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From

COLONEL W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E.,
Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, P.W.D.,

To

The Secretary to the Government of India, P.W.D.

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 4¼ 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 of 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.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Public Works Dept.

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Despatch 17th June 1865

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Government of India informed that the Excess of £3¼ over the Budget allotment of the Revenue for 1862, is only nominal, and consists of items which the Local Officers were unable to expend during the year on the works for which they were originally allotted and orders solicited regarding certain points in connection with the Revenue.

No 383.

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