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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Con. 19.2.57

G.O. No. 312-15 Press Mis.

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Dated 17-2- 1857

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No. 32. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel W. E. BAKER, Secretary to the Government of India; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 16th January 1857, No. 317.

SIR,

Your letter No. 2302 of 10th December last, detailing the distribution of the allotment made under the late orders of the Honorable Court of Directors, for works of Public improvement in the Madras Presidency, has been laid before the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council and, with certain qualifications, has been approved.

2. It is observed, that the sum mentioned in the 2nd para. of your letter, Rupees thirty-three lacs, sixty-six thousand, three hundred and eleven, is the sum authorized by the Government of Fort Saint George for expenditure up to the end of October last, not the sum *actually laid out*. I am consequently directed to request that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will be good enough to desire that the exact balance of the above named sum which remained unexpended on the 31st October, shall be carefully ascertained, and that it shall be held to be an integral portion of the eleven lacs which the Government of India will then deem to be fairly available under the instructions conveyed in my letter of the 17th October last. The justice of this proviso will be too obvious to need any explanation.

3. With reference to the proposal contained in the last para. of your letter under reply, of expending the sum of Rupees five thousand on the East Coast Canal over and above the eleven lacs above alluded to; I am directed to observe, that the Governor General in Council much regrets that he cannot sanction this arrangement, as it is in direct contravention to the Honorable Court's orders which are to the effect that every authority given by them for the execution of works, is "to be regarded as subordinate to the orders as to the limitation of expenditure" conveyed in their Financial letter No. 48 of 1856, allotting one Crore of Rupees for Public Works during the current year.

Extract from a letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors in the Financial Department, to the Government of India, No. 48, dated 17th June 1856.

43. * * * * You will also bear in mind that the views which we may convey to you in the Public Works Department or in any other Department of our correspondence in reply to your references on the subject of the undertaking or carrying on of Public Works, are to be considered subordinate to the views expressed in this despatch so as that the total expenditure may be limited accordingly.

4. Whatever expenditure has taken place under this head, must therefore be held to be included in the eleven lacs now sanctioned for disbursement.

No. 33. ORDER THEREON, No. 312; dated 17th February 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer for his information and guidance. Colonel Faber will under the orders conveyed in the foregoing letter consider the authority granted by this Government in para. 2 of Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 10th December 1856, No. 2291, to spend 5,000 Rupees above the 11 lacs on the project for extending the East Coast Canal from Doogarauzepatam to Kistnapatam cancelled, and take steps to avoid any expenditure in excess of the limit assigned.

2. It will be explained to the Government of India, that under any circumstances the limit fixed for the expenditure of the second half of 1856-57 will not be exceeded and that therefore the unexpended portion of the sums sanctioned up to October last, will virtually form an integral portion of the eleven lacs.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 34. Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

From H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; to Lieutenant Colonel W. E. BAKER, Secretary to the Government of India, D. P. W.; dated 17th February 1857, No. 313.

SIR,

I have the honor, under the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th Ultimo, No. 317, communicating the ap-

proval of the Government of India to the proposed distribution of the eleven lacs of Rupees assigned for expenditure in this Presidency during the second half of 1856-57, and requesting that the unexpended portion of the estimates sanctioned up to October last, may form an integral part of the prescribed limit.

2. I am directed to explain that in para. 4 of the Minutes of Consultation, dated 12th November 1856, No. 2110, the Chief Engineer was particularly directed to take care that the aggregate sum expended in the second half of the current official year did not exceed the eleven lacs apportioned to Madras, and that these orders ensured that the unexpended portion of the estimates sanctioned to October last, should form an integral part of the limited sum prescribed.

No 317

From

Lieut Colo W. C Baker,
Secretary to the Govt of India.

To

J. D. Bourdillon, Esquire,
Secretary to Govt of
Fort Saint George

Dated the 16th January 1857

Pub. Works Depa Sir,

Publics

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 22920 of 10th December last, detailing the distribution of the allotment made under the late orders of the Honble Court of Directors, for works of Public improvement in the Madras Presidency, has been laid before the Right Honble the Governor General in Council and with certain qualifications, has been approved.

2. It is observed, that the sum mentioned in the 2nd para of your letter, Rupees Thirty three Lacks, Sixty Six thousand, three hundred and Eleven, is the sum authorized by the Government of Fort Saint George for expenditure

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not the sum actually laid out. I am
consequently directed to request that the
Right Honble the Governor in Council
will be good enough to desire that
the exact balance of the above
named sum which remained unexpend-
ed on the 31st October, shall be
carefully ascertained, and that it shall
be held to be an integral portion
of the Eleven Lakhs which the Govern-
ment of India will then deem to be
fairly available under the instructions
conveyed in my letter of the 19th October
last. The justice of this proviso will
be too obvious to need any explanation

3. With reference to the
proposal contained in the last para
of your letter under reply, of expending
the sum of Rupees Five thousand on
the East Coast Canal over and above
the Eleven Lakhs above alluded to,
I am directed to observe that the
Governor General in Council must regret
that he cannot sanction this arrange-
ment, as it is in direct contravention
to the Honble Court's orders in which

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are to the effect that every authority
given by them for the
execution of works, is "to be
regarded as subordinate
to the orders as to the
limitation of expenditure"
conveyed in their Financial
letter No 48 of 1856 allotting
Rupees for Public Works
during the current year.

4. Whatever expenditure has taken
place under this head, must therefore be
held to be included in the Eleven
Lakhs now sanctioned for disbursement

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most Obdt Servant

Fort William,
The 15th January 1857

W. H. Macnaghten
Secretary to the Govt of India

Extract from the Table the Court of Directors in the Financial Department to the Government of India No 48 dated 17th June 1856.

43 x x x. You will also bear in mind that the views which we may convey to you in the Public Works Department or in any other Department of our correspondence in reply to your references on the subject of the undertaking or carrying on of the Public Works, are to be considered subordinate to the views expressed in this Despatch so as that the total expenditure may be limited accordingly.

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Public Work 1857 Dept
Cons 17 February.

No 209

From the Secretary to
the Govt of India.

Dated 16th January 57.
Rec'd 31st " "
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Approving, with
certain qualifications,
the details of the distri-
bution of the allotments
made under the late or-
ders of the Hon: Court
for Works of Public im-
provement in the Madras
Presidency.

No 32.

C/ Feby 813

P.W.D.

№ 312

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 17th February 1857

Read the following
letter from the Secretary
to the Government of India

Recd under 16 Inst
№ 317

Ordered to be
communicated to the Chief
Engineer for his information
and guidance. Colonel
Tulloch will under the
order conveyed in the
foregoing letter, consider
the authority granted
by this Government in
para 2 of Extract Minutes
Cons: dated 10 December
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Rupees above the 11 lacs on the

the project for extending the East Coast Canal from Doorgaroung opalam to Nellimapalam cancelled and take steps to avoid any expenditure in excess of the limit assigned.

2. It will be explained to the Government of India that under any circumstances the limit fixed for the expenditure of the second half of 1856/57 will not be exceeded and that therefore the unexpended portion of the sum sanctioned up to October last will virtually form an integral portion of the sixteen lacs.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

To the Secy to the Govt of India.

(Recd under 19 Feb 57. N. 313.)

J. Cypher to the Chief Engr Dept of Public Works

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upto October last
up to October, 1855 found
an integral part of the
prescribed limit.

2. Sam directed
to explain that in para
4 of the Minute of Council
dated 12th November 1856
No 2110, the Chief Engineer
was particularly directed
to take care that the
aggregate sum expended
in the second half of the
current official year
did not exceed the eleven
lacs apportioned to Madras,
and that the order
ensured that the re-
-expended portion of
the Estimates sanctioned
to October last, should
form an integral part of
the limited sum prescribed.

Fort St. George
14th February 1857

of the Estimates sanctioned
up to October last, may form
an integral part of the
prescribed limit.

2. I am directed
to explain that in para
4 of the Minute of Council
dated 12th November 1856
No 2110, the Chief Engineer
was particularly directed
to take care that the
aggregate amount expended
in the several Districts of the
current official year
did not exceed the eleven
lacs appropriated to Madras,
and that these orders
implied that the ex-
-pended portion of
the Estimates sanctioned
to October last, should
form an integral part of
the limited sum prescribed.

Fort St. George
14th February 1857

Public Works 1857 Dept.
Cons 17th February.

No 313.

To the Secretary to the
Govt of India. D. P. W.
Dy 17th February 57.

Intimating that the Chief Engr has been particularly directed to take care that the aggregate sum of Rupees in the Estimate for the current year, did not exceed the eleven Lacs apportioned to Madras, & that the unexpended portion of the Estimates placed at the disposal of the Collr should form an integral part of the sum so distributed.

No 34.

No 313