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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
28th April 1874.*

No. 299. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. B. KENNEDY, Special Executive Engineer, Wynaad, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Vythery, 16th April 1874, No. 293 :—

I shall be obliged by being instructed whether Imperial or Provincial buildings, both those which have been in use by the Revenue authorities and those that have not, can be altered or applied to purposes other than originally intended without sanction of Government.

2. The question is necessitated by a letter from the Vice-President of the Tellicherry Local Fund Board forwarding for countersignature an estimate for alteration of a building at Manantoddy which formerly was an Imperial and, I presume, is now considered a Provincial property, the alteration being intended to adapt it for the better accommodation of the District School.

3. Another case also occurred in which I was informed that the Collector had directed a room in the Goodalore Cutcherry, which was built for a Post Office out of Imperial funds, to be handed over for extra accommodation of the Police. The room has not been occupied by the Postal Department, and was given up by the Postmaster-General as not being suited for the requirements of the Post office; the cost has, however, never been repaid to Imperial Funds.

Referred to the Financial Department.

OOTACAMUND,
22nd April 1874.

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

No. 300. ORDER THEREON, 28th April 1874, No. 721.

No buildings, Imperial or Provincial, can be altered or otherwise disposed of without the sanction of Government.

2. As regards the appropriation or transfer of Imperial buildings for Provincial Services or *vice versa*, the Government of India have, in their Resolution, Financial Department, dated 19th October 1871, No. 4447 (Accounts), defined the principles which should be followed.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
„ all Collectors.
„ the Board of Revenue.

Proceedings of Government, Financial Department, dated 27th October 1871.

No. 128. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Financial Department, dated Simla, 19th October 1871, No. 4447 (Accounts):—

Read—

Office Memorandum from the Public Works Department, No. 543-A-G, dated the 21st August 1871, referring for orders a claim by the Deputy Commissioner of Bunnee on the Public Works Department for Rupees 625 as purchase-money for a Session-house there, no longer of any use to the Civil Department, which is required for the accommodation of an officer in charge of a portion of the works of the Punjab Northern (State) Railway, and proposing a rule to the effect that cash payments should be made when *Provincial* buildings are taken over for *Imperial* purposes or *Imperial* buildings for *Provincial* purposes.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor-General in Council observes that two principles should govern the decision in this case—

1st.—It should be remembered that the greater portion of the Provincial revenues is an assignment of Imperial revenue and not revenue raised by special Provincial taxation.

2nd.—A fundamental condition of the Provincial Service scheme was as follows:—

“No services now rendered to other departments at the charge of the departments made over to the control of the local Governments are to be diminished, and no services now rendered to these departments at the charge of other departments are to be increased.”

2. Accordingly *no reduction was made in the amount assigned in respect to any recoveries from other departments*. If such recoveries had been contemplated their value would have been a set-off against the Provincial grants.

3. There can be no doubt that under the old system before the Provincial Service scheme was introduced the Government would have refused credit to Department Public Works, Ordinary, and declined a corresponding debit to Extraordinary on account of the old Court building at Bunnee taken over for the State Railway, and the Governor-General in Council cannot allow any such charge now.

4. His Excellency in Council is not at present prepared to lay down any such rule as is proposed by the Department of Public Works for the sale of Provincial buildings to Imperial and *vice versa*. As a rule, no doubt, if the appropriation for Imperial purpose of a building occupied for Provincial Services *causes expense to the Provincial revenues*, it should be made good, and *vice versa*. But when, as in the present instance, no expense is involved no charge should be made.

ORDER.—Ordered that the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Public Works Department, the several local Governments and Administrations, the Comptroller-General, and the several Accountants-General, and Deputy Accountants-General in independent charge.

(Signed) R. H. HOLLINGBERRY,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 129.

ORDER THEREON, 27th October 1871, No. 609.
Communicated to the Department of Public Works.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers

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GOVT. OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL.

To

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

Dated April, 28th.

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G. O., 28th April 1874, No. 721.

APRIL.
Nos. 299-300.

Imperial or Provincial Buildings.—The Public Works Department informed, with reference to the inquiry made by the Special Executive Engineer, Wynnad, on the subject, that no buildings, Imperial or Provincial, can be altered or otherwise disposed of without the sanction of Government, and that, as regards the appropriation or transfer of Imperial buildings for Provincial services or vice versa, the Government of India have defined the principles which should be followed.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
27th October 1871.*

No. 129.

ORDER THEREON, 27th October 1871, No. 609.
Communicated to the Department of Public Works.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.

No 293.

Special Exr. Engineer's Office
Wynnad, Vythery 16th April 1874.

From,

The Special Executive Engineer
Wynnad

To,

The Secretary to Government
Department Public Works
Madras.

Sir,

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2. The question is necessitated by a letter from the Vice President of the Tellicherry Local Fund Board forwarding for countersignature, an estimate for alteration of a building at Manantoddy which formerly was an Imperial, and I presume, is now considered a Provincial property; the alteration being intended to adapt it for the better accommodation of the District School.

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Dated October, 27th.

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G. O., 27th October, 1871, No. 609.

OCTOBER.

Nos. 128-129.

Communicating Resolution of the Government of India, giving that if the appropriation for Imperial purpose of a building occupied for provincial service causes expense to the provincial revenue, it should be made good, and vice versa, but when no expense is involved, no charge should be made.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant

W. S. K. K. K.
Lieut. Colonel
Special Csr. Engineer W. S. K. K. K.

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Financial Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from

The Special Executive Engineer
Wyndham of 16th April 1874.
No. 293.

Order thereon of Lt. Col. G. A. G. of 28 April 1874 No. 291.

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But alterations
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services.

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October 1871. No. 609.

- To The Public Works Dept. 27/10/74
- All Collectors 27/10/74
- The Board of Revenue 27/10/74
- Secy. 24/6/74

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Report to the
Financial Department.
Oct 16th April 1874
No. 293.

Sub. Works 1874 Report.
The Special Engineer
Wyndham
No. 293.
The Secretary
Government
D. P. W.
Madras

Enclosure none.

Decy: Secy
S. H. S.

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Requests to be written
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before

Govt. of 1874 Madras.

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To
The Public Works Dept.

Dated April 28 }
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Nos. 297-300

General on Road Buildings. The
P.W. Department with ref. to the
enquiry made by the Special
Inspector Engr. Messrs on the
subject that no buildings are
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