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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 28th June 1870.

No. 32. Read the following letter from the Comptroller-General of Accounts, to all Accountants-General, dated Calcutta, 26th May 1870, Circular No. 104:—

I have the honour to forward, for your information and guidance, copy of Financial Resolution, No. 2581, dated 29th ultimo, respecting the adjustment of accounts between the Civil and Public Works Departments in reference to prisoners that may be employed on (1), new Irrigation Works, and (2), Public Works Ordinary.

2. In the first case, ALL the expenses of the prisoners will be treated as a charge under Law and Justice, just as is now done in your books, but you should keep a separate or subsidiary account of the expenditure for the purpose indicated in paragraph 2 of the Resolution, viz., for comparison with the sums realized from the Public Works Department on account of the prisoners' labour. The Public Works Department will pay for the labour by a cheque in the usual form on the Civil Treasury to be drawn by the local Executive Engineer in favour of the Inspector-General of Jails. The Executive Engineer should furnish with the cheque a memorandum of the number of prisoners employed and the rates allowed for them. This memorandum should be passed by the Inspector-General, and will be your voucher for the sufficiency of the sum received from the Public Works Department; credit for these sums should be given to Law and Justice.

3. In the second case, the Public Works Department will bear the cost only "of extra guards and of subsidiary jail buildings, and any charge which can be distinctly separated from the ordinary jail charges as being clearly due to the employment of the prisoners on public works." You will be good enough to arrange for the separation of these extra charges which should be debited to the Public Works Department in the books of your office, and should be communicated to the Controller in your monthly accounts-current with him. This system of adjustment will take effect from the current year.

Resolution by the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort William, 29th April 1870, *No.* 2581.

Read again—

Financial Resolution, No. 3013, dated 13th December 1869, requesting that the fairest way of re-imbursing the Jail Department and charging the Department of Public Works for the services of prisoners employed on public works might be considered in the Home and Public Works Departments.

Read also the following replies :—

From Public Works Department, No. 104-5B-C., dated 21st February 1870.

From Home Department, No. 628, dated 31st March 1870.

RESOLUTION.—In reply to the inquiry made by this Department as stated above, the Public Works Department observes that the Jail Department might be relieved of expense for convicts employed on public works in the following ways, viz. :—

1st.— When convicts are employed on some of the new irrigation works in progress, the whole expense of the convicts, "including their guards, any subsidiary or temporary jail accommodation which may be necessary during the progress of the works, and any other charges which may be contingent on the employment of the convicts," should be charged to the jail grant, the Public Works Department paying to credit of jail receipts "the full market value of the work done by the prisoners."

2. This is unobjectionable, but the Civil Department should be instructed to keep distinct the account of expenditure of the prisoners employed on irrigation works, so that it may be seen whether the value of the labour covers their whole expenditure, or covers at least more than the extra charges of their employment on out-door labour.

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28th June 1870.

3. For convicts employed in the Public Works Department on other than the new irrigation works, the Public Works Department recommends the existing rule, viz., that the Public Works Department should "bear the cost of extra guards and of subsidiary jail buildings and any other charge which can be distinctly separated from the ordinary jail charges as being clearly due to the employment of the prisoners on public works."

4. This recommendation is approved.

Ordered that this Resolution be sent to the Public Works Department and the Comptroller-General of Accounts, with a request that the latter will issue the requisite instructions adverted to in paragraph 2, and with the remark that the crediting to jails of the labour of convicts employed on Public Works Extraordinary should take effect from the current year.

Ordered, also, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Home Department, with the remark that orders regarding the abolition of the convict labour funds will be issued separately.

(Signed) R. H. HOLLINGBERY,
Assist. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 334.

Copy forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras for information

(Signed) E. GAY,
Deputy Comptroller-General.

No. 33. Office Thereon, 28th June 1870, No. 282.

Communicated to the Public Works Department, and to the Inspector-General of Jails.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
,, Inspector-General of Jails.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of 1870 Madras.

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To

The PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated June, 28th.

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Encl.

G. O., 28th June 1870, No. 983.

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Communicating letter from the Comptroller-General of Accounts, Calcutta, forwarding a Finance and Resolution respecting the adjustment of accounts between the Civil and Public Works Departments in reference to prisoners that may be employed on new Irrigation Works and Public Works Ordinary.

Consult

Prisoners employed on Public Works.

Book Department.

CIRCULAR No. 8.

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
14th June 1870.

Forwarded to all Collectors, Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills, Resident of Travancore, Inspector-General of Jails, Inspector-General of Police, Controller of Public Works Accounts for information and guidance.

2. The Inspector-General of Jails should, on receipt of the Cheque and Memorandum specified in paragraph 2 of Comptroller General's Circular, forward the former to the Treasury Officer to be realized and credited to "Law and Justice," and the latter duly passed, to this Office, noting thereon the amount of expenses incurred on account of the Prisoners.

3. Instructions should be issued by the Inspectors-General of Jails and of Police for the submission by Superintendents of Jails and of Police of separate Bills, duly audited by the Controller, for extra charges for Convicts employed in the Public Works Department on other than new Irrigation Works, in view to these amounts being debited by Treasury Officers to "Public Works Department."

F. LUSHINGTON,
Accountant General.

Comptroller General's Office.
CENTRAL ACCOUNTS BRANCH :
Calcutta, the 26th May 1870.

CIRCULAR No. 104.

FROM THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF ACCOUNTS,

TO ALL ACCOUNTANTS GENERAL.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward, for your information and guidance, copy of Financial Resolution No. 2,581, dated 29th ultimo, respecting the adjustment of Accounts between the Civil and Public Works Departments in reference to prisoners that may be employed on (1), new Irrigation Works and (2), Public Works Ordinary.

2. In the first case, ALL the expenses of the prisoners will be treated as a charge under Law and Justice, just as is now done in your books, but you should keep a separate or subsidiary account of the expenditure for the purpose indicated in paragraph 2 of the Resolution, namely, for comparison with the sums realised from the Public Works Department on account of the prisoners' labor. The Public Works Department will pay for the labor by a cheque in the usual form on the Civil Treasury to be drawn by the local Executive Engineer in favor of the Inspector General of Jails. The Executive Engineer should furnish with the cheque a Memorandum of the number of prisoners employed and the rates allowed for them. This Memorandum should be passed by the Inspector General, and will be your voucher for the sufficiency of the sum received from the Public Works Department; credit for these sums should be given to Law and Justice.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

E. F. HARRISON,
Comptroller General of Accounts.

RESOLUTION by the Government of India, Financial Department, No. 2,581, dated Fort William, the 29th April 1870.

Read—

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For convicts employed in the Public Works Department on other than the new irrigation works, the Public Works Department recommends the existing rule, *viz.*, that the Public Works Department should "bear the cost of extra guards and of subsidiary jail buildings and any other charge which can be distinctly separated from the ordinary jail charges as being clearly due to the employment of the prisoners on public works."

This recommendation is approved.

ORDER.—Ordered that this Resolution be sent to the Public Works Department and the Comptroller General of Accounts, with a request that the latter will issue the requisite instructions adverted to in paragraph 2, and with the remark that the crediting to jails of the labor of Convicts employed on Public Works Extraordinary should take effect from the current year.

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(Signed) R. H. HOLLINGBERY,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

(True Copy.)

D. KISSUNSING,
Assistant Accountant General.

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Dated June 28.

Rec.d. Read.

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Convey. letter from the Comptroller Genl. of Accounts Calcutta forwarding a Fin.l Resn. regarding the adjustment of accounts between the Civil & Public Works Depts. in reference to persons that may be employed on new Irrigation works & Public Works Ordinary.