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No. 25. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 3rd November 1866, No. 3508.

Communicating Circular from the Government of India, distributing the Public Works Grant for 1867-68. (Vide Proceedings, Public Works Department, dated 3rd November 1866, Nos. 58 & 59.)

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, 7th November 1866, No. 411.

To be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

No. 58. Read the following Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account,) dated Simla, 9th October 1866, No. 83 :—

PUBLIC WORKS GRANT FOR 1867-68.

1. The Governor General in Council observes that it was decided in 1865* that the grants for Public Works should in future be distributed among the different Local Governments and Administrations, in time to admit of the annual estimates being framed for the exact sums definitively made available. In pursuance of this Resolution, the grants for 1866-67 were distributed in the latter end† of October 1865, and the estimates for that year submitted in the following January, were, accordingly, all prepared in view to the appropriations of the exact amount thus provided beforehand. This was the first occasion on which this arrangement came into operation, and while on the one hand it rendered the disposal of the estimates in this Department a much more simple and expeditious matter than it used to be, on the other the Local Governments and Administrations were enabled to make well considered arrangements beforehand for the disposal of their grants, with a reasonable expectation that they would not be subject to alteration except in details. It may be hoped that this arrangement has conduced to a careful application of money to the best purpose, and to the maintenance of a sustained and steady rate of progress in the operations of the Department.

* Public Works Circular No. 69 of 1865.

† Public Works Circular, No. 107, dated 24th October 1865.

2. The end of the financial year having now been changed from the 30th April to the 31st March, it has become necessary also to antedate the time fixed for distributing the Public Works grants, and the Governor General in Council accordingly now proceeds to determine those for the coming year.

I. MILITARY WORKS.

3. The sketch estimate of requirements under this head called for by Circular No. 62 of 1866 has been received from every part of India, except Bombay, from which Presidency only a telegram has been as yet received on the subject. The estimates abstracted in the following table amount to 238¼ lakhs, against an estimate and grant of 190 lakhs in the current year. Allowing for an increase of establishment charges of 12 lakhs, against a similar provision of 10 lakhs in 1866-67, in connection with increase of business arising out of the Military works, the estimate for this head of service will virtually be 250 lakhs, which is nearly the sum which it was anticipated,‡ at

‡ Despatch No. 68, dated 30th June 1865, to Secretary of State.

the time when the re-construction of barracks throughout India was first determined on, would be the quota to be supplied in 1867-68 for this object.

Governments and Administrations.	Abstract of Estimates submitted.			
	Original Works.	Repairs.	Total.	
	Lakhs.	Lakhs.	Lakhs.	
Madras	Not	reported	12	
Bombay	22	5	55½	
Bengal	41¼	4¾	27	
North-Western Provinces	39¾	3½	46	
Punjab	11⅛	⅞	43¼	Reduced to 43 lakhs.
Central Provinces	7¼	¼	12	
British Burmah	11¾	1	8	
Oudh	7	¾	12¾	
Hyderabad	7½	½	7¾	
Rajpootana	5½	½	8	
Central India			6	
Total			238¼	

4. The Governor General in Council therefore fixes the special grant for Military Works at 238 lakhs, including the works in the Bombay Presidency chargeable to the Special Fund, the total sum assigned to each Province being that entered in the last column of the foregoing table. This grant will not be available for any other purpose, and its final confirmation will of course be dependent on the timely preparation of detailed estimates for the works to be provided for from it.

IRRIGATION WORKS.

5. The intention of the Government of India to make special provision for the prosecution of Irrigation Works, beyond what is likely to be available from the ways and means of each year, was announced in Public Works Circular No. 25 of 1866, in which the different Governments and Administrations were invited to prepare and submit projects for any works of this class which should be calculated to prevent distress from drought, and which should afford a prospect of being remunerative. In view to an actual commencement being made during the coming year of the more rapid progress contemplated by this arrangement beyond what has hitherto been practicable, the Governor General in Council determines to assign a special grant of 35 lakhs for this purpose, which, it is believed, is as much as the present state of preparation will admit of being profitably spent. This grant will be thus distributed:—

	Lakhs.
Madras	8
Bombay	7
Bengal	5½
N. W. Provinces...	8
Punjab	5
Central Provinces	1½
Total ...	35

6. The conditions under which this special grant, and any subsequent ones to be made in succeeding years, will be given, require that they shall be specially appropriated to this service, and not be applicable to any other purpose. And since it would not be practicable to distinguish between the expenditure incurred from

special and ordinary grants on the same works or class of works, it becomes necessary to deal with the *whole* grant for *new* irrigation works as special, and to place it on the same footing as that for Military works.

7. Taking therefore the grants for *new* irrigation works as passed in the estimates of the current year, which amount in round numbers to 35 lakhs, and adding thereto the special grant distributed as above, the Governor General in Council declares the following to be the grants and distribution for this head of service for 1867-68:—

	Lakhs.
Madras	15
Bombay	12½
Bengal	6
N. W. Provinces	23
Punjab	12
Central Provinces	1½
Total...	70

8. It is to be understood that the estimates need not be limited to the above figures, if additional funds can be supplied from the total grant (other than Military), but that these sums are not transferable to other services, and that their final allotment is contingent on duly approved projects being forthcoming for their appropriation, on the terms prescribed in Circular No. 25 of 1866.

OTHER SERVICES.

9. The sum allotted in the current year for services other than Military, was 371 lakhs, of which 10 lakhs was held to be due to the extra provision required for the establishments connected with Military Buildings. The sum provided on this occasion for a similar purpose, is 2 lakhs more, so that the whole grant for purposes other than Military, is 373 lakhs; and deducting from this the 35 lakhs devoted to *new* irrigation works, there remains a sum of 338 lakhs, which the Governor General in Council determines to distribute as follows:—

	Lakhs.
Madras	55
Bombay	53½
Bengal	67½
N. W. Provinces	49¾
Punjab	38
Central Provinces	26¼
British Burmah	18
Oudh	12¾
Hyderabad	6¼
Rajpootana	3½
Central India	5½
Coorg	2
Total...	338

10. The grant for the Central Provinces includes 7 lakhs to be specially devoted to the Godavery Navigation works under the head of Original Works, excluding charges for establishment.

11. The total grant will therefore be as follows, compared with that for 1866-67:—

	1867-68. Lakhs.	1866-67. Lakhs.
Military	238	190
New Irrigation works	70	35
Other Services...	338	336
	646	561

12. The table attached to this Resolution shows the total grant assigned to each Presidency and Province agreeing with the foregoing figures. The Budget Estimates should now be framed accordingly, the following conditions being understood and observed:—

I.—That the part of the estimate of each Presidency or Province to be devoted to Military works is not transferable to other objects, although if the share assigned to any Province be not required in full, it may be reduced, a corresponding reduction being made in the total of the Budget Estimate of that Province.

II.—That the grant assigned for Original Irrigation works is also not to be diverted from that purpose, but that there is no objection to its being increased if thought proper, provided the total grant of the Province be limited by the total amount here assigned.

III.—That the sums assigned for other services will be distributed by each Local Government and Administration according to the requirements of the case, upon Civil Buildings, Communications, Miscellaneous Public Improvements, Repairs to Irrigation works and to other works (not Military), Tools and Plant, and Establishments, subject to the general review of the Governor General in Council. This portion of the grant will also include all necessary provision for land required for Public Works; for State expenditure on guaranteed Irrigation works, and Railways not guaranteed, and for Stores, excepting those required for Military Buildings, to be supplied on indent from London.

IV.—That the State expenditure on guaranteed railways is to be in addition to the grants now assigned, the estimate for each Local Government and Administration being framed as usual on the actual requirements of the year.

13. A separate communication will be addressed to the Government of Bombay, regarding the grant to be assigned for works debitable to the special land fund.

14. The Governor General in Council requests that Local Governments and Administrations will take measures to ensure that the Budget Estimates are rendered with complete punctuality and in proper form. Particular attention should be given to the remarks made in the Budget Orders of the current year on this head, in view to their being rendered on this occasion free from mistakes of any kind.

ORDER.—Ordered that the foregoing Resolution be forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations noted in the margin,* for information and guidance.

Ordered, also, that a copy be forwarded to the Financial Department for information.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Lieut.-Colonel, R. A.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

* Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, North-Western Provinces, and Punjab.
Chief Commissioners of Central Provinces, British Burmah, and Oudh.
Commissioner of Coorg.
Resident, Hyderabad.
Agents, Governor General for Central India, and Rajpootana.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd November 1866.

Abstract of the grants assigned for expenditure on Public Works, for 1867-68, excluding State expenditure on Guaranteed Railways.

Governments and Administrations.	Grants for 1867-68.				Grants for 1866-67, as finally sanctioned by Government of India.
	Special grant for Military Works.	Special grant for Original Irrigation Works.	Other services, viz., Civil Buildings, Communications, Miscellaneous Public Improvements, Repairs to Irrigation works, Establishment, Tools, and Plant.	Total.	
	Lakhs.	Lakhs.	Lakhs.	Lakhs.	Lakhs.
Madras	12	15	55	82	70
Bombay...	55½*	12½	53½	121½*	92
Bengal	27	6	67½	100½	84¼
N. W. Provinces ...	46	23	49¾	118¾	102¾
Punjab	43	12	38	93	84½
Central Provinces ...	12	1½	26¼†	39¾	36½
British Burmah... ...	8	.....	18	26	25¾
Oudh	12¾	.....	12¾	25½	25
Hyderabad	7¾	.....	6¼	14	12¾
Rajpootana	8	.....	3½	11½	10½
Central India	6	.....	5½	11½	12
Coorg	.....	.....	2	2	1¼
Strait Settlements ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	238	70	338	646	561

* Including the *Military* works chargeable to the special Fund.

† Including a special grant of seven (7) lakhs (excluding establishment charges) for the Godavery Navigation Works, which is not applicable to any other object.

No. 59. ORDER THEREON, 3rd November 1866, No. 3,508.

ACCOUNT, No. 2.

Communicated to the Departments of the Secretariat, and to the Superintending Engineers.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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" Revenue Department.
" Superintending Engineers.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Military Dept.

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