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Superintending Engineer's
Office 7th Division.
Coimbatore 1st June 1860.

From,

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To,

Colonel W. J. Birdwood R. E.
Secretary to Government P. W. D.
Madras

Via,

In forwarding the accompanying,
Return called for in your Memo No. 26 of 29th
May, I have the honor to explain that it is
"W. Lank" in consequence of my not having
been able to commence making up an Office
Establishment for myself until those of the
Malabar and Coimbatore District Engineers
were handed over for my disposal. -- The
latter Office I take over from this date
on Colonel Faber's relief, but I can do nothing
about the Malabar Office until authorized
to relieve Captain Dean of its charge. --
This state of affairs is inconvenient and

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tionable in every respect. The Military Finance Department point out that Rs. 9,832 have been appropriated, during 1862-63, to privies for European Infantry at Kamptee, and suggests enquiry why further credits are necessary. The question might be put, but the explanation would appear to be furnished by the statement in the Budget that the outlay now proposed is for five Companies only.

No estimate appears to have been sanctioned here either; if so, the remarks made on the former item also apply. Passed, subject to explanation.

Item No. 3. Swimming Bath, European Infantry, Kamptee.—Estimate Rs. 3,547. An objection is raised by the Military Finance Department that in 1862-63 the Government of India sanctioned only one out of two proposed, and that the strength of the garrison has not been increased since. But it is observed in the forwarding Memorandum of the Military Department that two baths are the sanctioned allowance for a Regiment of Infantry. Passed.

Item No. 6. School-Room for Artillery, Kamptee.—Estimate Rs. 4,698; remaining to complete Rs. 1,000. Passed.

The remark of the Military Finance Department that the returns of appropriations for 1862-63 show that the whole amount of the estimate has already been appropriated to this work, seems to be of no weight, as though the money may have been appropriated, it by no means follows that it has been spent.

Item No. 7. Family Quarters, European Infantry and Artillery, Kamptee.—Estimate Rs. 1,52,344; spent Rs. 1,33,344; proposed Rs. 19,000. The Military Finance Department point out that Rs. 32,000 was sanctioned for married men's quarters in 1862-63 out of Rs. 60,000 asked for, and that for this sum only 24 quarters were provided. A change of design was therefore required, and an estimate was sent up in December 1862, amounting to Rs. 1,35,294, which was rejected. A further design providing for 88 families of Infantry and 52 of Artillery is now before the Government of India, amounting to Rs. 1,52,344. From the entry in the Budget, it seems that no less than Rs. 1,33,344 has been spent on these buildings. Explanation must be given as to this large unauthorised expenditure, not only unauthorised but spent after permission to spend it had been refused, and while the estimate continued unsanctioned. The Rs. 19,000 now asked for is sanctioned.

Item No. 8. Sanitarium at Mohtoor.—Proposed Rs. 12,000. But the amount of the estimates and the probable expenditure up to date has not been inserted. It is said that this grant will do a great deal towards completing the buildings required at that place. Within the limits of the sanctioned estimates, this outlay is passed.

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Item No. 9. Married Quarters at Saugor.—Proposed Rs. 30,000. No estimate has been framed. The want is said to be urgent. The sum named will be granted on submission of a satisfactory design and estimate.

Items Nos. 12—15. Minor alterations and additions to Barracks at Nowgong.—Estimates Rs. 14,000; proposed Rs. 14,000.

Items Nos. 17 to 20. Minor alterations and additions to Barracks at Jubbulpoor.—Estimate Rs. 12,429; proposed Rs. 12,429.

The Officiating Chief Commissioner observes that these Barracks must be made habitable, those at Nowgong are deficient in doors, ventilation, and light. Nowgong is maintained for the present as a station for European Troops, because there is not accommodation at Saugor. The Military Finance Department ask whether the sum provided for flagging the Barracks is for the whole of the floors, and whether it would not be sufficient to flag the centre portion only, leaving the portion under the men's cots in its present state. This may be considered. But all this expenditure upon buildings, which it is hoped will soon be replaced by permanent structures, is to be regretted, although, in justice to the Soldiers, it appears unavoidable.

These and other minor items are passed.

4. The total under Military is Rs. 1,25,000, all of which is devoted to Accommodation for Troops.

2 CIVIL ADMINISTRATION.

REVENUE.

5. The items set down are—

Item No.	Description	Rs.
21.	Record-room and temporary Treasury, Deputy Commissioner's Cutcherry, Saugor	4,414
22.	Tehseelee and Thanna at Hurda, Saugor	6,562
23.	Dewani Record-room at Jubbulpoor	3,000
24.	Tehseelee at Patun, Saugor	7,000
25.	Tehseelees in other parts of the Province	20,000
	Total	40,976

It is observed that scarcely a Police building is in existence, and the houses used as Tehseelees in some outlying parts of the province are wretched beyond description. There can be no doubt that the requisite buildings for the service

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of the Civil Administration throughout the old Nagpoor Province have almost all still to be constructed. The amount named is passed.

ECCLESIASTICAL.

6. *Item No. 26. Enlarging Burying Ground, Saugor, Rs. 1,766.—Passed.*

JUDICIAL.

7. Under *Police* the items are—

	Rs.
<i>Item No. 27. Police Buildings at Saugor</i>	2,400
“ 28. <i>Ditto ditto in other parts of the Province</i>	20,253
Total	22,653

All the works being apparently unestimated for. These sums may be passed, subject to any orders thought necessary in the Home Department.

Under head *Court-houses* the items are—

	Estimate. Rs.	Spent. Rs.	Proposed. Rs.
<i>Item No. 29. Commissioner's Cutcherry at Saugor</i>	8,206	4,414	3,792
<i>Item No. 30. Deputy Commissioner's Court-house at Dumoh</i>	9,000	...	9,000
<i>Item No. 31. Commissioner's Court-house at Raepoor</i>	16,074	...	10,000
<i>Item No. 32. Deputy ditto ditto</i>	29,075	...	15,000
“ 33. <i>Out-offices to ditto ditto</i>	8,883	...	5,590
“ 34. <i>Deputy Commissioner's Court-houses at Bhundarah</i>	30,752	19,541	11,211
<i>Item No. 35. Out-offices to ditto</i>	9,212	...	9,212
Total <i>Court-houses</i>	...	...	63,805

May be passed, subject to ordinary rules as to Estimates.

Under *Jails* are entered—

	Estimate. Rs.	Proposed. Rs.
<i>Item No. 36. Central Jail, Nagpoor</i>	...	40,000
“ 37. “ <i>Raepoor</i>	89,937	10,000
Total <i>Jails</i>	...	50,000

Passed as before.

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8. The total proposed expenditure under the head *Judicial* is Rs. 1,36,458.

9. And the total under *Civil Administration* Rs. 1,79,200.

3. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT.

COMMUNICATIONS.

- *Metalled Roads and Bridges.*

10. *Item No. 38. 1st Division Great Deccan Road, Constructing Bridges.—* Estimates Rs. 1,53,370; spent Rs. 53,370; proposed Rs. 1,00,000.

This statement apparently merely refers to the estimates and expenditure of a certain number of the bridges which have been, or are to be, executed on this line of road. The actual expenditure up to date since the end of 1861 must have been considerably in excess of this sum, and should have been stated. Nothing can be told as to the state of the works from these figures. It is to be noted that the proposed expenditure will still leave a considerable number of streams unbridged.

Item No. 39. Roads and Bridges, 2nd Division Great Deccan Road.— Estimate Rs. 6,11,196; spent Rs. 3,00,000; proposed Rs. 2,00,000. It is observed that the Executive Engineer could spend fully one lakh more without any increase of Establishments. This being a case where an additional grant could be most valuably applied, a sum of Rs. 60,000, which is available, will be added to the proposed grant. It is expected that the whole of this division will be opened by the rains of 1863, and three-fourths of it be metalled; and that only two large streams will remain unbridged.

Items Nos. 40 and 41. Roads and Bridges, 3rd Division Great Deccan Road.— Estimate Rs. 6,25,361; spent Rs. 2,12,000; proposed Rs. 2,00,000. Here again it is observed the sum set down to be expended is limited to the means available. The amount provided in this allotment for the Kanhan Bridge is Rs. 75,000. Of this division it is hoped that 35 miles will be opened this season, of which half will be metalled. This will leave 30 miles still unopened, but it is possible that this too may be made passable for a mail cart early in the rains.

Item No. 42. Eastern Road.— Estimate Rs. 3,40,030; spent Rs. 1,40,000; proposed Rs. 50,000. Another half lakh will be added from Local Funds. The first section of 40 miles of this line will be ready metalled by the rains. The rest is in progress.

Item No. 43. Southern Road.— Estimate Rs. 4,05,760; spent Rs. 1,20,000; proposed Rs. 50,000, which grant also will be supplemented by Rs. 50,000 from Local Funds. This road will be opened for traffic by the rains, one-half being metalled, and one or two large rivers remaining unbridged.

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Items Nos. 44 and 45. *Bridges in Sumbulpoor and on the North-Western Road.*—
Proposed Rs. 17,195. Passed.

11. The total modified as above noted will be Rs. 6,94,390 for *Roads and Bridges*.

12. Under *River Improvements* come the *Godavery Works* for the first time brought forward with the Central Provinces Budget. The estimated distribution of the outlay was not received by the Chief Commissioner early enough to admit of the incorporation being made in his office, and the figures are taken as submitted by Captain Haig.

The heads of charge are not very clearly distinguished, those under establishment especially being exhibited in a rather vague way; 5 per cent. has been deducted for reserve, and 1 per cent. for the share of cost of Secretariat. Captain Haig having reserved Rs. 48,000 as above for these purposes, retains Rs. 7,52,000 for the Godavery Circle, which he divides into Rs. 6,08,400 for works, and Rs. 1,43,600 for establishment.

Of the sum devoted to works, Rs. 5,91,400 is apportioned to original works, and Rs. 17,000 to repairs.

The Budget of *Original Works* is comprised in two items—

Anicut and Canal, 1st Barrier, Rs. 4,19,400; *Anicut and Canal, 2nd Barrier*, Rs. 1,72,000.—This generalisation is too great. The cost of the transport department should certainly have been shown as a separate item, at any rate so far as the establishment is concerned and the labour agency also.

The Establishment Budget is of the old form.

13. Under the modifications that have been introduced in the Central Provinces Budget (vide paragraph 2), the sum of seven lakhs will now be assigned for *works*, being nearly one lakh additional. The entry under the head of repairs seems more properly to be a contingency of the works in progress, and no separate charge under this head seems called for in connexion with these works so far as can be gathered from the present reports.

14. Captain Haig having now the assistance of a Deputy Controller, that Officer should be able to relieve him of all details involved in the preparation of accounts. A Budget of Establishments in the prescribed form should therefore be prepared and submitted as early as possible, with the detailed estimates thereof, and meanwhile the Budget entries under this head will be passed provisionally.

15. A note may also here be made of the necessity there will be for carrying all the transport operations and the charges for plant, labour agency, &c.,

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through separate accounts under those heads, if it be not done already, instead of charging them directly to the accounts of the works. The Deputy Controller will be addressed on this point, and requested, in co-operation with Captain Haig, to arrange for a proper methodical system of account in dealing with the plant and stock.

16. Adding the seven lakhs for the Godavery Works, that amount including the Rs. 17,000 entered for repairs, to the sum granted for roads, a total of Rs. 13,94,390 will be passed under *Communications*, the only head on which outlay is proposed under *Public Improvement*.

17. The total for Original Works will be Rs. 16,98,590.

18. The Officiating Chief Commissioner remarks that he is able to recommend from personal knowledge almost every item included in the Budget for Original Works. There are probably few Administrations in which this could be said.

19. But it must be specially remarked that a notable feature in this part of the Budget is the absence of estimates. Of 37 items, nine estimates are noted as having been sanctioned, and three submitted for sanction, leaving 25 unestimated for, or at least left without proper comment. In none of the provinces under the Government of India has the necessity for regularity in these respects been oftener brought to notice, and it is hoped that where defects are now observable, they may be remedied without loss of time. A special report is to be submitted without loss of time as to the exact state of the projects that have been entered in the Budget without note of estimates being passed or submitted.

PART II.—REPAIRS.

20. The charge is Rs. 2,51,410 against Rs. 2,30,445 last year. It is said that the sum is set down at the smallest safe figure. It may be passed.

The charge is divided into	Rs.
Military	75,000
Civil Administration ...	20,800
Public Improvement ...	1,55,610

Last year the charge under Public Improvement was Rs. 1,17,705. Doubtless as lines of roads are constructed, the charge for maintaining them must increase year by year. The remarks of the Military Finance Department under this head do not appear to call for comment.

PART III.—ESTABLISHMENTS.

21. Establishments are set down at Rs. 3,95,416 against Rs. 3,69,619 last year. To the above must however be added Rs. 1,43,600 for the Godavery Works Establishments, making Rs. 5,39,016 in all, or more than 25 per cent. on the original Budget allotments, a very high figure. However, as is observed in the forwarding

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letter, the scattered nature of the works in the Central Provinces interferes with great economy under this head.

But as it has been determined that the Superintending Engineer now in the Central Provinces should be reduced, the estimates of Part III may certainly be safely reduced somewhat on this account. Further, it is noticed that the Irrigation Division is set down, with no work whatever to supervise, at Rs. 26,856, which is but little less than the charge for the road divisions, in which there is an expenditure of two lakhs and more. The object of this is not apparent, and it seems directly opposed to the orders of the Government of India on the subject.

The high charge for the Southern Road Division, Rs. 50,680, which is more than Rs. 10,000 higher than any other division, also seems to require explanation.

The Establishments on the Godavery Works will require scrutiny, but they do not appear to be excessive at first sight. On the whole a reduction of Rs. 39,016 might be arbitrarily made, so as to bring the total under this head to five lakhs.

22. The following table shows the distribution of the allotments for the Imperial Budget:—

	Original Works.	Repairs.	Total.
MILITARY.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Army	1,25,000	75,000	2,00,000
Total Military ...	1,25,000	75,000	2,00,000
CIVIL ADMINISTRATION.			
Revenue	40,976	3,000	43,976
General		2,950	2,950
Ecclesiastical	1,766	1,600	3,366
Educational		1,150	1,150
Judicial	1,36,458	12,100	1,48,558
Total Civil Administration ...	1,79,200	20,800	2,00,000
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT.			
Agricultural		700	700
Communications	13,94,390	1,53,810	15,48,200
Electric Telegraph		1,100	1,100
Total Public Improvement ...	13,94,390	1,55,610	15,50,000
Total Works and Repairs ...	16,98,590	2,51,410	19,50,000
Establishment			5,00,000
Reserve			1,50,000
Grand Total			26,00,000

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LOCAL FUNDS.

23. The Local Fund Budget has again not come up. The Income Tax Fund may be assumed at one lakh.

GUARANTEED ENTERPRISE.

24. The expenditure on account of Guaranteed Railways borne by the State will be—

	Rs.
Purchase of land, Great Indian Peninsula Railway ...	94,000
“ East Indian Railway, Jubbulpoor Branch ...	56,000
Total ...	1,50,000

The charge for control appears under the North Western Provinces.

25. The expenditure of guaranteed capital in the Central Provinces as estimated and admitted in the Public Works Department, is—

	Estimated. Rs.	Admitted. Rs.
Great Indian Peninsula Railway (besides outlay in Bombay)	45,00,000	36,00,000
East Indian Railway Jubbulpoor Branch (besides a like amount in North-Western Provinces)	10,00,000	9,00,000
Total ...	55,00,000	45,00,000

26. The total public works expenditure in the Central Provinces as far as known will be about three quarters of a Million Sterling.

Imperial outlay on Public Works Proper	26 lakhs.
For Railway land	1½ “
	27½ lakhs.
Local Funds, including Income Tax Fund, say	6 “
Guaranteed Capital	45 “
Total ...	78½ lakhs.

SIMLA,
29th May 1863.

R. STRACHEY, *Lieut. Col., R. E.*
Secy. to the Govt. of India, P. W. D., with the Govr. Genl.

CIRCULAR No. 20 of 1863.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL
OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
Simla, 29th May 1863.

General.
Accounts.

Read Central Provinces Budget Orders for 1863-64.

ORDERED, that a copy of the above orders be forwarded—

To the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, for information and guidance, and that special attention be drawn to the remarks on the items marginally noted.

Military, Items Nos. 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 17 to 20.
Revenue, paragraph 5.
Judicial, Items Nos. 27 and 28.
Communications, Nos. 38, 39, 40, and 41, paragraphs, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, and 19.
Establishments, paragraph 21.
General remarks, paragraphs 1 and 2.

To the Home Department for information, with special reference to the remarks

made on Items Nos. 27 and 28 under Judicial.

To the Military Finance Department for information, with special reference to the remarks made in Items Nos. 2, 3, 6, 7, and 17 to 20.

To the Foreign, Financial, and Military Departments, and to the Quarter Master General of the Army for information.

Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, N. W. Provinces, and Punjab.
Governor Straits Settlements.
Chief Commissioners, Oudh and British Burmah.
Resident at Hyderabad.
Commissioner of Mysore.

To the Local Governments and Administrations marginally noted.

Ordered also, that a copy of the above Resolution and of the orders on the Central Provinces Budget of 1863-64 be forwarded to the Public Works Department at the Presidency for the information of the Hon'ble President in Council.

Gay Kennedy
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India with the Govt. Genl.

Major,

To
The Secy. to the Govt. of Madras
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From,
The Superintending Eng^r
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To, The Secretary to Government
D. P. W.

Dated at Madras
Recd. 2 June 1863.

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Return shewing the names
of such members of the late
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ment, 7th Division, as required
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