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Financial Proceedings, Accounts, April 1870, Nos. 20 to 37.

Read—

Endorsement by the Public Works Department, No. 1AG, dated 5th January 1871, on a letter from the Chief Commissioner of Oudh, suggesting that in lieu of the existing rule under which local Funds cannot be overdrawn for expenditure on public works, the annual budget grant may be allowed to be apportioned by estimate over the 12 months of the year; and recommending, with a view to enable District Officers to spend all available funds at the most convenient season of the year, that advances be allowed to the extent of say Rs. 5,000 for each district on the authority of the Commissioner, on condition that they be repaid within three years, and that the repayment be a primary charge on the local Fund.

OBSERVATIONS.—The Governor General in Council observes that the orders already passed in paragraph [illegible] Financial Resolution No. 1793, dated 31st March 1870, will sufficiently meet the case. Looking, however, to the [illegible] that a large sum is to be transferred now to "Provincial Services," it is but proper that the local Fund Budget Estimates should be framed so as to close the year with a moderate balance, which may serve, too, as a margin for any short realizations of the estimate of revenue. If this be attended to, expenditure may proceed against the estimate under the sanction of the Commissioner of a division, and in accordance with the orders of March 1870.

ORDERED, that a copy of the foregoing Observations, with a copy of the papers read above, be communicated to the Public Works Department; and that a copy of the Observations be sent to the several local Governments and Administrations, the Comptroller General and the several Accountants General and Deputy Accountants General in independent charge.

R. B. CHAPMAN,

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