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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
3rd February 1875.

Lithographic Press.

No. 44. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 19th December 1874, No. 3588 :—

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders on the Proceedings in the Financial Department, on the subject of the preparation of the Provincial Budget Estimate and the apportionment of Establishment charges on account of Public Works.

No. 45. ORDER THEREON, 3rd February 1875, No. 221.

On reconsideration the Government are of opinion that it will be more correct to continue to show the cost of the Establishment of the Lithographic Department as a Public Works charge.

G.O., dated 28th March 1873, Public Works Department, No. 973.

2. The attention of the Board of Revenue is called to the latter part of paragraph 4 of the Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department above recorded.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
,, Board of Revenue.
,, Accountant-General, with Public Works G.O., No. 3588.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Govt. of Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

The PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated February, 3rd.

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G.O., 3rd February 1875, No. 221.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 44-45.

Lithographic Press.—The cost of the Establishment of this Press, ordered to continue to be shown as a Public Works charge.

Read the following papers :—

No. 428. Read again Resolution of Government of India, No. 406—7 A G, dated 8th June 1874, recorded with G. O., No. 1,927, dated 17th July 1874.

Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 25th September 1874, No. 1,613.

In the Provincial Budget Estimate for 1874-75, prepared in the Financial Department, Rupees 24,00,000 are assigned for Public Works, *i.e.*, Rs. 12,00,000 for Provincial Works, etc., (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 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, No. 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 ratable 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 purposes 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, 25 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 25 per cent. as proposed in paragraph 13 of the Resolution of the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
Acting Under Secretary,
for *Acting Chief Secretary.*

Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, No. 1,816, dated 23rd October 1874, communicating Proceedings, Board of Revenue, dated 15th October 1874.

No. 429. ORDER THEREON, 19th December 1874, No. 3,588.

ACCOUNT, No. 29.

ORDERED that these Proceedings in the Financial Department be communicated to the Government of India. It will be arranged in future that extract of the general Budget Estimate, rendered by the Financial Department to the Government of India, be supplied to the Public Works Department for information. In the meantime it will be explained to the Government of India that the supposition made in paragraph 3 of their Resolution communicated with Proceedings No. 406-7 A.—G., of 8th June, accounts for 12 lakhs of the difference between the Budgets submitted, but leaves 1½ lakhs to be accounted for. Of this sum 1¼ lakh has since been assigned for public works in Financial No. 1,856 of 30th October, and its distribution has been as follows, viz. :—

	RS.
Civil Buildings (New Works)	98,701
Communications (do.)	14,529
Do. (Repairs)	700
Miscellaneous Public Improvements (New Works)	6,171
Tools and Plant	4,899
	1,25,000

and the balance of Rupees 25,000 has been allotted for Petty Construction and Repairs, not included in the Public Works Budget.

2. The Revised Abstract Budget Estimate, Part I., called for in paragraph 4 of the Resolution, showing in addition to the information before given the amount of the lump sum grant-in-aid to Local Funds, divided off to the heads of Works, Repairs and Establishments, has already been communicated to the Government of India with letter No. 2,161 of 6th August.

3. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Resolution, it may be observed that the allotment for Civil Buildings is over-stated by Rupees 1,86,020, which is the allotment for Communications, leaving Rupees 5,95,480 only for Civil Buildings, which is within Rupees 10,000 of the sum to which the attention of the Government of Madras is drawn as the standard by which the Government of India apparently desire that the grant for Civil Buildings shall be regulated. It will be explained to the Government of India that, as may be seen from the detailed Budget, a great part of the assignment of 1874-75 was made for completion of improved Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail accommodation, much of which was in progress in 1869-70, and suspended by the Government of India Orders, No. 32 of 11th May, No. 82 of 2nd October, and No. 104 of 31st December 1869, and which even the large grants of 1872-73 and 1873-74 (unnoticed by the Government of India, though greatly exceeding that now remarked on) had been insufficient to complete. It was indeed found necessary to allot much of the Reserve and of the additional 1¼ lakh not budgetted for by the Public Works Department to the same purpose, so much requiring to be done to put the Civil Buildings of this Presidency into a respectable and healthy state.

4. With reference to the request made in paragraph 10 of the Resolution, it is remarked that the compiled Local Fund Budget was despatched to the Government of India with letter No. 2,477 A of 1st September. Its compilation in the Public Works Department could not be undertaken till the Revenue Board, after receipt of the last of the Government Orders on Circle Budgets (19th June), had issued those Budgets, when the portions of each relating to public works had to be extracted and reprinted. It would appear therefore that a period of about three months, under present arrangements, has to elapse between final orders of Government in the Financial Department and transmission of the compiled Budget to the Government of India. The Board of Revenue having been called on to report what steps they would propose to admit of the early despatch, to the Government of India, of the Local Fund Budget, state that they will arrange for closing their reviews by the 31st December; after which it remains for orders to be passed in the Financial Department and the Budgets to be issued by the Board. These arrangements must perhaps be accepted as the only ones feasible for the current year; but it does not seem practicable under them to lay the compiled Local Fund Budget before the Government of India by the 10th February in each year, as laid down in the Resolution communicated with G. O., No. 950, dated 3rd June 1874. The Board will therefore be requested, in the Financial Department, to enforce earlier submission of these Budgets by Local Fund Boards according to the Local Fund Rules, so that these may be disposed of by all departments concerned in proper time.

5. It is considered in the Public Works Department, and has already been intimated to the Government of India in reply to their Resolution No. 227-33 A.—I., dated 23rd July 1874, that all survey charges on account of Irrigation Works should, equally with the charges for Conservancy establishments and those of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation and Deputy Controller for Irrigation Accounts, be met by Imperial Funds, in addition to the fixed percentage on the grant or outlay

(as the case may be) for works proposed by them, and accepted by this Government, in the Financial Department.

6. Now that it is determined that the whole Public Works Establishment shall be considered (in regard to accounts) Provincial, the proposal of Proceedings, in the Public Works Department, No. 973, of 28th March 1873, will be again considered in the Financial Department, with a view to the transfer of the charge of the Lithographic Department to the head "Printing," a corresponding assignment being asked for from the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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Provincial charges on imperial contributions

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Govt. of (1874) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT,

&c., &c., &c.

No 2726
S.C.L.

Dated December 10th.

Read. 22nd December 1874 Encl.

G. O., 19th December 1874. No. 3,588.

DECEMBER.

Nos 428-429

Provincial Budget Estimate.—Passing orders on the Proceedings, in the Financial Department, on the subject of the preparation of the Provincial Budget Estimate and the apportionment of Establishment charges on account of Public Works.

Sir,

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I am directed with reference to para 6 of the accompanying order in the P.W. Dept. of the 23rd inst. to state that it will again be considered in the Financial Dept. whether the charge on account of the Lithographic Department should be transferred to "printing" a corresponding assignment being asked for from the Govt. of India.

The previous negotiations were broken off as the Govt. of India declined to admit that the cost of the Lithographic Dept. was fairly distributable between Imperial and Provincial funds without any charge to Local funds, and consequently refused to make an equal assignment to Provincial funds ~~on account~~ as the Govt. asked for. Since then the ~~Govt~~ general P.W. establishment has been made a Provincial charge the Imperial contribution

being fixed at what was considered a fair proportion of the whole cost including the Lithographic Office. It is therefore submitted that evidently no corresponding assignment can be asked for from the Govt of India if it is now decided to look upon the cost of the Lithographic press as a fair debit to the head "printing." It is now merely a question of the proper head of debit and it is submitted that there are several reasons why it should not be debited to printing.

1/ In G.O. No. 28 of 28th March 1873 it is considered necessary to stipulate that the work executed by the Lithographic Office shall continue to be executed by the Public Works Secretary. - As this stipulation is apparently in consideration of the professional knowledge of that Secretary it is submitted that the work of the office is essentially a Public Works charge.

2/ If a transfer of the charge be made to printing the effect will be to increase the proportion of the cost of N.W.P. establishment borne from provincial funds with which and such diminishing will fall against provincial funds in the case of re-adjustment of present arrangements.

3/ The Secretary of State has called attention to the steadily increased and increasing expenditure on printing and it is therefore necessary that careful that no additional debit is made to that head unless the propriety of such debit is unquestionable.

4/ There is no apparent object for the proposed transfer the reason assigned in G.O. of 28th March 1873 No 973 having ceased to exist.

The following order in the Financial Dept.

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Read P.W.G.O. No. 3588.

Memo for Order

Lithographic Press

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On reconsideration the Government are of opinion that the [~~on the~~ ~~ation of the~~ ~~establishment of the~~ Lithographic Department is such as to require professional supervision for public works effected] it will be necessary to continue to charge [the cost of the establishment of the Lithographic Department] as a public works charge.

P.W. Dept. Revenue & Accts. Genl. with P.W.G.O. No. 3588. 9-2-75

Despatch

2. The attention of the Govt. of Bengal is called to the latter part of para 4 of the proceedings of Govt in the Public Works Department Record.

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Govt. of Bengal P.W.D. No 973

Please see Proc. Finl Dept. No 526 A dated 25th April 1873 which authorises the P.W.D. Press for.

Despatch

Govt. of {187 } Madras.

Lithographic Press

G. O., 3 July 1875, No. 221.

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