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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 243. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, dated ——December 1865, No. 3434.

Read Endorsement from the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, British Burmah, No. 898, dated 10th December 1865, forwarding a copy of the Chief Commissioner's Diary for the month of November 1864.

Read Office Memorandum, No. 4219, dated 13th December 1864, to the Chief Commissioner, calling for copies of the papers relating to entries of 10th and 16th November 1864, in his Diary for that month, viz., those connected with the proposed plan for the keeping of the Local Funds Accounts, and the method pursued by the Thoogyes in making payments into the Treasuries.

Read letter from the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, No. 7, dated 28th January 1865, forwarding the papers called for, and stating that the Chief Commissioner's Minute on the subject of Local Funds Accounts would be submitted shortly.

Read letter from do. do., No. 43, dated 13th May 1865, forwarding a printed copy of the Minute referred to above.

Read Office Memorandum to the Public Works Department, No. 1326, dated the 12th July 1865, stating that it appeared from the Chief Commissioner's Minute that the Controller of Public Works Accounts in that Province was largely employed in checking Public Works Expenditure from Local Funds, and inquiring what portion of the cost of the Controller's Office was set off by a payment from Local Funds.

Read Memorandum from Public Works Department, No. 648*a*, dated the 21st July 1865, stating that no portion of the cost of the Office of the Controller was specifically debited to Local Funds, but that, of the total estimated cost of the Public Works Establishment in British Burmah for 1865-66, Rupees 26,402 had been directed to be met from Local Funds.

Read Office Memorandum to Public Works Department, No. 1611, dated 28th July 1865, requesting that that Department would re-consider, in issuing the Budget Orders for 1866-67, whether, having regard to the large share in the supervision and accounting of Public Works Expenditure from Local Funds which devolved on the Public Works Chief Engineer and Public Works Controller, the present amount of contribution from the Local Funds should not be increased.

Read letter to Accountant General, British Burmah, No. 2185, dated 31st August 1865, inquiring, with reference to paragraph 20 of the Chief Commissioner's Minute, whether the value of convict labor employed by the Public Works Department on Municipal Works is debited in the Public Works Accounts, and whether any charge appears in the Municipal Accounts for convict labor employed in the conservancy of the Town of Rangoon.

Read letter from the Accountant General, British Burmah, No. 2294, dated the 25th October 1865, stating that the value of convict labor has not, since the 1st May 1864, been debited to the Local Funds, either in the Revenue or Public Works Books, nor does the Municipal Fund bear the cost of convict labor employed in the conservancy of the Town of Rangoon.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
31st January 1866.

RESOLUTION.

The Governor General in Council observes that there is no reason why Municipalities should have the gratuitous services of convicts, and His Excellency in Council is accordingly pleased to direct that convict labor should be charged for at a fixed rate per head of the number of prisoners employed, with due regard to the cost of each prisoner to Government, and to the value of his labor.

Ordered, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Home Department for communication to the several Local Governments and Administrations; to the Public Works Department, for communication to the Public Works Account Department; and to the Comptroller General of Accounts, and the several Accountants General and the Deputy Accountants General in independent charge.

(A true Extract).

(Signed) E. H. LUSHINGTON,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 55.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George, for information.

HOME DEPARTMENT,
FORT WILLIAM,
5th January 1866.

(By Order),
(Signed) W. E. WARD,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 244. ORDER THEREON, 31st January 1866, No. 133.

Communicated to the Inspector General of Jails, and to the Magistrates of the several Districts, for information.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.
" Magistrate of

Exd. J. H. Burns.

No 133 dated 31st Jany 1866.

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