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No. 254. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, dated 22nd October 1874, No. 3010:—

Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department (Account—General), dated Fort William, 30th September 1874, Nos. 631—42, A—G:—

Powers of Local Governments and Administrations to sanction Estimates for Provincial Public Works.

Read again the following papers:—

Financial Department Resolution, No. 3334, dated 14th December 1870.

Public Works Department Resolution, Nos. 606—12, A—G, dated 19th September 1871.

Read also—

Despatch from Secretary of State, No. 29, dated 31st March 1874.

RESOLUTION.—It is observed that by Public Works Department Resolution, Nos. 606—12, A—G, dated 19th September 1871, no limitation was placed on the powers of Local Governments and Administrations to sanction estimates for Provincial Public Works. In the case of Imperial Public Works, the rules in force limit their powers as noted in margin. The Government of India has no authority to undertake a work involving a larger outlay than 10 lakhs without the previous sanction of the Secretary of State in Council. It is obvious, therefore, that Local Governments and Administrations cannot properly be given power to undertake such works under the head of Provincial without the previous sanction of superior authority. The Governor-General in Council accordingly directs that, commencing from this date, estimates for Provincial Public Works, involving a larger outlay than 10 lakhs, shall be submitted to the Government of India for the sanction of the Secretary of State before any such works are commenced.

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2. The estimates for any works in progress which are not on the point of completion, involving a larger outlay than 10 lakhs, should be submitted for the orders of the Government of India. For such works on the point of completion, on estimates that have not been sanctioned by the Secretary of State, a completion bill should be submitted so soon as the works are finished, and the accounts thereof are closed. And on works that are in contemplation, involving a larger outlay than the sum named, no expenditure should be incurred except on surveys and preliminary investigations until the estimates have been sanctioned by the Secretary of State.

3. In issuing the orders herein contained, the Government of India deem it necessary to draw particular attention to the rules in Chapter XVI., Section I., paragraph 57, of the Public Works Code, according to which projects which are essentially incomplete without extensions, and which with the extensions would exceed the powers of the Local Government to sanction, must not be sanctioned by the latter, but must be submitted for the orders of the Government of India.

4. In the case of outlay incurred in excess of estimates sanctioned by Local Governments, it is necessary to note that if such outlay exceeds 10 lakhs, the orders of Government of India in regard to the expenditure incurred must be applied for. A similar course must be followed in the case of revised estimates exceeding the limit named.

ORDER.—Ordered that this Resolution be communicated to the Governments and Administrations noted in the margin for information and guidance.

Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, North-Western Provinces, and the Punjab.
Chief Commissioners of Central Provinces, British Burmah, Oudh, and Assam.

Ordered, also, that it be communicated to the Home, Financial, and Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce Departments for information.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Colonel, R.A.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

COMMUNICATED to the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 255. ORDER THEREON, 28th October 1874, No. 1845.

To be recorded.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Provincial Public Works.—Proceedings, Public Works Department, communicating Resolution of the Government of India regarding the powers of Local Governments and Administrations to sanction estimates for Provincial Public Works, recorded.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 22nd October 1874.

No. 492. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Account—General,) dated Fort William, 30th September 1874, No. 631—42 A.—G :—

Powers of Local Governments and Administrations to sanction estimates for Provincial Public Works.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
22nd October 1874.

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Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, North-Western Provinces and the Punjab.
Chief Commissioners of Central Provinces, British Burmah, Oudh, and Assam.

Ordered also, that it be communicated to the Home, Financial and Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce Departments for information.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Colonel, R.A.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 493. ORDER THEREON, 22nd October 1874, No. 3,010.

ACCOUNT, No. 38.

COMMUNICATED to the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

(True Extract.)

C. H. Walker Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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