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# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

## Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 14. Read the following Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department, dated 15th July 1871, No. 1863:—

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th June 1871, No. 2588.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Tanjore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vallam, 29th May 1871, No. 160.

I have the honour to report on the progress made in 1870-71 in improving the salt communications in this district.

2. Subjoined is an abstract showing the expenditure on salt communications in this district:—

| | | | | | RS. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Repairing the Road No. | 3 | from Adrampatam to Sengippati | ... ... | 3,355 | 11 | 11 |
| 2. | Do. do. ,, | 8 | from Tanjore to Pattucottai | ... ... ... | 3,199 | 8 | 8 |
| 3. | Do. do. ,, | 18 | from Mannargudi to Vedarniem | ... ... | 1,631 | 3 | 9 |
| 4. | Do. do. ,, | 32 | from Mayaveram to Caveripatam | ... ... | 379 | 7 | 2 |
| 5. | Do. do. ,, | 44 | from Teruvalangaud to Neidavassel | ... ... | 199 | 14 | 0 |
| 6. | Do. do. ,, | 48 | from Combaconum to Caveripatam | ... ... | 1,296 | 6 | 3 |
| 7. | Do. do. ,, | 60 | from Arandanghi to Kattumavadi | ... ... | 479 | 10 | 6 |
| 8. | Opening canal between Negapatam to Vedarniem | | | ... ... ... | 338 | 2 | 9 |
| 9. | Conservancy of canal between do. do. | | for 1870-71 | ... ... | 4,940 | 9 | 8 |
| | | | *Approaches.* | | | | |
| | Repairing approaches to the Depôt at Neidavassel | | | .. ... ... | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| | Do. do. | | at Tranquebar | ... ... ... | 249 | 14 | 1 |
| | Do. do. | | at Vedarniem | ... ... ... | 149 | 4 | 2 |
| | Do. do. | | at Thambikanallavancottai | ... ... | 186 | 13 | 10 |
| | Do. do. | | at Adrampatam | ... ... ... | 350 | 0 | 0 |
| | Do. do. | | at Kattumavadi | ... ... ... | 97 | 4 | 7 |
| | Do. do. | | at Arasanagari | ... ... ... | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Total... | 17,553 | 15 | 4 |

3. From this statement it will be seen that all the roads and the canal have been maintained during the past year.

4. The road from Kattumavadi to Arandanghi (No. 60) remains in the same incomplete state as in the year preceding. The estimate for its completion was sanctioned in the Proceedings of Government, dated 10th November 1870, No. 1743, but no funds have yet been provided. The Superintending Engineer, whose attention was called to the subject, states that, as all roads will now be provided for either from Local or Provincial Funds, it is probable that an allotment will be made in 1871-72 for this road.

5. Mr. Ricketts has brought to notice the indifferent state of the coast Road from Adrampatam to Arasanagari, and Captain Oakes, to whom the matter was reported, observed that, owing to the frequent falls of rain during the months of January, February, and March, all the roads in the district suffered, including that under remark, for the maintenance allowances were exhausted, when it became necessary to section the roads a second and even a third time to render them smooth and passable during the dry weather.

6. The state of the canal between Vedarniem and Negapatam was also complained of; but Captain Oakes informs me that he has lately examined the same and reported upon it to Government, and from an extract of his letter it would appear that these complaints are due to the unsuitability of the boats which are made use of and not to the alleged interruptions. In my judgment, however, the canal cannot be considered to be thoroughly completed till a uniform depth of four or perhaps five feet has been attained.

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Submitted to Government for information with reference to paragraph 53 of their Order of the 2nd October 1865, No. 2379.

2. It is observed that funds have not yet been provided for improving the road from Kattumavadi to Arandangni (No. 60), for completion of which an estimate was sanctioned* by Government in November last.

* Government Order, 10th November 1870, No. 1743, Revenue Department.

3. The coast road from Adrampatam to Arsanagari also appears to have suffered much from excessive rain in the early months of the year, and to require immediate repairs. The repair allotment in the Budget is Rupees 50 a mile, and the amount may be re-considered when the revised Budgets are prepared.

4. The deepening of the Vedarniem and Negapatam canal is considered by the Collector to be essential to its completion.

5. All the above works are of considerable importance; provision must be made for them as soon as possible.

6. It appears from the Budget circulated in Government Order, 7th June 1871, No. 216, that salt roads are in future to be made and maintained from Local Funds. This being the case, the Board submit that the grant-in-aid from Provincial Funds should, in addition to the ordinary share of the circle, contain a special provision for the probable cost of salt roads, which involve interests that are more imperial than local.

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*Order*, 15*th July* 1871, *No.* 1863.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 6th Division and to the Financial Department with reference to paragraph 6 of the Board's Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Colonel, R. E.,
*Secy. to Govt., P. W. D.*

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No. 15. ORDER THEREON, 7th August 1871, No. 313.

The Government observe, with reference to paragraph 6 of the Board's Proceedings, that the fact of the interests of the Imperial revenue being concerned does not place the transfer of the so-called salt roads to Local Fund Boards on a different footing from that of the roads which, with reference to other Imperial interests, have been hitherto classed as Imperial communications. It can be said of but few salt roads that they are of actually no value as local communications, and the same reasoning which would require a special assignment for salt roads would apply as well to other roads hitherto ranked as Imperial.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,*
*7th August* 1871.

2. The Provincial grants-in-aid for 1871-72 were apportioned to each district with reference chiefly to the amount of charges for Imperial communications thrown upon Local Funds, among which charges those for salt roads were included.

3. The Government understand the Board's suggestion to be that the amount of charges for salt roads in each circle should be specially considered in fixing the amount of the grant, and not that a sum equal to those charges should be separately placed at the disposal of the Local Fund Boards for expenditure on salt roads only. The charges have, as stated above, already been considered, and the Government do not think that a separate assignment is at all desirable. As the funds at the disposal of Government for grants for communications are limited, such separate assignment would merely amount to a diminution of the general grant.

4. At the same time it must be remembered that the up-keep of salt roads is a service to Imperial interests, the continuance of which is incumbent on this Government under the decentralization scheme. His Excellency in Council is not apprehensive that this service will be imperilled or diminished under the arrangements which have been ordered, and with the care which it will be the duty of the Board of Revenue to exercise lest the Local Fund Boards should not make sufficient provision in their Budgets for the salt roads.

5. When any special works are required chiefly in the interest of the salt revenue, it is open to the Board to bring the fact to notice in view to consideration of the matter in the distribution of the Provincial grant.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R. E.,
*Under Secretary, P. W. D.*,
for *Chief Secretary*.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Collector of
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Statement shewing the sums provided for in the Civil Budget Estimate for 1871-72 on account of Rent of Buildings and allowance for house rent or compensation for the absence of official accommodation.

| Heads of service. | Amount | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|
| Grant 4 Land Revenue. | | |
| Offices of Collectors Sub. Collectors, and other revenue. | | |
| Officers. | | |
| Ganjam | 480 | |
| Vizagapatam | 1200 | |
| Godawery | 700 | |
| Kistna | 50 | |
| Cuddapah | 300 | |
| Bellary | 400 | |
| Kurnool | 600 | |
| Chingleput | 1320 | |
| Madras | 2460 | |
| Tanjore | 200 | |
| Trichinopoly | 350 | |
| Madura | 100 | |
| Tinnevelly | 500 | |
| Salem | 560 | |
| Malabar | 1900 | |
| | 11120 | |
| Deduct Retrenched by Government | 1120 | |
| | | |
| Carried forward. | 10.000 | * |

* One fifth of this sum forms a charge against Grant 17 Law & Justice by deduction from this head.

Govt. of India Withdrawals.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE, &c., &c., &c.

Dated August, 7th.

Recd.

Read.

G. O., 7th August 1871, No. 313.

AUGUST.
Nos. 14-15.

Passing orders on a suggestion of the Board of Revenue that the cost of salt roads should be paid in addition to the grant-in-aid made from Provincial Funds to each Local Fund Circle.

| Heads of Service | Amount | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|
| Brought forward. | 27429 | |
| Criminal Courts | | |
| Bellary Cantonement — | 630 | |
| Chingleput — " — | 240 | |
| Reserve — | 6 | |
| | 876 | |
| Grant 19 Ecclesiastical | | |
| Registrar of the Diocese — | 420 | |
| Cuddalore Church — | 420 | |
| Scotch Kirk Secunderabad — | 360 | |
| Four Junior Chaplains at the Presidency | 3600 | |
| | 4800 | |
| Grant 20 Medical | | |
| Four District Surgeons at the Presidency | 6000 | |
| Surgeon attached to the Governor's Household | 1200 | |
| Fort Surgeon | 1200. | |
| | 8400 | |
| | * | |

Under the Financial Resolution of the Government of India No 2312 dated 5th Aug 1871, all chaplains, whether Junior or Senior, at the Presidency Towns of Madras, Bombay and Calcutta are allowed House Rent. The cost, say for 6 Chaplains would thus amount to Rs 130 per mensem or Rs 9360 for the future, or Rs 5760 in excess of the amount provided for 1871-72. It is, however, not clear whether the allowance should be treated as a Provincial charge, inasmuch as it is a compensation for the withdrawal of certain Ecclesiastical Fees.

Total Rupees 41506

W. Rhodwick

Ag Accountant General.

N.B. The above does not include the House Rent allowance of Assistant Collectors and Head Assistant Collectors viz Rs 30700. as it is doubtful whether it comes within the category of charges debitable to Provincial Services under the Financial Resolution of the 31st May last.

* Strike out this item as the allowance of Chaplains comes within the intention of the G.O. order

Compd

No. 591.

Office of the Controller of Public Works Accounts, Madras, 22nd June 1871.

From,

The Controller of Public Works Accounts,

To,

The Accountant General Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor to return the Acting Chief Secretary's docket dated 12th Inst/71 on the Resolution of the Government of India received with your letter No. 1925 dated 19th Instant, and to state that I have no remarks to offer on the Statement received with the letter under reply.

I would, however observe that, in the Public Works Budget of 1871-72, under the head "Repairs Civil Buildings" No. 9 have been assigned to cover charges on account of House rent to Subordinates employed on Civil duty.

I have &c.

Sd/ J. Brock

Controller of P.W. Accts.

True Copy

D. Wyndham

Apptt to the Acctt Genl.

Compd

Treasury.

Budget Department.

No. 137

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
5th July 1871.

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From The Ag. Accountant General
to the Government of Madras,

To The Acting Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to return herewith, the Financial Resolution of the Government of India No. 580 dated the 31st May last, referred to me under your docket of the 12th Ultimo, and to enclose a Statement shewing the sums provided in the Civil Budget Estimate for 1871-72, on account of Rent of Buildings and allowance for House Rent or compensation for the absence of Official accommodation.

2. A copy of the above Statement was duly furnished by me to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, with a request that he would offer any remarks he might have to make. A copy of that Officers reply dated the 22d Ultimo is herein enclosed, and with reference to the latter part thereof, I have to observe that the charge on account of House Rent of Medical Subordinates in Civil employ being already a Provincial

Public

× Excepting those relating to the Forest Department regarding which a separate communication will be sent on the receipt of the necessary information from the Conservator of Forests.

Public Works charge no transfer, whatever, is necessary in respect to the 9,000 Rupees referred to by the Controller.

3.° I take this opportunity to request that I may be informed, whether the whole or any portion of the items included in the above statement, may at once be transferred to Provincial services, with reference to the 3.d para of the Financial Resolution of the 31.st May last, above referred to.-

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient servant.

W.m Lodwick

Act.g Accountt. General

Financial Department.

From The Acctt. General
to the Govt. of Madras.

To The Ag Chief Secretary
to Govt Fort St George

Dated 5 July 1871
Received 5 7

No. 137

No 305 Enclosures.

Submitting a statement of sums provided in the Civil Budget for 1871-72 on account of Rents of Buildings & enquiring whether they may at once be treated as a Provincial charge

Mems to Accountant Genl - 12/7

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BOOK DEPARTMENT.

No. 148

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
7th July 1871.

FROM THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL,
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

TO THE Acting Chief Secretary to Government

SIR,

In continuation of my letter No. 137 dated the 5th Instant, I have the honor to request that a sum of Rs. 60 may be added to the Statement which accompanied that letter, on account of Rent of buildings occupied by the Forest Department.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Accountant General.

Compd.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

To

No. 580.

Dated Simla, May 1871.

Received 8/6

Referred to the Acting Accountant General, with a request that he will be commencement with the Controller of Public Works Accounts, which, Retained Establishment charges for Establishments in the Civil Departments of 1870-72.

Sd/ R. Strachey
12 June 1871.

For Secy to Govt
The Acting Accountant Genl

Received 5th June 1871 - No 607.

From
The Secretary to
the Government of
India Financial Dept

No 580

Dated 8th May 1871
Rec'd 8th June 1871

Answered

No 2490
Rs 1469

J. L. L.
Requesting the
submission by each local
Govt of a detailed list of
all charges for such fur-
nished for the civil
Depts of 1870-72 which
should, he states
as the basis of the pro-
posed addition to the
Imperial assignment.

Accountant General's Office
Recd 13/6/1871
Answd

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Financial Department,

***PROCEEDINGS** of the **MADRAS GOVERNMENT.***

Read the following ~~letter~~ Proc: of Govt: P. W. Dept. of 15th July 1871. No 1863 -

Order thereon. Ordered that the Accountant-General be requested to make a note of the Board's Proceedings that the fact of the interest of the Imperial Revenue being concerned, does not place the transfer of the so called Salt Boards to Local Fund Boards on a different footing from that of the Roads which, with reference to other imperial interests, have been hitherto classed as imperial communications. It can be said of new Salt Boards that they are of actually no value as local communications, and the same reasoning which would

From The Secretary to Govt. Public Works Department To The Accountant-General Fort St. George

No. 1863 Dated Fort St. George the 15th July 1871

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue No. 1427 dated 4th July 1871 and No. 1448 dated 10th July 1871

Requesting that a note of the Board's proceedings may be added in the statement showing the account of Rent of Buildings occupied by the Salt Department

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to Exercise lest the Local
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in their Budgets for the Salt
Roads.

5.

Govt. of {187} Madras.

To Financial

The Board of Revenue.

Dated Augt 7.
Recd. } 187 , No. 313.

Nos. 14 & 15.

Passing orders on a suggestion of the Board of Revenue that the Cost of Salt roads should be in addition to the grant-in-aid made from Provincial Funds to each Local fund Circle.

C.S.-8.