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G.O., No. 1063, 29th September 1899.

SEPTEMBER.

Public Works in charge of Civil Officers.

Communicating to the Revenue, Judicial and Public Works Departments and the Accountant-General letter from the Government of India on the subject of the audit and adjustment of expenditure on —, and stating that further orders will issue in the Revenue and Judicial Departments on certain points in the letter.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., Nos. 729, 730, Financial, dated 28th June 1899.

ABSTRACT.—Directing that the Government of India be addressed regarding the transfer from the Civil to the Public Works Department of the control and the audit and record of expenditure on Public Works in charge of Civil officers.

READ—also the following paper:—

From J. F. FINLAY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department (Accounts and Finance—Audit, etc.), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 7th September 1899, No. 4141-A.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 730, dated the 28th June 1899, in which you explain the system in force in Madras in regard to the audit and adjustment of expenditure on Public Works in charge of Civil officers, and say that, in the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council, the change advocated by the Government of India in the letter from this department, No. 4280-A., dated the 24th September 1897, is undesirable.

2. In reply, I am directed, in the first instance, to explain that it was not the intention of the Government of India to interfere at all with the existing practice in regard to Salt (which in Madras includes Excise also) and Forest works which have, by the letter from this department, No. 3501-A., dated the 14th August 1896, been specially exempted from the operation of the Rs. 1,000 limit. I am also to point out that the Government of India do not contemplate the transfer to the Public Works Department of the execution of works now executed by Civil officers, but only the transfer of the audit of the expenditure on the more important of such works from the Accountant-General to the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, the Civil officers in such cases being treated as Public Works disbursers.

3. Excluding the Salt, Excise and Forest works to which, as above explained, the orders are not intended to apply, the most important account in Madras is that for minor irrigation works, and before dealing with the matter finally the Government of India desire to have further information as to the present practice in regard to these works. It appears from the Administration Report on Irrigation Works in the Madras Presidency for 1897-98 that the expenditure incurred by Civil officers on minor works in that year was Rs. 3,60,278; that all this expenditure was incurred on the repair of 1,229 tanks; that the whole outlay on new works, Rs. 17,258, was incurred by Public Works officers; and that repairs costing Rs. 10,527 were executed by the same agency. The actual practice cannot be very certainly inferred from the administration report, but it seems clear—

(1) that the average cost of the repairs executed by Civil officers did not exceed Rs. 293;

(2) that even in the case of minor works under the Revenue Department, new works and certain repairs, probably the more important, are carried out by Public Works officers,

4. If this is correct, it would seem that the enforcement of an order that expenditure on all works which cost more than Rs. 1,000 should be audited by the Examiner would not cause a very wide departure from the existing practice, and I am to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, it might be explained more clearly what the existing practice is and that it may again be considered whether there is any objection to accepting the Rs. 1,000 rule as a working guide in future.

5. I am directed to mention that one of the cases referred to in the first sentence of paragraph 3 of my letter, No. 4280-A. of September 24, 1897, was the construction of a cellular jail in South Arcot costing a lakh of rupees. I am to inquire whether, in the opinion of His Excellency the Governor, it is not desirable that expenditure on such a work should be subject to the audit of the Public Works Accounts officers.

ORDER—No. 1063, Financial, dated 29th September 1899.

Communicated to the Judicial, Revenue and Public Works Departments and the Accountant-General.

2. Further orders will issue in the Revenue Department on paragraphs 3 and 4 and in the Judicial Department on paragraph 5 of the letter read above.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Judicial Department.
" Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Accountant-General.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

To

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CHIEF SECRETARY
14 SEP 1899
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

A. F. Finlay

Secretary to the Government of India.

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Department for information.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
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ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.
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To
THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERN-
MENT OF MADRAS.

No. 4141-A.

Dated Simla, the 7th September 1899.

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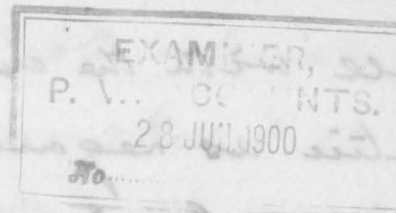
Audit and adjustment of Public Works in
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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.



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NOTE FOR THE C. S.

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In letter No 4280A & 24-9-99.
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Para 2.

In letter No 730. File
dated the 28th June 1899 vari-
ous reasons were given as to
why it was considered not
advisable to adopt the pro-
posal advocated by the Govt.
of India, that expenditure
exceeding Rs 1000 on public
works in charge of civil
officers should be subjected
to the strict and technical
audit of the P.W. Examiners
and adjusted in the P.W.
Accounts. In para 3 of the
letter the various classes of
works affected by India's
proposal were mentioned.
2. In the current read above
India states that it was
not its intention to interfere at

all with the existing practice as regards items (a) Salt & Excise and (b) Forests therein mentioned. Nothing is said about item (c) cattle pounds, (e) Agency works and (f) Police huts &c. But India wants further information as regards the present practice in regard to item (d) minor works before dealing finally with the matter. India alludes in para 5 of its letter to the large outlay on the Cellular Jail in South Arcot.

3. Reference is solicited to para 17 of yellow notes (page 8) attached to the L.O. Nos 729 & 730. Dated 28-6-99 and para 12 of the letter as regards minor works. The expenditure on the Cellular Jail was in prominence before Govt when the reply to India was drafted. Please see para 28 on page 12

E. F.

Letter No 730. Dated 28-6-99

EXAM. 2.,
P. V. ACCOUNTS.
28 JUL 1900.

12 of the notes referred to above. It is submitted that the Rev and Judl. depts may be requested to furnish further information in regard to these. A draft order is submitted.

One more point in India's letter has to be noticed and that is its statement that the execution of the works was not contemplated to be transferred to the P.W.D. Reference is solicited to the portion marked with red chalk on page 35 of the yellow notes referred to as to why any allusion was made to the execution of the work in the reply to India. This matter, may it be submitted, be taken up again when drafting a reply to India's letter under reference.

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27-7-99

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P. W. ACCOUNTS.
28 JUN. 1900

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Works Depts. & the Act General.
2. Further orders will issue in
the Revenue Dept on paras 314
of the Govt of India letter and
in the Judicial Dept on para 5.
of the letter read above.

Mr
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26/9/99

Mr. H.

To the Judicial Dept
" " Revenue
" " Public Works Dept
" " Act. General.

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