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No. 45. Read the following letter from Major R. STRACHEY, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India; to W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 23rd October 1858, No. 5399.

SIR,

In the extracts of Proceedings of the Madras Government lately received in this Office the Government of India have noticed sums set down as sanctioned, in excess of the limit for petty works, for the purchase of Machinery for Executive Engineers.

2. These sanctions appear to have been quite in order. But the Honorable President in Council wishes to take the opportunity of pointing out that as a principle, such charges should be understood to fall on the works for which they are required, their cost being covered by a percentage or by a direct charge as may be most convenient. The estimates for works passed by Government are supposed to cover all the cost of plant; and it is presumed that the money to pay for the Machinery above referred to, is to come out of some sanctioned estimate.

3. In order to prevent doubts on this subject and to lead to uniformity of practice without which the Public Works Accounts of various parts of the Empire are not comparable, the President in Council directs me to remark further that the Right Honorable the Governor of Madras in Council is competent to sanction the purchase of Machinery for any special purpose up to the limit laid down for original works in the Budget rules, although the charge is not immediately covered by sanctioned estimates for work; but on the understanding before explained, that the amount is eventually recovered by a charge for the use of the Machinery, in a Bill covered by a sanctioned Estimate. Where Machinery is required for any really permanent object and is not in the nature of plant required for the construction of works on estimate, its cost may be dealt with as any other expenditure on Public Works, and appear as a direct and final Item of charge.

CIRCULAR.

No.

From

Major R. STRACHEY,
Officiating Secretary to the Government of India.

To

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
Fort William, 23rd October 1858.

GENERAL.
Accounts.

SIR,

In order to prevent doubts and to attain an uniformity of practice, without which the Public Works Accounts of the various parts of the Empire are not comparable, I am directed by the Government of India to communicate the following instructions relative to charges for Machinery and Plant.

I. All charges for the purchase of Machinery should be understood to fall on the works for which it is required. The cost of the Machinery may be covered by a percentage, or by a direct charge, as may be most convenient. The estimates for works passed by Government are supposed to cover all the cost of Plant, and it is presumed that the money to pay for Machinery is to come out of some sanctioned Estimate.

II. Local Governments and Administrations are competent to sanction the purchase of Machinery for any special purpose up to the limit laid down in the Budget Rules for original works, although the charge is not immediately covered by sanctioned Estimates for work; but on the understanding before explained, that the amount is eventually recovered by a charge for the use of the Machinery, in a Bill covered by a sanctioned Estimate.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 11th January 1859.

III. When Machinery is required for any really permanent object and is not in the nature of Plant required for the construction of works on Estimate, its cost may be dealt with as any other expenditure on Public Works, and appear as a direct and final item of charge.

No. 46. ORDER THEREON, No. 53; dated 6th January 1859.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer for his information and guidance. The Government observe that it has already been ruled in Extract Minutes Consultation dated 21st January 1857, No. 145 that the value of Machinery and tools that may be issued from the Arsenal should be paid out of the sanctioned estimates of the works for which the articles are needed and that it is only in cases where such articles may be wanted by any Officer or Department otherwise than under a sanctioned estimate that application should be submitted to Government for the value thereof. In cases of the latter description the value should be eventually recovered in the manner directed by the Government of India in Major Strachey's letter above recorded.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

CIRCULAR.

No.

FROM

MAJOR R. STRACHEY,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India,

To

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
Fort William, 23rd October 1858.

General.
Accounts.

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II. Local Governments and Administrations are competent to sanction the purchase of Machinery for any special purpose up to the limit laid down in the Budget Rules for original works, although the charge is not immediately covered by sanctioned Estimates for work; but on the understanding before explained, that the amount is eventually recovered by a charge for the use of the Machinery, in a Bill covered by a sanctioned Estimate.

III. When Machinery is required for any really permanent object and is not in the nature of Plant required for the construction of works on Estimate, its cost may be dealt with as any other expenditure on Public Works, and appear as a direct and final item of charge.

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

Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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No. 5399

From

Major R. Strachey,
Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of India

To

W. H. Bayley Esqre.
Acting Secretary to the Govt. of
Fort St. George

Dated the 23d. October 1838.

Public Works Dept.
General
Accounts

Sir,

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2. These sanctions appear to have been quite in order. But the Honble President in Council wishes to take the opportunity of pointing out that as a principle, such charges should be understood to fall on the works for which they are required

required, their cost being covered by a per centage or by a direct charge as may be most convenient.— The estimates for works passed by Government are supposed to cover all the cost of plant; and it is presumed that the money to pay for the Machinery above referred to, is to come out of some sanctioned estimate.—

3. In order to prevent doubts on this subject and to lead to uniformity of practice without which the Public Works Accounts of various parts of the Empire are not comparable, the President in Council directs me to remark further that the Right Honble the Governor of Madras in Council is competent to sanction the purchase of Machinery for any special purpose up to the limit laid down for original works in the Budget rules, although the charge is not immediately covered by sanctioned estimates for work; but on the understanding before explained, that the amount is eventually recovered by a charge for the use of the Machinery in a Bill covered by a sanctioned

Estimate

Estimate. When Machinery is required for any really permanent object and is not in the nature of Plant required for the construction of works on Estimate, its cost may be dealt with as any other expenditure on Public Works, and appear as a direct and final Item of charge.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed Servant

Fort William
the 23. November 1838.

H Pratley
Offg Secy to the Govt of India

P.W.D

No 53

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 6th January 1859 No 59

Read the following Letter from
the Offg Secretary to the Govt of India -
(Hereunto 23d October 1858 No 5399)

Ordered that
communicated to the Offg
Chief Engineer for his
information and guidance.
The Supt observes that it has
already been noted in Min
dated 21st January 1859
No 165 that the
estimate of machinery and tools
that may be required from
the Account should be
laid out of the sanctioned
estimates of the works for
which the articles are
needed and that it is only
when such articles may be
required by any Officer

or

Public Works Dept
Dated Camp 27th Dec 1858

From the Offg Secy to Govt
of India

Dated 23d Oct 1858
Received 9th Nov 1858

No 5399.

Subject Estimate for Machinery

Communicating certain instructions
in regard to the Estimates
of Machinery and Tools required
for Buildings and Works
charged to Account Establishment

No 45.

Ans Dec 1858

[illegible]

[illegible] Department Mississippi

[illegible] under a requisition

estimate that application

should be submitted to

Supt. for the value

thereof. In case of the

Letter description the value

should be specially

referred in the requisition

directed by the Supt. of

Indian affairs Mississippi

Thackey's letter

above referred to.

WKP

Copies to the Chief Engr & Supt

Public Works 1859 Dep.t
Do. to Govt. 11th Jany.

No. 53.

Extract Minutes of Govt:
Dated 6th January 59.

Communicated to the Chief Engineer for his information and guidance. The Government observe that they have already ruled that the value of Machinery, and tools that may be issued from the Arsenal should be paid out of the Sanctioned estimates of the works for which the Articles are needed.

No. 45 & 46.