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No. 12. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort William, 6th April 1871, No. 2061 (Accounts):—

Read again the under-mentioned documents regarding the Forms of Estimates and Accounts for recording the Receipts and Charges of the new Provincial Services:—

Financial Proceedings, Accounts, January 1871, Nos. 58 and 59.
Comptroller-General's Circular, No. 1505, dated 23rd idem.

Read—

Public Works, No. 150-AG, dated 6th March 1871, offering remarks on the necessity for strict scrutiny and account of expenditure on Public Works from Provincial Funds.

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Resolution.—The Governor in Council concurs in the views expressed in the Public Works Department.

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Ordered that a copy of the above, of the orders of January, and of the Comptroller-General's Circular, be sent to the Public Works Department.

Ordered, also, that a copy of this Resolution, and of the Public Works Memorandum of 6th March 1871, be communicated to all the Local Governments, the Comptroller-General and the Accountants-General and Deputy Accountants-General in independent charge, those of Mysore and the Berars excepted.

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

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Memorandum from the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 6th March 1871, No. 150-AG.

The undersigned is directed to refer to Financial Department Resolution, No. 3334, dated 14th December 1870, and to observe that, although under Rule III. in paragraph 21 it has been enjoined that Returns, Accounts, and Estimates for provincial outlay are to be submitted to the Supreme Government, no provision appears to have been anywhere entered in that Resolution for ensuring that the account shall be so prepared and scrutinized as satisfactorily to ensure their accuracy and the proper appropriation of the grants. It is suggested that no deviation should be allowed from the practice and procedure prescribed for Imperial Works without the sanction of the Supreme Government, and that the whole procedure, from the sanction of Estimates for works and entry of grants in the Provincial Budget Estimate of the year to the final Appropriation Review, shall be carried out under the orders of the Local Government precisely as is done in the case of Imperial outlay under the orders of the Government of India. Also, the Orders passed by the Local Government on the Appropriation Review should be communicated to this Department.

2. The undersigned is also directed to bring to notice that Civil Officers have heretofore had to account to Public Works Controllers only for the Imperial expenditure entrusted to them. It is considered in this Department that the outlay on Provincial Works entrusted to them should be accounted for by them to the Controllers similarly to Imperial outlay, pending any alterations in procedure being sanctioned by the Government of India.

3. Special attention is requested to the danger likely to arise if the adoption of the new system of financial control is permitted to be made the cause of financial irregularity. It appears to be an essential part of the intention of the Government of India that, while the administrative responsibility for certain parts of the public expenditure shall rest wholly with the Local Govern-

ments, the same securities should be taken, as heretofore, for the close scrutiny of the expenditure and the check of the objects to which the public money is applied. The undersigned is directed to remark that the Government of India in this Department has been satisfied by the experience of the past that increased, and not relaxed, attention is needed in dealing with the outlay of public money, and that it is a manifest duty of the Central Controlling Authority to see that the Local Governments adopt a thoroughly sound system of account and audit in all their local and provincial transactions, and that there will be no advantage whatever in permitting each Government to adopt its own forms and systems, excepting in respect to mere details, but on the contrary, much inconvenience and very great danger of the entire abandonment of an uniform system and the regularity which it compels.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, 11th May 1871, No. 189.

Communicated to the Revenue and Public Works Departments.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

Gobt. of {1871} Madras.

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To

THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated May, 11*th.*

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 11*th May* 1871, *No.* 189.

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Communicating Resolution of the Government of India, Financial Department, concurring in the views expressed in the Public Works Department on the necessity for strict scrutiny and account of expenditure on Public Works from Provincial Funds.

6 January 1871. No. 4.

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Comg. Resolution concurring in the views expressed by the L.G. of Govt. of India on the necessity for strict scrutiny and account of expenditure on public works from Provincial Funds.

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Comm.s Proceedings of the Govt. of India, Pub. Wks. Dept. conveying the views expressed in the P. W. Dept. on the necessity for strict scrutiny and account of expenditure on public works from Provincial Funds.

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