, No. 98.

To be recorded.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 476. ORDER THEREON, 23rd November 1864, No. 3,363.

1. Resolved that the revised forms of Public Works Budget Estimate received with the foregoing Circular from the Government of India be furnished to the Officers marginally noted, with a view to their adoption, in supercession of the forms hitherto in use.

Superintending Engineers,
Controller of Public Works Accounts.
Consulting Engineers for Railways.
Consulting Engineer for Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.

2. The subject of incorporating in the Imperial Budget the estimated expenditure from Local Funds by Public Works Officers will be considered in the Revenue Department.

3. Form No. I—Will be prepared in the Government Office.

4. Forms Nos. II and III.—These will be furnished by Superintending Engineers. The items in Part II should be arranged in the order noted at the foot of pages 4 to 8. The works under "Agricultural" should be entered as shewn below:—

1. Irrigation.
2. Tanks.
3. Dykes.
4. Drainage.

Care should be taken that the sanction of the Local Government, in the Public Works Department, is quoted opposite to each item; and in event of provision being made in any particular estimate on account of machinery, &c., the amount so provided should be noted in the column of "Remarks or References."

5. Form No. IV—Will be furnished by the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

6. Form No. V.—This Return will be furnished by the Store Department. The Officer in charge should at once place himself in communication with the Superintending Engineers, with a view to obtaining the necessary particulars.

7. Form No. VI—Will be furnished by the Consulting Engineers for Railways and for the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.

APPENDICES.

8. A—Will be furnished by Superintending Engineers. In lieu of the sums heretofore entered in Part II of the Local Budgets, under the head "Special Repairs," a lump sum should be provided under each of the main* Budget heads against the item "Special unforeseen Repairs." Superintending Engineers will be careful to enter, in the column of "Remarks," the orders of Government sanctioning grants for the maintenance of specific lines of communication, &c.

* Military.
Civil Buildings.
Agricultural.
Communications.
Miscellaneous.
Public Improvement.

9. B and C—Will be submitted by the Controller.

10. D.—This form is precisely similar to that furnished to the Store Department with Proceedings No. 3,013, dated 20th October 1864.

11. E.—This Return will be prepared by the Controller, in communication with the Accountant General. In order to the preparation of Statement F, the Controller will report the probable cash balance in the hands of the Officers of the Public Works Department on the 1st May next.

12. G—Will be furnished by the Consulting Engineers for Railways and for the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, in lieu of the Statements called for in Proceedings No. 3,013, dated 20th October 1864, in the forms given at pages 22 and 23 of the revised Budget of this Presidency for the current official year.

No. 475. Read the following Proceedings of the Governor General of India in Council, Public Works Department, (Account), dated Simla, 19th September 1864, Circular No. 70 :—

Revised form of Public Works Budget-Estimate.

Read—

Note by Accountant General, Public Works Department, submitting for approval a revised form of Budget estimate based on the skeleton form of Public Works Accounts Commission. See their Report, paragraphs 48 to 50.

RESOLUTION.—The revised Budget estimate consists of the following details and appendices :—

1. Abstract of the estimated charges of the year.
2. Detail of Original Works.
3. Detail of Repairs.
4. Detail of Establishments.
5. Detail of Tools and Plant.
6. Detail of State expenditure on account of Railways and other guaranteed enterprize.

APPENDICES.

A.—Schedule of items making up the estimate for repairs.

D.—Detail of Military pay and allowances included in the estimate for establishments.

C.—Distribution of establishments in two parts—
Part I, excluding petty establishments.
Part II, petty establishments only.

D.—Memorandum of Indents on London for Stores expected during the year.

E.—Estimate of probable receipts of the Public Works Department to be paid into the Government Treasury.

F.—Estimate of probable sums expected to be drawn from Public Treasuries during the year.

G.—Estimate of Railway transactions not appearing as receipts or disbursements of the Public Works Department during the year.

His Excellency the Governor General in Council is pleased to approve of these forms, and directs that they be adopted for the estimates of 1865-66, in supercession of the existing forms of Budget estimate, which are hereby cancelled.

The forms contain sufficient explanation in themselves to be easily understood, and call for no particular remarks here.

His Excellency in Council desires the new form of estimate may be strictly adhered to ; that the estimate may, if possible, be printed on white paper of foolscap size ; and that any explanatory remarks or forwarding letter and any additional matter may be invariably submitted separately, and not be bound up with the estimate.

Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, North-Western Provinces and Punjab,
Governor, Straits Settlements, Chief Commissioners, Oudh, British Burmah, and Central Provinces,
Commissioner of Mysore, Resident at Hyderabad, Agents to the Governor General, Rajpootana and Central India,
Superintendent of Lighthouses:

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Resolution be forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations marginally noted for information and guidance.

Also that a copy be forwarded to the Financial Department, and to the Accountant General, Public Works Department, for information.

(Signed) R. STRACHEY, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to the Government of India.
(Signed) E. C. S. WILLIAMS, Captain R. E.,
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 23rd November 1864.

13. Such of the Superintending Engineers as have already submitted their Budgets in the old form will now be requested to furnish revised Budgets at an early date. Any new works that those Officers may recommend for execution during the ensuing year, in the event of funds in excess of the amount provisionally allotted for each District in Memorandum No. 102, dated 20th August 1864, being available, should be entered, in red ink, at the foot of Form II.

14. Superintending Engineers are requested to submit a separate Budget for each District, and to use their best efforts to furnish the Returns required at an early date, so that the General Budget may be prepared by the Government Office, and submitted to the Government of India, in time to reach Calcutta by the appointed date.*

* 1st February 1865.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Consulting Engineer for Railways.
,, Consulting Engineer, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Accountant General.
,, Financial Railway, &c., Departments.
,, Store Department.
,, Special Executive Engineers.
,, Inspector General, Madras Police.
,, Military Department.
,, Board of Revenue

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 17th January 1865.

No. 347. Read the following letter from Captain J. F. FISCHER, R. E., Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 23rd December 1864, No. 2,076 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward an original letter* from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, on the subject of G. O. No. 3,498, dated 8th December 1864.

* From Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, No. 4,740, dated 17th, received 22nd December 1864.

2. As eight months of the current official year have nearly expired, it may lead to some confusion in the accounts if credits are to be now issued through this Office for funds required for outlay on Local Funds, to be spent by Public Works Officers from next month.

3. Until an estimate of the probable requirements on the above account for the whole year is prepared, this Office will be unable to check applications for funds which may be presented, as the applications will be based on allotments and sums already drawn, of which this Office is not cognizant. It appears from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, communicated in G. O. 14th December 1864, No. 3,565, that the estimate of probable requirements is still under preparation.

4. I recommend, therefore, that the present plan, according to which funds have been already placed at the credit of the proper Officers for outlay on Local Funds during the whole year, be not disturbed, and that the entire sum drawn in the year by Public Works Officers for outlay by themselves, be communicated to this Office in one account for each District, in order that the sums thus reported may be brought on the books of this Office to the credit of Government, as if received from the drawing account with Imperial Funds taken up during the year.

5. The account for the year to be thus furnished to this Office should also give particulars of the outlay on works, to be audited in this Office and compiled into one general Account Current for the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General, like those for the past and previous years, which were submitted to him from this Office. A copy of this Account Current can be submitted to the Board of Revenue for the appropriation audit left to that Department, but bills in adjustment of the expenditure accounted for in the annual accounts will have to be submitted to this Office by the Public Works Officers who incurred the outlay.

6. As respects the grants from the Income tax receipts which are all spent by Public Works Officers, and of which accounts are now rendered to this Office monthly, the plan on which funds for outlay thereon were placed at the credit of the Public Works Officers concerned need not be disturbed. One general account of the whole year's receipts and expenditure will be compiled and furnished to the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General, as was done in past years, and that Officer can hold the sums advanced in the current year, as if taken up from one general drawing account, and he will debit the Public Works Department with the advances (or funds drawn) in question, like funds on account of the Imperial allotment, and as the outlay on both Imperial and Local Funds will have to be accounted for in the books of this Office with the Accountant General, Public Works Department, Calcutta, it will not be necessary for the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General to receive Bills for and in adjustment of the outlay from the Income tax grant in the current year, which will be audited and disposed of like outlay from Imperial Funds, without reference to the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General of this Presidency.

7. For and from the next official year applications for funds for outlay by Public Works Officers on Local Funds (District Conservancy and Income tax grants) works should be made to this Office, and in order to their being drawn out of one general drawing account with the Civil Treasury, it is necessary that the Budget of Imperial Funds for the ensuing official year now under compilation should shew the outlay to be incurred from both funds, with the works to be executed out of each, as provided for in the forms communicated by the Government of India.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 17th January 1865.

No. 348. ORDER THEREON, 17th January 1865, No. 165.

1. Under the circumstances explained, the Government approve of the proposals contained in paragraphs 4 to 6 of the Controller's letter.

2. Paragraph 7 will be considered in the Revenue Department, with reference to the orders marginally noted. The Imperial Public Works Budget must be despatched to the Government of India by the 1st February.

No. 3,363, dated 23rd November 1864, paragraph 2.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
„ Accountant General.
„ Superintending Engineers.
Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 10th February 1865.

No. 198. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Communicating Proceedings of the Government of India, relating to the revised form of Public Works Budget Estimate, and observing that the subject of incorporating in the Imperial Budget the estimated expenditure from Local Funds by Public Works Officers will be considered in the Revenue Department. } (Here enter 23rd November 1864, No. 3,363.)

No. 199.

Referring for consideration letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, recommending that for and from the next official year applications from funds for outlay by Public Works officers on Local Funds works should be made to this office. } (Here enter 17th January 1865, No. 165.)

No. 200. ORDER THEREON, 10th February 1865, No. 276.

Local Funds.

1. In these orders the question of incorporating in the Imperial Public Works Budget the estimated expenditure from Local Funds by Public Works Officers, as required by the Government of India, is referred for consideration in this Department.

2. According to the Rules passed in the Order dated 4th March 1864, No. 392, the Local Fund's Budget should be transmitted to the Government of India in the Financial Department, and this course will continue to be followed. That Government have clearly stated that their object was "not to exercise any interference with the expenditure of funds which were entirely at the disposal of the Local Government," and this is corroborated by the Note "this amount (Local Funds) will be determined by the Local Government," given in one of the forms of the Public Works Budget. The object of the proposed inclusion of only the Local Fund's works to be executed by the Public Works Officers in the general Public Works Budget, is apparently for simple departmental convenience, and to this the Government have no objection. Copies of the Local Fund's Budget containing works to be executed by professional Officers, will be furnished to the Public Works Department as soon as they are passed, in order that those works may be taken into the general Budget prepared in that Department.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
„ the Accountant General.
„ the Board of Revenue.
the Revenue Department - with Gen. Schedule & Abstract

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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