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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 16th June 1863.

No. 381. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. STRACHEY, R. E., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, with the Governor General, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, in the Public Works Department, dated Simla, 5th May 1863, No. 612 :—

SIR,

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of the Appropriation Return forwarded with your letter No. 39, dated 30th March last, showing that the sanctions against the Reserve of the current year had amounted, up to end of January 1863, to Rupees 11,13,035, being nearly 4¾ lakhs in excess of the Budget allotment ; I am to request that it may be explained how this large excess is to be met.

	Rs.
November.	
Repairing the road from Kongheim to Tirpoor	2,870
December.	
Repairing and strengthening the culverts in the high level, Ellore Canal.	11,868
Repairing by remetalling a portion of the old cart road between Trichinopoly and Tanjore, and constructing one tunnel on the line.	4,600
Putting into thorough order Trunk Road No. 6 from Guntoor to Bezwurah	5,000
Metalling the east side of the road from the Madras boundary to the Sydapett cross road	2,000
Repairs to the road from Caroor to Kongheim	1,300
Repairing the road between Pulladum and Kongheim	4,140
Total..	31,778

2. Referring to the previous Returns for November and December 1862, received with your letter No. 1, dated 2nd March, it is observed that there are several items of repairs (vide margin charged to the Reserve ; under the Rule laid down in Public Works Department Circular No. 10 of 4th February 1863, this mode of applying the Reserve will no longer be applicable.

3. If any transfers have been made from other heads of services to the Reserve, they should have been specially noted with particulars in the Returns.

4. I am also to observe that great delay has occurr ed in the submission of these Returns ; that for January was not received in this Office until the 13th April.

No. 382. ORDER THEREON, 16th June 1863, No. 1,569.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched to the Government of India :—

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

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 383. From Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, P. W. D., dated 16th June 1863, No. 1,570.

SIR,

1. With reference to your letter No. 612, dated 2nd May 1863, observing that the sanctions against the Reserve Fund of 1862-63 had exceeded the Budget allotment by nearly 4¾ lacs, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to explain that the excess in question is only nominal, and consists of sums which the local Officers were unable to expend during the year on the works for which they were originally allotted. It has been usual, in such cases, to transfer the sums in the first instance to the credit of the Reserve, and then to allot funds from that source for the prosecution of other works. The transfers ordered by this Government were omitted to be noted in the statement submitted to the Government of India, as it was thought that the entries would unnecessarily swell the Return.

2. Now that this Government are aware of the exact sum set apart as the Reserve, and the Government of India having promised* to allot a further sum on account of repairs not provided for in the Budget, and hitherto sanctioned from this source, there will be no longer any necessity for debiting the Reserve Fund with charges such as those referred to in paragraph 2 of your letter under reply.

* Letter dated 23rd April 1863, No. 453.

3. There are two points, however, in connection with the Reserve Fund, regarding which I am desired to solicit the orders of the Government of India. The first is, whether, under the authority given in paragraph 3 of the Orders on the Budget for 1862-63 transfers can be made from the head of "Stores" to that of the Reserve Fund, and *vice versâ*. The second point is, whether the amount allotted for any new work in Part I of the Budget may be increased by grants from the Reserve. It would seem from paragraph 4 of the instructions from the Government of India, dated 4th February 1863, No. 617, that the re-appropriation by this Government to the main head "New Works" as allotted in the Budget Orders is prohibited, and if such be the case, no increases can be sanctioned to the allotments for works in Part I of the Budget without the special sanction of the Government of India.

4. With regard to the delay in the submission of the monthly Statements noticed in paragraph 4 of your letter, I am directed to observe that it has been unavoidable, the work having heretofore been done by the Chief Engineer without any special Establishment. Now that a Controller has been appointed, the Return in the new form will be punctually rendered by that Officer. For the first two or three months however, some delay may be expected, owing to the Offices of the Superintending Engineers having been formed only from the 1st May last.

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Ordered that the following
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of India.

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16th June 1863.

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16th June 1863

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From the Secy to the
Govt of India with the
Govt Gazette
Dated 8 May 68
Recd 26 "

No. 612.

Noticing the delay
in the submission of the
Appropriation Returns and re-
questing that it may be explain-
-ed how, if the sanctions against
the Reserve of 1862/63, Rs 4 3/4 lacs,
the excess over the Budget allot-
ment, is to be met -

No. 1569 - 16th June -

No. 381. 382.