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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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FROM

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL W. E. BAKER,
Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

N. D. Bourdillon Esq.
Secretary to the Government of
Port St. George

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
PUBLIC.

Dated the 6th February 1857.

SIR,

UNDER the new system of Account, the expenditure of the Executive Officer is passed to his personal credit from month to month as it takes place. These credits, however, are not directly met by final charges in the public Accounts, but by transfers to the "Public Works Suspense Account," from which they are written off to the proper heads of charge on Bills prepared in the Central Office of Account under the Chief Engineer.

2. Two questions have arisen in respect to this process—

1st.—By whom are the Bills thus prepared to be passed, before they can be admitted as authorized charges by the Accountant General?

2nd.—At what time are they to be brought forward by the Chief Engineer for the relief of the Public Works Suspense Account?

3. To meet these points, the Governor General in Council is pleased to lay down the following Rules:—

Bills for charges are prepared in the Chief Engineer's Office & are examined by the Chief Engineer before they are sent to the Accountant General.
I. The Chief Engineer will prepare and check in the Central Office of Account all Bills for charges which are to appear as credits in the Public Works Suspense Account.

He has authority to pass finally—
II. The Chief Engineer has authority to pass finally—

1st.—All duly authorized charges for establishment. *This is done here by the Chief Engineer.*

2nd.—Contingent charges not exceeding 500 Rupees, for each Division of Public Works, in any one month. *This is done here by the Chief Engineer.*

3rd.—All charges for works on sanctioned Estimates, the cost of which does not exceed the sanctioned amount by more than 5 per cent. This will apply to all works, whether they be original constructions or repairs. *This is the case in the Public Works Department.*

*This is also
sent here*

III. In all other circumstances, the Bills of the Central Office will be submitted, with a recommendation by the Chief Engineer of the amount to be passed distinctly recorded on them, and with such other separate explanations as may be necessary, for the final orders of the local Governments, the powers of which are already laid down in reference to the disposal of such matters.

Remotely

IV. All Bills of the Central Office will be prepared and passed, or submitted to the local Government for orders, with as little delay as possible; Bills for Establishments and Contingencies, monthly, and for works when they are severally completed.

*Some copies
sent to the
Government
Accountant*

V. The Chief Engineer will transmit to the local Government and to the Government Accountant a Monthly Register of all Bills that he thus passes on his own authority.

*This is also
sent here*

VI. The local Government, on passing any Bill submitted for its orders from the Central Offices of Account, will inform the Chief Engineer and Government Accountant.

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

J. B. Sullivan

Secretary to the Government of India.

FORT WILLIAM,
The 6th February 1857. }

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Public Debt of 1850 & 1851
and 24th March 1852

1850 & 1851

From the entry of the
year of 1850
Dated to 1851
and 1852

1850 & 1851

Showing certain
details in the system of
accounts of the 1850 & 1851

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Public Debt
of 1850 & 1851
and 24th March 1852

It

is evident that the free
opening of the home the government
of public debt is essential, and it is
not a question of accounts for the
Public Debt Department, but
already been introduced in
this country, which it is
not desirable to disturb at present
and some of the rules laid down
in the above letter agree with those
established by this government.

As the Public Debt
of 1850 & 1851
and 24th March 1852