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No. 328. 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 Madras, 16th September 1874, No. 5,329:—

I HAVE the honor to report, for the information of Government, that on receipt of G. O., No. 1,131, of the 30th April 1874, I addressed the Accountant-General of the Public Works Department with the view of ascertaining how the charge for Public Works supervision should be calculated on account of works carried out by the Public Works Department from funds obtained from Municipalities. I wrote as follows on the subject in my letter, No. 1,165, of the 9th May 1874:—

"I understand from the above mentioned suggestion that it is the desire of the Madras Government to make Municipalities pay a fair proportion of the General establishment charges, and I should suppose that to effect this it would be better not to wait till the end of the year when the actual percentage charge for establishment is ascertained, but to have a certain fixed moderate percentage (say 10 per cent.) to apply immediately so that before making known the total cost of a work to the Municipality the Establishment charge may be added and the account closed. You are aware that ordinary 'Contribution' expenditure which is adjusted through the head 'Deposits' (through which the outlay on Municipal works would also be adjusted) escapes the charge for Establishment or Public Works Supervision."

2. In his letter, No. 1,319 G, of the 5th instant, the Accountant-General has replied as follows:—

"If the Government of Madras determine to charge Municipalities for Establishment for work executed for them by the Public Works Department the charge should be calculated either according to a fixed percentage or in proportion to the expenditure on the total outlay on works.

"2. In Bengal much Municipal work is not executed by Public Works Officers, and it is not the practice to make any charge for Establishment. In the North-Western Provinces the charge is fixed at the rate of 10 per cent. on the outlay, and as a general rule is considered to be a part of the contribution, or in other words is paid in advance in the same way as the contribution for the work itself is paid. In Oudh, on the other hand, the contribution for Establishment (which is 12 per cent. if the whole of the Municipal works are placed under the Public Works Department, and 20 per cent. of the cost if isolated works are executed by Public Works Department) is collected after the work is completed. But the orders of the Government of India require that Municipalities should advance cash for all the expenditure incurred by Public Works Department, and if such expenditure includes Establishment it must obviously be paid for in advance."

No. 329. ORDER THEREON, 14th October 1874, No. 2,928.

ACCOUNT, No. 27.

HIS Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to rule that a fixed rate of 15 per cent. be in future charged

on all works executed for Municipalities by Public Works Agency. The amount should be added to the estimated cost of the works and paid over, as directed in paragraph 4 of the Government of India Resolution, recorded with G. O., No. 1,131, dated 30th April 1874, early in the official year or as soon as realized by the Municipalities.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
To District Engineers.
To the Executive Engineer, Wynaad.
,, Consulting Architect.
,, Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
,, Financial Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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Govt. of 1874 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE OFFG. CONTROLLER OF PUBLIC

WORKS ACCOUNTS,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated October 14*th*.

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Encl.

G. O., 14*th October* 1874, *No.* 2,038.

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Municipalities.—Ruling that a fixed rate of 15 per cent. be in future charged on all works executed for Municipalities by Public Works Agency with certain instructions.

With order

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

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To

All Presdts. of Municl. Comms.

G. O. Octr. 23d., 1874, No. 821.

Nos. 216. 217.

Works Executed for Municps. by P. W. Agency. Ruling of Govt. in the P. W. Dept: that a fixed rate of 15 per cent be in future charged on all such works, Comr. to all Presdts. of Municipalities.