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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th June 1863.*

No. 179. Read the following Proceedings of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 6th May 1863, No. 621/24 :—

Audit of charges on account of Public Works Establishments in Madras and Bombay.

Read the following papers :—

Public Works Department Circular No. 97, dated 30th September 1862.

Bombay Auditor's letter No. 500, dated 24th January 1863, to Inspector General of Accounts.

Public Works Department Office Memorandum No. 397, dated 28th January 1863, to Financial Department.

Office Memorandum, Financial Department, No. 4,839, dated 17th February 1863.

OBSERVATIONS.—With reference to the foregoing correspondence, His Excellency the Governor General is of opinion that the procedure which obtains in the Civil Department, in regard to the audit of Establishment charges by the Civil Pay Masters at Madras and Bombay, and in the Public Works Department in regard to the audit of these charges by the Controllers and Examiners in the Provinces under the immediate orders of the Government of India, should be extended to the audit of Establishment charges of the Public Works Department in the Madras and Bombay Presidencies, and that the anomalous procedure which now obtains in those Presidencies by which the Public Works Establishment charges are subject to a less strict audit with reference to sanctioning authority than all other Establishment charges, should at once be put a stop to.

2. His Excellency is accordingly pleased to direct that the provisions of Public Works Department Circular No. 97 of 1862 shall be extended to the Presidencies of Madras and Bombay, and that the Auditors of Public Works Accounts in those Presidencies shall be understood to be on the same footing as Civil Pay Masters in regard to the Audit of all Establishment charges submitted to them, as explained in the above Memorandum of the Financial Department. They will therefore be required to report to the Government of India all audits given under instructions of the Local Governments to Establishment charges, whether in the shape of salaries, or any other allowances, or payments, not sanctioned by the Government of India ; observing that whereas the Civil Pay Masters report to the Secretary to the Government of India in the Financial Department, the Auditors of Public Works Accounts will report to the Inspector General of Public Works Accounts, who will submit all cases requiring it for the orders of the Government of India in this Department.

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Some references having lately been made to the Government of India as to the rules which should guide Public Works Controllers in their audit of Accounts, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor General in Council to state, with reference to paragraph 6, Chapter XII of the Code, that in all matters relating to the audit of charges for Establishments and travelling allowances, and generally in cases on which fixed rules have been laid down by the Government of India, Public Works Controllers are to be held to be on the same footing as Civil Paymasters. They are bound rigorously to act on those rules without admitting of any exception ; and in cases of doubt, references as to the construction of the rules should be made to the Government of India, to be disposed of in this Department, or to be further referred for final orders in the Financial Department as may be necessary.

2. In the audit of charges not coming within the above limits, and generally in cases in which the expenditure is at the discretion of the Local Government, the Controllers will be guided by the orders of the Local Governments, but this should not be understood to prohibit a

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Controller from submitting his opinion to the Local Government, whenever he thinks it his duty to do so, as to whether the orders he may receive for passing a charge are in conformity with the Audit Rules or otherwise.

No. 621.

ORDERED, that the foregoing observations, with copies of Circular No. 97 of 1862, be forwarded to the Governments of Madras and Bombay for information and guidance.

Also to the Inspector General of Public Works Accounts for information and guidance and to the Financial Department for information.

(Signed) R. S. MURPHY, Lieut. Colonel, R. E.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India with the Govt. Seal.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department.

No. 180.

ORDER THEREON, 8th June 1863, No. 1167.

Communicated to the Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts for information and guidance.

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

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