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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 22. Read the following letter from Colonel W. E. BAKER, Secretary to the Government of India; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 3rd July 1857, No. 3265.

SIR,

In forwarding for the guidance of the Right Honorable the Governor of Madras in Council, the accompanying Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, No. 2603, dated 27th Ultimo, I am directed, at the same time, to transmit copy of an Extract which has been made in this office from the Budget of the current official year received with your letter No. 462, dated 12th March, which will give an idea of the description of works which alone appear to the Government of India, necessary to be carried on, it being considered that all others should be at once suspended, I am however to add, that while this selection of works is not intended to be absolutely binding on the Government of Madras on the one hand, on the other it is not to be understood as giving any authority to continue works the necessity for which is not absolute, and that the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council depends upon the Government of Madras acting without any reservation in the spirit of the resolution in regard to the temporary limitation of expenditure on Public Works now ordered in the Financial Department.

2. In regard to the sums set down opposite the "works of improvement," amounting to Rupees nine lacs and seventy-nine thousand, it is to be understood that this amount represents the estimated probable expenditure up to the date on which the suspension of these works may take place from the 1st May last, and conveys no authority to expend that sum if it has not already been laid out. The stoppage of all such works is for the present to be understood as absolute, and to take place immediately.

3. With reference to repairs, the sum set down in the Budget has been reduced on the consideration that there will be some repairs which, though generally advisable, may without risk, be deferred for the present, and it will be understood that a strict watch is to be maintained upon this branch of the Public Works expenditure with a view to its being kept down to the lowest possible amount which is consistent with the security of the works or buildings in charge of the Public Works Officers. Where any repair can be deferred, it must be put off as long as possible having due regard to the real security and stability of each separate class of structure.

4. The charge for establishments, I am directed to observe, must be reduced by one-fourth at least. The Right Honorable the Governor General in Council will not attempt to point out how this may be effected, but the necessity being absolute, the end must be attained in one way or another. His Lordship in Council would merely observe that the temporary remand to their Corps of Officers and Soldiers of the Artillery, Cavalry, or Infantry employed in the Department of Public Works, would appear to be one of the first steps that would suggest itself, leaving the Officers of the Corps of Engineers, and the Civil Engineers regularly in the service of the Government to carry on the duties of the Department. The services of persons in the Lower subordinate establishments, and of those attached to office establishments generally, who have hitherto been employed on works which will be suspended under these orders, or who otherwise are not absolutely necessary for carrying out the works that will remain under construction, may be summarily dispensed with.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, in the Financial Department, under date the 27th June 1857, No. 2603.

RESOLUTION.—Having regard to the Financial position of the Government, the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council considers it expedient that all Public Works of every description, except works in the Military Department and inexpensive works of a very urgent nature, should forthwith be stopped at all the Presidencies, and that the Establishments of the Public Works Department should, without delay, be reduced to the lowest possible scale.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 21st July 1857.

Ordered that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Deputy Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, for information and guidance.

(True Extract)

(Signed) C. H. LUSHINGTON,
Secretary to Government.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council of India, Public Works Department, dated 17th July 1857.

Read the following letter from Colonel W. E. Baker, Secretary to Government of India, Public Works Department, dated 15th July 1857, with its enclosures.

Ordered that the Statements be printed.

MADRAS BUDGET.

		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
	No. I Statement.						
Salem Jail (specially sanctioned)					30,000		
	No. II Statement.						
I. Works for the general purposes.	All the Military works.						
	Naval	166,195					
		880			167,075		
	Judicial Police	10,000					
	Court Houses	2,000					
	Jails						
					5,52,568		
II. Works for local improvement.	Municipal						
	Marine Harbours, &c.	30,000			1,250		
	Lighthouses	3,580					
					33,580		
	Irrigation Canals	2,00,000					
	Tanks	20,000					
	Dykes	20,000					
	Drainage	10,000					
	Forests	10,000					
					2,60,000		
		2,50,000					
		10,000					
		1,50,000					
		5,000					
		10,000					
					6,85,000		
	Emergent works				2,60,113		
					3,39,887		
					2,00,000		
	Grand Total				38,00,000		

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

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 21st July 1857.

No. 23. ORDER THEREON, No. 1372; dated 17th July 1857.

Ordered that a copy of the above letter and of its two enclosures be forwarded to the Chief Engineer, with a request that he will give his immediate attention to the orders of the Government of India therein communicated in view to their being carried out without any delay.

2. The Chief Engineer will make the necessary communication to the several District Engineers and report to Government the mode in which he proposes to carry out these orders. He will furnish a statement shewing the works which it will be proper to undertake under the limitations prescribed by the Government of India, and one shewing the names of the Military Officers and Subordinates who may be remanded to their Regiments as well as others on the establishment whose services may be dispensed with in view to effecting the reduction contemplated in para. 4 of Colonel Baker's letter.

3. Ordered that a copy of the above letter and its enclosures be communicated to the Public, Military and Financial (Railway) Departments and to the Accountant General.

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

No 3265

From

Colonel W.C. Baker,
Secy to the Govt of India,

To

H. Forbes, Esqre,
Acting Secy to the Govt of
Fort St George.

Dated the 3d July 1837. No 3265

Public Works Dpt

Public

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on the Government of Madras on the one hand on the other it is not to be understood as giving any authority to continue works the necessity for which is not absolute, and that the right to enable the Governor General in Council to depend upon the Government of Madras adequately to carry any reservation in the spirit of the foregoing instruction in regard to the temporary curtailment of expenditure on Public Works now ordered in the Financial Department

2. In regard to the sums set down specifically the "Works of Improvement" amounting to Rupees Nine Lakhs one Second Nine Lakhs one, it is to be understood that this amount represents the estimates for public expenditure up to the date on which the suspension of these works may take place from the 1st May last under which no authority be required that sum if it has not already been laid out on the stoppage of all such works for the present to be understood as absolute, and to take place immediately.

3. With reference to Repairs, the sum set down in the Budget has been reduced on the consideration that there will be some repairs which, though generally advisable, may, without risk be dispensed for the present and it will be understood that all structures

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is to be maintained upon the branch of the Public Works Expenditure with a view to its being kept down to the lowest possible amount which is consistent with the security of the works or buildings in charge of the Public Works Officers. Where any repair can be deferred it must be put off as long as possible having due regard to the real security and stability of each separate class of structure.

4. The charge for establishment, I am directed to observe, must be reduced by one fourth at least. The Right Honble the Governor General in Council will not attempt to point out how this may be effected, but the necessity being absolute, the end must be attained in one way or another. His Lordship in Council would merely observe that the temporary remand to their Corps of Officers and Soldiers of the Artillery, Cavalry or Infantry employed in the Department of Public Works, would appear to be one of the first steps that would suggest itself, leaving the offices of the Corps of Engineers, and the Civil Engineers regularly in the service of the Government to carry on the duties of the Department. The services of persons in the Lower Subordinate Establishments, and of those attached to Office Establishments generally, who

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Given at the Treasury
Dublin,
the 31st July 1837

By Command of their
Excellencies the Lord Lieutenant
and Lords Justices of Ireland

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Estimated outlay on Public Works for the Madras Presidency for the year 1857/58 on the supposition that all necessary Military works and all works essentially requisite for the Civil Administration are carried out, that all Works of Improvement are stopped immediately, and that only those Repairs are executed which are absolutely necessary for the safety of the various Works & Public Buildings.

Madras Budget.

A. I Statement.

I Works of a State purposes	Salem Jail (specially sanctioned)		20,000
	A. II Statement		
	All the Military Works	4,44,195	4,67,075
		880	
	Naval	10,000	
	Judicial Police	2,000	
	" Court Houses	1,183	13,183
	" Jails	10,000	
	Revenue Land and Miscellaneous	10,000	
	" Customs	2,710	
	Ecclesiastical	700	23,410
	Educational	2,700	
	General Government	20,000	
	" Public Works	5,000	
	" Charitable Institutions	1,000	28,700
	" Miscellaneous		1,230
II Works of Internal Improvement	Municipal	30,000	
	Marine Harbours &c.	3,580	33,580
	" Light Houses	2,00,000	
	Irrigation Canals	20,000	
	Tanks	20,000	
	Dykes	10,000	
	Drainage	10,000	2,60,000
	Forests	250,000	
	Metalled Roads	10,000	
	Unmetalled do.	250,000	
	Bridges	10,000	
	Boat Bridges & Ferries	150,000	
	Navigable Canals	5,000	
	River Improvements	10,000	6,85,000
	Staging Bungalows		14,67,822
	Repairs 21,83,442 set down in A. 3 Statement of which 12,77,316 are for Irrigation works say		2,60,113
		say	33,7827
	Emergent works		2,00,000
	Secunderabad Barracks		
	Bangalore do.		
	Grand Total		38,00,000

W. H. Baker Colonel
Secretary to the Govt. of India

Read.

Received

No 2603.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, in the Financial Department, under date the 27th June 1857.

Resolution. — Having regard to the Financial position of the Government, the Right Honble the Governor General in Council considers it expedient that all Public Works of every description, except works in the Military Department and inexpensive Works of a very urgent nature, should forthwith be stopped at all the Presidencies, and that the Establishments of the Public Works Department should, without delay, be reduced to the lowest possible scale.

Ordered, that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Department of Public Works for the issue of the necessary Orders.

(A true Extract)
(Sd) C. A. Lushington,
Secretary to the Govt of India.

(True Copy)
W. H. Gallwey Colonel
Secretary to the Govt of India.

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No 1372

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 17th July 1857.

Read the following letter
from the Secretary to the Govt
of India.

(Received 3rd July 1857 No 3265.)

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orders of the Government of
India therein communicated
in view to their being carried
out without any delay.

The Chief Engineer
will make the necessary
communication to the

Secretary

I have the honor to inform you that I have received a letter from the Secretary of War, dated the 18th inst. enclosing a copy of a letter from Brevet Brig. Gen. Totten, Chief Engineer, dated the 17th inst. addressed to the Secretary of War, in which he recommends the construction of a Military Depot at Louisville, Ky. and the purchase of the land necessary for the same, and requesting that the necessary appropriation may be recommended to Congress at the present session.

I have also received a letter from Brig. Gen. Gratiot, Chief Engineer, dated the 19th inst. recommending the purchase of the land for the Depot at Louisville, Ky. and requesting that the necessary appropriation may be recommended to Congress at the present session.

I have the honor to enclose herewith copies of the above letters, and to recommend that the recommendations contained in them, in relation to the Public, Military and Financial wants, be complied with.

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

J. R.

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3 " Brig. Gen. Gratiot Chief 2nd.
3 " Col. Totten Chief
2 " Maj. Gen. C.
23 with Chiefs of Bureaus Topl. Engrs. Railway Corps.