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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 4th December 1873.

No. 37. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 27th November 1873, No. 2869:—

Read the following letter from T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 21st October 1873, No. 4648:—

I have the honour to report that, under the Orders of the Madras Government, as contained in the Proceedings marginally quoted, this office has from the 1st April 1873 debited Establishment charges to *Imperial Ordinary*, after deducting the share falling on the head *Extraordinary*; but, as this arrangement could not continue without causing a considerable excess over the grant under Imperial Ordinary—the provision for Establishment being Rupees 6,66,000 under Buildings and Roads and Irrigation, while the year's charges for Establishment are likely to be about three times that amount,—I resolved to address you with the view of obtaining the sanction of Government to the adoption of a different arrangement. It, however, occurred to me as desirable to ascertain the course followed in other Provinces, and I, therefore, wrote to the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, on the 20th September last thus:—

No. 199 of the 24th March 1873.
,, 526 of the 25th April ,,

No. 3890.

"But before I submit proposals on the subject to the Local Government, I should be much obliged for any information you may be able to give me as to the arrangement followed in other Provinces for distributing Establishment charges at the close of each year. If any special arrangement has been recognised by the Government of India or by you it seems to me desirable that the same should be suggested to the Local Government here for adoption."

2. In his reply the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, approves of my intention to address the Madras Government, and gives me the following information in respect to the system in force in other Provinces:—

No. 1978-G, of the 11th October 1873.

"In Bombay, Bengal, North-Western Provinces, and the Punjab, a complete separation has been effected between the Establishments for Irrigation and Buildings and Roads. The entire charges for the former are debited to Imperial Funds month by month. If the Establishments of the Irrigation Department do work for Provincial Funds, a charge ranging from 10 to 25 per cent. of the outlay incurred is debited to those funds for Establishment. Thus if the Irrigation Establishment in the Punjab spends in any one month 10,000 Rupees on works debitable to Provincial Funds, that 10,000 Rupees, together with 15 or 20 per cent. thereon for Establishment, is debited to Provincial Funds, the amount of the 15 or 20 per cent. being of course applied in reduction of the charges under Imperial Establishment.

"In the case of Buildings and Roads Establishment, the converse arrangement, except in Bombay, is followed. The whole charge for Establishment is debited to Provincial and Local Funds, those funds being credited with a percentage varying from 20 to 25 per cent. of the outlay incurred by them on Imperial works. In Bombay the division is made monthly in proportion to the expenditure incurred

month by month from each fund. But a proposal is now under the consideration of the Government of India to establish in Bombay a system of debiting either fund with a fixed percentage for Establishment charges, the balance of the charges being borne by the fund to which it may be determined the Establishment charges should be debited in the first instance."

3. As regards Madras, the Accountant-General makes the following suggestions and remarks:—

"In Madras the necessities of the case can be easily provided for without giving the trouble of calculating month by month the exact ratio which the Establishment charges form to the outlay on works and repairs. The Budget Estimate shows that the Establishment charges form about 26 per cent. of such outlay. Month by month it will suffice to debit Provincial and Local Funds with 26 per cent., the balance of the monthly charges being debited to Imperial Funds. At the end of each quarter or half-year, or year, an exact readjustment could be made, and I request that you will submit proposals to the Government of Madras accordingly.

"Of course in making these proposals it is not intended that the present arrangements for debiting the Extraordinary grant with Establishment charges, or the arrangement under which the Conservancy Establishment for Irrigation Works is debited entirely to Imperial Funds, should be disturbed. On obtaining the approval of the Government of Madras to the proposals suggested, and I apprehend that that Government will accord approval to the proposals without any hesitation whatever, I request that you will be good enough to make the necessary write back in your accounts accordingly."

4. Having now placed the complete case before Government, I shall await orders for my future guidance. I may mention that I believe it to be the desire of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation to work out, as closely as may be possible, the charges for Establishment debitable to Irrigation. No doubt such charges could be more fairly distributed than they have hitherto been, but to do so it will be necessary to modify all existing orders on the subject; for the change, if made, will not be confined to the head Irrigation. Lieutenant Christie, the Deputy Controller, has gone thoroughly into this subject after consulting the Chief Engineer, and I hope shortly to submit his memorandum (which refers to other subjects) to Government through Colonel Mullins. But decision on Lieutenant Christie's memorandum need not, in my opinion, be considered preparatory to the disposal of the question as to how the charges for Establishment should be adjusted during the current year. If the Government should decide on a different arrangement, after considering the remarks that may be made by the Chief Engineer on Lieutenant Christie's memorandum, it will, I imagine, be possible to readjust the year's charges before closing the books, or, if preferred, to introduce the change from 1874-75.

His Excellency the Governor in Council considers the mode of adjusting charges on account of Establishments as indicated in paragraph 3 of this letter to be simple and unobjectionable, and he approves of its adoption in the accounts of the current year, it being understood that, when the exact adjustment to be made

at the end of the year or half-year is effected, the charge to Local Funds shall be fixed on the principle approved in G.O., No. 199, of 24th March 1873. The change now approved will be subject to any modification which may be considered necessary with reference to the report to be submitted by Lieutenant Christie.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 38. ORDER THEREON, 4th December 1873, No. 1762.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

Ed. J. Wright.

Govt. of India, Madras

FINANCIAL,

To

The Board of Revenue.

Dated December, 4th.

Read.

G.O., 4th December 1873, No. 1702.

DECEMBER.
Nos. 3738.

Charges on account of Establishments.—Proceedings, Public Works Department, passing orders on letter from the Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts regarding the mode of adjusting these charges, communicated to the Board of Revenue.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 27th November 1873,

No. 394. Read the following letter from T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 21st October 1873, No. 4,648 :—

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No. 199 of the 24th March 1873.
,, 526 of the 25th April ,,

No. 3,890.

"But before I submit proposals on the subject to the Local Government, I should be much obliged for any information you may be able to give me as to the arrangement followed in other Provinces for distributing Establishment charge at the close of each year. If any special arrangement has been recognized by the Government of India or by you it seems to me desirable that the same should be suggested to the Local Government here for adoption."

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No. 395. ORDER THEREON, 27th November 1873, No. 2,869.

ACCOUNT, No. 34.

HIS Excellency the Governor in Council considers the mode of adjusting charges on account of Establishments as indicated in paragraph 3 of this letter to be simple and unobjectionable, and he

approves of its adoption in the accounts of the current year, it being understood that when the exact adjustment to be made at the end of the year or half year is effected, the charge to Local Funds shall be fixed on the principle approved in G. O., No. 199, of 24th March 1873. The change now approved will be subject to any modification which may be considered necessary with reference to the report to be submitted by Lieutenant Christie.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

...e Financial Department.
,, Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
To District Engineers.
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