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No. 69. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General of India in Council in the Public Works Department (Public), under date the 24th February 1857, No. 874.

Read Major Strachey's Report dated 29th December 1856, on the Central offices of Account in the Department of Public Works in the Presidency of Bengal.

OBSERVATION.—The Governor General in Council observes, that it is the practice in the Department of Public Works for the disbursing Executive Officers to pay themselves and their Establishments at the commencement of each month, without any previous audit of their Pay Bills.

This custom must lead to many unauthorized charges being made, is contrary to the established rules laid down in all other Civil Departments, and should be put a stop to without loss of time.

RESOLUTION.—The Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council is therefore pleased to resolve that, from the 1st May next, all Pay Bills for the regular fixed Establishments of the Department of Public Works (other than those which are audited by the Civil Auditors under existing rules which are not to be affected by this Resolution) shall be submitted for previous audit to the Chief Engineers of the several branches of the Department, and that no disbursement shall, under any circumstances, take place on account of salaries of such Establishments, otherwise than on authority of Bills thus previously audited, and then only on or after the date fixed for the payment of the salaries of the other Civil Departments.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to all local Administrations under the Government of India, for information and guidance, and that a Public Notification to the above effect be likewise made in the Official Gazette.

Ordered also, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Financial Department for information.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. E. BAKER, Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 70. ORDER THEREON, No. 576; dated 30th March 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer for his information and for communication to the District Engineers and also to the Civil Auditor.

2. The system of pre-auditing all Pay Bills by the Civil Auditor has already been introduced into this Presidency and a Notification dated 27th June 1856, bearing on the subject was published in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

Vide page 20.

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Secretary to the Government of India.

To The Secretary to the Govt of Fort St George

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