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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 12th December 1862.

No. 239. Read the following letter from Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Chief Engineer, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 26th November 1862, No. 4,395 :—

SIR,

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Home Government the Packing Account of Public Works Stores received from England per "John Scott," and to state that the whole of the stores have been correctly received as you will observe from the Certificate appended to the Packing Account.

1 Packing Account.

No. 240. ORDER THEREON, 12th December 1862, No. 2,976.

Ordered that the Packing Account received with this letter be forwarded to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India :—

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 241. From Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, Public Works Department, to the Under Secretary of State for India, dated 12th December 1862, No. 2,977.

SIR,

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to re-transmit to the Secretary of State for India, the original Packing Account of Stores for the Public Works Department of this Presidency received per Ship "John Scott," and to state that the whole of the articles were received in good order.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Financial Department, dated 20th October 1862, No. 761A.

Read letter from W. BALMAIN, Esq., Officiating Deputy Auditor and Accountant General, North-Western Provinces, Allahabad, to Sir G. COUPER, Bart., and c. s., Secretary to Government of the North-Western Provinces, No. 2,721, dated Allahabad, 6th September 1862.

With reference to para. 53 of your letter, No. 1,614 of August 22nd, regarding the form of report of alterations of Budget Grants, and of changes in salaries, establishments and contingencies within such Grants. I have the honor to submit the following observations for the consideration of the Honorable the Lieutenant-Governor.

2. The Resolution of the Government of India, of November 15th, 1860, empowered the Local Governments to expend at discretion the Budget Grants under heads of charge for each of the several Departments, for example, Grants under F II, F III, but it was required that all such alterations of distribution should be reported at once with all details. The extract of the letter to the Government of Madras, now under consideration, seems to continue the same power of alteration, *i. e.*, within the prescribed limits, but substitutes a monthly statement instead of the separate and immediate reports. The above refers to transfers of Grants to meet charges.

3 The extract further includes alterations and increases of charges within prescribed limit of Grants which will have to be based on savings or reductions effected.

4. There will still remain cases of transfers of Grants from one principal Budget head to another, as from F III, to B I, or from F II, to F III, which will continue to require the sanction of the Government of India before being carried out, such alterations being considered not within prescribed limits.

5. The instructions in the extract seem to contemplate the submission of one monthly Statement from the Local Government and of another direct from the offices of Account and Audit, but they should be identical in the entries and could both be most conveniently prepared where the Grants and the charges are checked in detail. I beg however to remark that the Civil Paymaster's Office is the one in which the statement is to be prepared. The entries in the statements can only be made after the Orders of Government have been passed, and these might, I would suggest, be communicated to the Civil Paymaster, as well as to this office. My registers of proposed provisions for charges submitted for sanction, could not be acted on, till His Honor's orders had been issued in each case.

6. If the above is a correct view of the instructions issued, there will be two statements to be furnished monthly.

1*st*. Of transfers of Grants within prescribed limits sanctioned by the Local Government and reported for information.

2*ndly*. Of alterations and increases in charges within the prescribed limits sanctioned by the Local Government and also reported for information. Proposed transfers of Grants under principal Budget heads submitted for the sanction of the Supreme Government, will continue to be submitted separately as at present, unless it is deemed advisable that these also should be sent up periodically, as no action can be taken in these cases, till the receipt of orders from Calcutta, it is, I think, desirable that they should be forwarded as received without delay.

From J. D. SANDFORD, Esq., B. A., Under Secretary to the Government of the North-Western Provinces; to W. BALMAIN, Esq., Officiating Deputy Auditor and Accountant General, North-Western Provinces, Allahabad, No. 1,826, dated 20th September 1862.

Financial Department.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 2,724, dated the 6th instant, in which you submit your opinion in regard to the form of report of alterations of Budget Grants, and of changes in salaries, establishments and contingencies within such Grants.

2. The Lieutenant-Governor supposes from your 5th paragraph that you mean that the Civil Paymaster would be the proper person to prepare both the statements referred to, sending one to this office for the Secretary's signature, and forwarding the other direct to the

Government of India from his own office. His Honor has no objecetion to this arrangement. Here will of course be no difficulty in communicating the orders of Government to that Officer to enable him to fill up the entries in the statement, as well as to your office.

3. The Lieutenant-Governor agrees with you that report of proposed transfers of Grants under principal Budget heads to be submitted for the sanction of the Supreme Government, should be forwarded separately as heretofore, and that it is desirable that such proposals should be forwarded as received, and not embodied in a periodical statement.

No. 1,828a.

ORDER.—Ordered, that copies of the foregoing be forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of India, in the Financial Department, Fort William, in continuation of No. 1,615a, dated the 22nd of August last.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, FORT WILLIAM, THE 20TH OCTOBER 1862.

RESOLUTION.

The Governor General in Council approves of the course suggested above for the submission to this Department of monthly Reports of transfers from one item to another of a major Budget head, and of special Reports, as occasion arises, of proposed transfers from one major Budget head to another, and observes that orders in respect to the remaining point in the above letter were issued in a Resolution, dated 30th September last, No. 519a.

Ordered, that a copy of the above be sent to the Local Governments, the Deputy Auditors and Accountants General, and the Civil Paymasters of Bengal, North-Western Provinces, Punjab, Madras and Bombay, for information and guidance.

Ordered, also, that a copy of the above be sent to the Auditor General of India, for information.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) E. DRUMMOND,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER THEREON, 28th November 1862, No. 835.

Communicated to the several Departments for information, in continuation of the Proceedings of Government, dated 12th instant, No. 804.

(True Extract.)

C. J. Crawthurst
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
" Public Works "
" Military "
" Public "
" Judicial "
" Marine "
" Educational "
" Ecclesiastical "
" Political "
" Railway "

Exd. T. McMootry.

Central Office of P.W.
Chepauk 26 Nov 1862

No. 4395.

From.

Colonel W. J. Birdwood R.E.
Chief Engineer D.P.W.

To.

The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

Public

Sir

I have the honor to forward for transmission to the Home Government the Packing Account of P.W. Stores received from England per "John Scott" and to state that the whole of the Stores have been correctly received as you will observe from the Certificate appended to the Packing Account.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

W. Birdwood Colonel R.E.
Chief Engineer D.P.W.

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From
The Chief Engr.

To
The Secy. to Govt.
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Forwards for transmission to Home Govt. Packing Acct. of P.W. Stores per John Scott.

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No. 2976.

Ordered that the Packing Account received with this letter be forwarded to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

No. 23 of 1862. No. 2977

To The Under Secy of State for India.

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon. the Governor in Council to retransmit to the Secretary of State for India the original Packing Account of Stores for the P.W. Deptt. of this Presidency received per ship "John Scott" and to state that the whole of the articles were received in good order.

Chepauk
12th Decr. 1862