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No. 198. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 17th July 1874, No. 1927:—

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders on Proceedings of the Government of India communicating Resolution reviewing the Madras Provincial Budget Estimates for 1873-74 and 1874-75 and the Local Fund Budget Estimate for 1873-74.

No. 199. ORDER THEREON, 25th September 1874, No. 1613.

In the Provincial Budget Estimate for 1874-75 prepared in the Financial Department Rupees 24,00,000 are assigned for Public Works, *i. e.*, Rupees 12,00,000 for Provincial Works, &c., (including Petty Construction and Repair, Miscellaneous Departments), and Rupees 12,00,000 as a lump grant-in-aid to Local Funds on account of Public Works. When the lump grant to Local Funds was distributed amongst the various Circles in G.O., dated the 15th January 1872, No. 30, Rupees 3,00,000 were assigned to Establishment and the balance to Works. To fulfil the requirements of the Public Works Department Resolution, Nos. 469—78-A-G, dated 23rd August 1873, the entry for 1874-75 may be distributed thus,

		Rs.
Grant to Local Funds...	New Works	6,50,000
	Repairs	2,50,000
	Establishment	3,00,000

and if this entry be incorporated in the Public Works Provincial Budget Estimate it does not appear that anything more is necessary for the preparation of the revised Abstract Budget Estimate, Part I., it being stated that details are not required as they will be found in the Local Fund Budget Estimates. It may be here mentioned that the amount shown in the Provincial Budget as a Public Works grant to Local Funds does not correspond completely with the total of the grants to the different Local Fund Circles, as, in disposing of the Local Fund Budgets, Circle by Circle, it was found feasible to reduce the grants to Rupees 11,42,050. The balance of Rupees 57,950 will probably be utilized in the course of the year in meeting applications for additional grants. With reference to the concluding sentence of the Order in the Public Works Department, it is observed that orders were passed on all Circle Budget Estimates by the 19th June 1874, the last Budget having been received on the 9th May. The Board of Revenue will report what steps they would propose to admit of compliance with the desire of the Government of India that the Local Fund Budget should be despatched to them at an early date.

2. The question of the proportion of the Establishment charges to be debited to Local Funds has engaged the consideration of Government for some time. The present arrangements are based on the system of rateable distribution prescribed in the Resolution of the Government of India, Public Works Department, No. 778-A-G, as regards the debit to Provincial Services, with such modifications in the way of excluding special establishments as were necessary to prevent an undue charge falling upon Local Funds. This, however, as remarked by the Government of India, unquestionably gives immense trouble in accounts, and matters will be very much simplified by the adoption of the proposal now made by

the Government of India, which is understood to be that the establishment should be considered Provincial, for purpose of accounts, Imperial Funds paying (in the absence of any special arrangement) a fixed percentage on the grant for Imperial Works, or on the outlay, whichever may be greater, with, in addition, the charge for Conservancy Establishment and that of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation. The percentage proposed, twenty-five per cent., seems fair so long as no great change takes place in the amount of the allotments for Works, and with the permission of the Government of India steps may be taken to bring the system into force in the current year, it being considered in the Public Works Department whether there are any Survey charges for Irrigation works which should be met from Imperial Funds in addition to the twenty-five per cent. as proposed in paragraph 13 of the Resolution of the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Govt. of [1874] Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, &c, &c.,

Dated September, 25th.

Read.

G.O., 25th September 1874, No. 1613.

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 198-199.

Provincial and Local Fund Budget Estimates for 1873-74 and 1874-75—Orders in regard to the charge to Imperial Funds for Public Works Establishment and remarks with reference to the Provincial and Local Fund Budgets.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 17th July 1874.

No. 337. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Account—General,) dated Fort William, 8th June 1874, Nos. 406—7 A—G. :—

Orders on the Madras Provincial Budget Estimates for 1873-74 *and* 1874-75, *and Local Fund Budget Estimate for* 1873-74.

Read the following papers :—

Letter from Secretary to Government of Madras, No. 1,121, dated 17th April 1873.
" " " " " 457, " 30th Sept. "
" " " " " 717, " 16th March 1874.

RESOLUTION.—The Madras Provincial Budget Estimate for 1873-74 has not yet been reviewed in consequence of the difficulty experienced in understanding how the figures have been arrived at. The estimate for 1874-75 has come to hand, and both estimates may now be dealt with.

2. In the calculations on which the Provincial Fund grants were based, the amount allowed* for Provincial Public Works to the Government of Madras was—

* Financial Department Resolution, No. 3,334, dated 14th December 1874.

	Rs.	Rs.
Roads, etc.	12,38,800	
Civil Buildings	5,85,060	
Establishment	4,74,210	
Plant	36,480	
		23,34,550
But the Provincial Budget Estimate for 1873-74 amounts to ...		12,00,000
And that for 1874-75 to		10,50,000
Whereas in the General Budget Estimate rendered to the Financial Department, the amount provided as the grant for Public Works from Provincial Funds for 1874-75, is		23,99,660

3. The difference between the amount of the estimate for 1874-75 as rendered to this department, and that of the General Budget Estimate, has not been explained. But it is understood to be due to the practice that prevails in the Madras Presidency, of a lump sum grant being given to Local from Provincial Funds for repairs and construction of roads, and to this grant having been shown, as it properly should be, under Provincial Public Works, while it was not shown in the Public Works General Budget Estimate. The Government of India would be glad to receive an explanation of the precise cause of the difference.

4. To prevent any misconception as to the real grant from Provincial Funds for Public Works, the rules contained in Public Works Department Resolution Nos. 469—78 A—S, dated 23rd August 1873, required that all lump sum grants-in-aid from Provincial to Local Funds for Public Works should be shown as a portion of the outlay from the Fund from which the grant is given. This has not been done in the present case. The attention of the Government of Madras should be drawn to that Resolution, with a request that a revised Abstract Budget Estimate, Part I., may be submitted showing, in addition to the information now given, the amount of the lump sum grant-in-aid divided off in three lines under the head of Works, Repairs and Establishment. No details of any kind are needed, since they will be found in the Local Fund Budget Estimate.

5. The absence of definite information respecting the amounts of grants-in-aid prevents any comprehensive abstract being made of the grants allotted to the various heads of service as compared with the amount granted before the introduction of the Provincial Fund arrangements. But it has to be noted that there seems to be a tendency to increase the grant for Civil Buildings. Thus, that for 1874-75 it is Rupees 7,81,500, while for 1870-71 it was only Rupees 5,85,060. To this point the attention of the Government of Madras should be drawn.

	Rs.
* Works	4,39,265
Repairs	1,86,020
Police	80,000
Reserve	66,215
Minor Works	10,000
	7,81,500

6. For 1873-74 and 1874-75, the following is an abstract of the Budget Estimates rendered :—

From Provincial Funds.

	1873-74. Rs.	1874-75. Rs.
On New Works	7,95,000	6,59,315
On Repairs	1,86,000	1,75,685
On Establishment	2,04,000	2,00,000
On Tools and Plant	15,000	15,000
Total...	12,00,000	10,50,000

7. From Port, Educational, and other Funds the estimated expenditure by Public Works Officers is as follows :—

	1873-74. Rs.	1874-75. Rs.
On New Works	88,860	86,456
On Repairs	25,770	23,320
On Establishment	21,800	...
On Tools and Plant	1,200	...
Total...	1,37,630	1,09,776

In addition to these sums Rupees 21,650 is set down for expenditure during 1874-75, on converting the Royapettah Police Court into a residence for the Prince of Arcot.

8. The expenditure from Local Funds on Public Works during 1873-74 is estimated as follows:—

From Local Funds.	By Public Works Department.	By other agency.
	Rs.	Rs.
On New Works	13,99,530	63,230
On Repairs	17,38,290	1,81,710
	31,37,820	2,44,940
On Establishment	9,43,170	
On Tools and Plant	37,250	
Total...	43,63,180	

9. The following is an abstract of the total estimated expenditure in Madras from Provincial and Local Funds during 1873-74 :—

	Provincial Funds.	Port, Educational, and other Funds.	Local Funds.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
New Works	7,95,000	88,860	14,62,760	23,46,620
Repairs	1,86,000	25,770	19,20,000	21,31,770
Establishment	2,04,000	21,800	9,43,170	11,68,970
Tools and Plant	15,000	1,200	37,250	53,450
Total...	12,00,000	1,37,630	43,63,180	57,00,810

10. A similar abstract for 1874-75 cannot be prepared till the Local Fund estimate for the year is received. The Government of India must beg of the Government of Madras to take such steps as will ensure its despatch at an early date.

11. In connection with these Budgets, the Government of India have had under consideration the manner in which the Establishment charges are apportioned between Imperial, Provincial, and Local Funds. The papers submitted by the Government of Madras with its Secretary's letter, No. 770, dated 18th March 1872, show that the calculation made to ascertain the debit to each fund is extremely complicated. The principle followed is that certain kinds of Establishments should be debited entirely to Imperial Funds; others to Irrigation Funds; others again to Local Funds; and the remainder apportioned off to the several Funds in proportion to the outlay incurred from each fund. All this gives immense trouble in accounts. Now the figures for 1874-75 show that each fund has to bear the following charges for Establishment:—

	Rs.
Extraordinary, Irrigation	1,75,000
Ordinary ,, ...	4,03,000
,, Conservancy	97,000
Buildings and Roads	1,58,000
	8,33,000
Provincial and Local Funds	13,20,000
Total...	21,53,000

12. From this it is clear that by far the larger portion of the Establishment is for Provincial and Local Funds, and consequently the Governor-General in Council considers that the same arrangement as is followed with other Governments may be made in Madras, viz., that the whole Establishment should (in regard to accounts) be considered Provincial, and that Imperial Funds should pay a fixed percentage for Establishment charges. Judging from the Budget figures for 1874-75 the percentage that seems to be suitable is, about 25 per cent. in the case of Ordinary Works, and a trifle more for Extraordinary Works, by reason of the survey charges. But a grant of 25 per cent. on

	Works, etc. Rs.	Establishment. Rs.	Percentage.
Buildings and Roads ...	6,40,400	1,58,000	24·9
Irrigation, Ordinary ...	16,81,000	4,03,000	24·
,, Extraordinary.	4,95,000	1,75,000	35·
	28,16,400	7,36,000	

the outlay on Works and Repairs for all kinds of works executed from Imperial Funds, whether Buildings and Roads, Irrigation, Ordinary or Extraordinary, would seem sufficient, Imperial Funds meeting in addition the charge for Conservancy Establishment, and that of the Chief Engineer of Irrigation. By this arrangement the accounts would be considerably simplified, but the Government of Madras would have to arrange for the balance of the charges for Establishment being met from Local and Provincial Funds. As regards Local Funds, a similar arrangement to that proposed for Imperial Funds would seem suitable, the residue of the charge being thrown on Provincial.

13. It is, however, necessary to add that the impracticability of showing the charges for Establishment for Irrigation Works distinct from that for other Public Works will, in case the arrangement is agreed to, render it necessary that the provision to be made in the estimates for Capital outlay for Establishment should be calculated at the rate of 25 per cent. on the outlay on Works. In the case of survey charges, that rate would ordinarily be held to cover the cost; but in special cases, where survey charges are incurred for purely Irrigation Works, and it is possible to keep such charges quite distinct both in estimates and accounts, so as to bring out the cost for each project, the Government of India would consider the propriety of allowing such charges to be met entirely from Imperial Funds in addition to the 25 per cent.

14. As illustrating these proposals, the following extract from a letter written on the subject to the Government of Bombay is quoted:—

Extract paragraphs 2 and 3 of a letter from the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay in the Public Works Department, No. 366 A—G, dated 20th May 1874.

2. In order, however, to avoid any undue charge being thrown on Provincial Funds for Establishment in consequence of failure to work up to the Imperial grant, I am to say that, although the actual outlay on Imperial Works and Repairs may be less than the allotment, it is intended that no portion of the original allotment for Imperial Establishment shall, unless concurred in by the Bombay Government, be charged against the grant for Provincial Establishment.

	Rs.
3. Thus if the grant for Imperial Works and Repairs be	23,00,000
and for Establishment (at 23 per cent.)	5,29,000
and if, in the course of the year, it should be found that actual outlay on Works and Repairs instead of being	23,00,000
would be	20,00,000

still no portion of the charge of Rupees 5,29,000 for Establishment would necessarily be reduced by transfer to Provincial Establishment, unless the Bombay Government acquiesced in the transfer. If not reduced in some other way, the actual charge for Imperial establishment in the accounts of the year would still be Rupees 5,29,000.

	Rs.
4. On the other hand, if the actual charge for Works and Repairs was	24,00,000
The charge for Establishment debited to Imperial Funds would be calculated on 23 per cent. of this sum, or	5,52,000

5. By this arrangement the Government of Bombay would be certain of receiving from Imperial Funds for Establishment charges its fair amount with a minimum limit of the exact

amount budgetted for, and all derangements of the Provincial Fund grant to which reference is made in your letter under acknowledgment would thereby be avoided.

15. The Government of India would be glad to receive from the Government of Madras an expression of its opinion on the proposals made.

ORDER.—Ordered that this Resolution be communicated to the Government of Madras for information and guidance, and to the Financial Department for information.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Colonel, R.A.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 338. ORDER THEREON, 17th July 1874, No. 1,927.

ACCOUNT, No. 16.

COMMUNICATED in the first instance to the Financial Department for consideration of the questions raised by the Government of India in respect to the system pursued of showing lump sum grants-in-aid of Local Funds in the General Provincial Budget Estimate only, and the manner in which the Establishment charges are apportioned between Imperial, Provincial, and Local Funds.

2. In order to comply with the instructions of the Government of India as to the exhibition, in the Provincial Budget Estimate of the Public Works Department, of grants-in-aid to Local Funds, it will be necessary to arrange for making assignments on this account in time to admit of their incorporation in the Public Works Budget, which is due at Calcutta on the 15th February in each year. The information required for the preparation of the revised abstract called for in paragraph 4 has not yet been received from the Financial Department in a complete form, orders not having been passed on all the Circle Budget Estimates for 1874-75.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Financial Department.
,, Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Financial Department

Govt. of [1874] Madras

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

&c., &c., &

Dated July 17th.

Read. - - 21.

Encl.

G., O., 17th July 1874, No. 1,027.

JULY

Nos. 337-338

Re 1504.

Budget.—Passing orders on Proceedings of the Government of India communicating Resolution reviewing the Madras Provincial Budget Estimates for 1873-74 and 1874-75 and the Local Fund Budget Estimate for 1873-74.

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My dear Sir Richard

This is an ugly
Cudbaugh matter. Walk-
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talk about it
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1873-74
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My dear Sir Richard,

I hear from Colonel Walker that
chief doubt about the proposals of the Govt
of India for distribution of Public works Establishments
was as to whether the per-centage to be charged to
Imperial under that arrangement ~~the~~ would be
as high as was charged to Provincial and local funds

I send the accompanying figures taken from
a Memo received from the Controller which I think
will satisfy you on that point - It must be
remembered that Local Fund reports have only
been received ~~for~~ 1872-73 - since which time
a more equitable arrangement has been

Yours
Mayo

introduced.

Actuals 1873-74

	work	Estab-	Percentage
Imperial ~~Local~~	2775137	759690	27·4
Provincial	1160176	251577	21·7
Local	3761333	996968	26·6
Special	169012	35062	20·8
Total	28657658	2043297	25·9

If the proposed arrangement had been in force the Imperial charge would have been

25 per cent on outlay =	693784
Conservancy	97101
Chief Engineer Inspection	30290
	821175

or 29·6 on the Expenditure.

The above figures I may mention are only approximate - A more accurate return has since received but as it is in circulation I cannot refer to it - but speaking from memory the final result is that in 1873-74 Local funds paid 27 per cent and Provincial 23 per cent.

The difference between the charge for Provincial and Local is partly owing to the Imperial and partly Local Fund party establishment and partly owing to debt having been wrongly ~~included~~ without a correction for the year - as there ought to have been - The question of the Local Fund party establishments is under discussion at present and I have rather changed my views since I sent out a memo on the subject some months ago.

Yours sincerely

J Hancock

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Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following ~~letter~~ Proc. of Govt, P. W. Department, dy 17th July 1874, No 1,927.

Order thereon dy Ootacd 25 Sept 1874 No 1613.

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I think the P. W. D. should be consulted in respect to the new arrangt. by P. W. established charges should be prepared

See note.

P.W. to refund it to the Financial Dept on consideration (Walker) fully approves it

assigned to Establishment and the balance to Works.

To fulfil the requirements of the P. W. Department, Resolution, Nos 469-78 A.G. dated 23rd Sept. 1873, the entry for 1874-75 ~~should~~ may be distributed thus: -

Grant to Local Fund { New Works 60,000 / Repairs 25,000 / Establishment 3,00,000

and if this entry be incorporated in the P. W. Provincial Budget Estimate it does not appear that anything more is ~~required~~ necessary for the preparation of the revised Abstract Budget Estimate, Part I, it being stated that details are not required as they will be found in the Local Fund Budget Estimates. It may be here mentioned that the amount shown in

Note

The grant might be distributed in many other ways with equal propriety so far as new works and repairs are concerned. The Govt of India however are cautious that there should be a division as this may be given by Rs 2,50,000 being classed more than the sum of the decennial allotments for repairs which would result from the withdrawal of the sub grants for

As the Govt of India have sent a reminder calling for this information and are in a great hurry it has been communicated to the P.W.D. in an office memo.

in the Provincial Budget as a Public Works grant to Local Funds does not correspond completely with the total of the grants to the different Local Fund Circles, as, in disposing of the Local Fund Budgets, circle by circle, it was found feasible to reduce the grants to Rs 11,42,050 ~~as Rs 57,950~~ ~~for New Works, and Rs 2,50,000 for Repairs and Rs 3,00,000 for establishments~~. The balance of Rs 57,950 will probably be utilized in the course of the year in meeting applications for additional grants. With reference to the concluding sentence of the Order in the P. W. Dept., it is observed that orders were passed on all Circle Budget Estimates

Note

If the Govt of India credit Provincial funds with two lakhs odd spent on roads it will be necessary to save this amount instead of allotting it.

Estimates by the 19th June 1874, the last budget having been received on the 9th May. The Board of Revenue will report what steps they would propose to admit of compliance with the desire of the Govt of India that the Local Fund Budget should be despatched to them at an early date.

2. The question of the proportion of the Establishment charges to be debited to Local Funds has engaged the consideration of Govt for some time. The present arrangements are based on the system of rateable distribution prescribed in the Resn of the Govt of India, P.W.D., No

I am not in favor of the arrangement now followed by the Govt of India. The P.W.D. debt is an Imperial debt - and in a considerable degree a Military one. It ought therefore to be charged in the first instance from Imperial Funds. Moreover on the Imperial account for Works - Especially the Imperial branch - is not under our control we may by its undue extension find ourselves in an Embarrassing position - Further we know that L.F. Boards all complain of the heavy charge for P.W.D. establishment, & it may become Expedient to let them have an agency of their own - and I would

No 778 A-J, as regards the debit to Provincial Services, with such modifications in the way of excluding special establishments as were necessary to prevent an undue charge falling upon Local Funds. This however, as remarked by the Govt of India, unquestionably gives immense trouble in accounts, and matters will be very much simplified by the adoption of the proposal now made by the Govt of India which is understood to be that the establishment should be considered Provincial, for purposes of accounts & Imperial funds paying (in the absence of any special arrangement)

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Note

would not put it out of our power

I. O. L.

I think the proposal of the Govt of India might be accepted, as tending to simplification, and being a further step in what I consider the right direction. I do not see how, as regards our powers

Dalhousie R. D. Brandis

The P. W. Department
Con. dept 25/9/74
No 85 of Revenue
Accts General

Note

From the annexed figures it appears that the proposal of the Govt of India is rather more favorable to Provincial funds than existing arrangements, and it is therefore proposed in the draft to accept it without assigning any reasons.

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1872-73

Actual charge to Imperial funds for establishment as per Controller's Appropriation Account.

Extraordinary.	Rs	237430
Imperial - ordinary.		1,53,286
Irrigation - ordinary		4,56,155
	Rs	8,46,871

Rs 11/9 charge of proposed arrangement had been in force.

Imperial ordinary, at 25 per cent on outlay of Rs 5,27,190	1,31,797
Extraordinary at 25 per cent on grant of Rs 10,69,500	267375
Irrigation ordinary, at 25 per cent on grant of Rs 17,40,557	4,35,139
Conservancy; say	97677
Chief Engineer	30,000
	8,62,188

Same to Provincial Funds

Note
The Conservancy charge is taken the actual cost very known

1873-74

Actual charge to Imperial for Establishment
as per Controller's Memo. —— Rs 7,59,690

Charge under proposed arrangement
at 25 per cent on actual outlay
of Rs 27,75,137, as per Controller's Memo - Rs 6,93,784

Conservancy —— —— 97101

Chief Engineer —— —— 30,290

8,21,175

7,59,690

Gain = Rs 61485

1874-75

Budget grant for Imperial Establishment = Rs 8,33,000

Under proposed arrangement

25 per cent on budget grant for works = Rs 70,4100

Conservancy } as per printed Imperial budget = Rs 10,3200

Chief Engineer } as per printed Imperial budget = Rs 30290

8,37,590

8,33,000

Gain = Rs 4,590

There are annual savings under the head of establishment and under the proposed arrangement Provincial funds will get the full benefit of these

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Dated 20th July 1874

Statement of Outlay provided by Imperial, Provincial and Local Funds on Establishment, Contingencies and Works during the year 1873-74.

Imperial

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Fin. 1874 Dept.

From
The Offg Controller of
P.W. Accounts
Madras

To
The Under Secretary to
Government
Public Works Department

Dated 20
Rec'd 22nd July 1874

No 3321

R. 1507

Statement of outlay
under Imperial, Provincial
Local and Special in
1873-74.

In accepting the proposal of the
Govt. of India to charge P.W.
establishment to Provincial - I think
we should distinctly state that the 25 per
cent outlay should be contributed
by Imperial Funds should be
subject to revision in case of any
accidental reduction in the
annual amount allotted to
Provincial works - but that the
25 per cent required to be
expended

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Govt. of India } Madras.

Dated
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To

It is stated in the despatch that the arrangement seems fair so long as no great change takes place in the amount of the allotments.

These proceedings will be communicated to the P.W. Dept. who may draw special attention to that portion in the letter to the Govt. of India.

Nos.)

Sanction with the limitation as the Govt. of India proposals are in contemplation as regards provincial expenditure. But there are practical difficulties that need not be ignored as it seems to me unless no loss; but on the contrary a decided advantage.

They are ready to pay as I gather, some 30 p.c. of expenditure (budgetted or actual) including conservancy, Civil Engineer & Irrigation. Where funds may be utilized to advantage - and I don't think that Imperial expenditure (loans or P.W.) should decrease on the average of years - and we shall be large gainers

Any gain ok? for reduce the ½ contribution - this should not be done & reduction ± 20% (the entertainment of Pattamahal Establishment prohibited - any balance that may be being paid for Provl. Govt. - would on the figures of 1873-74 oblige Prov. Fund to pay 2,10,163 or a little more than 26%. This would be fairer than charging 17 Rs. 25% for much simpler work

Sanction the proposals that Mr. Brandis recommends, but convey to him our sense of the importance of the duty of keeping down the charges of establishment.

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Govt. of 1874 Madras.

Financial.

To
The Public Works Dept.

Original Lett & Copy
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G. O. Sept 25. , 1874 , No. 1613.

Nos. 198. 9.

Prov.l & L. F. Budget Estimates.

Orders in regard to the charge to Imperial funds for Public Works Estab.ts & remarks with ref. to the Prov.l & Local Fund Budgets.