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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd July 1863.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 44. Endorsement from the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Circular No. 10 of 1863, and recorded in Proceedings, dated 16th March 1863, No. 644.

Read the following Proceedings of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India, in Council, dated Public Works Department, Fort William, 4th February 1863, No. 617.

Re-distribution of Main Budget Appropriations.

Read the following papers :—

Public Works Department Revised Budget Rules.

Ditto ditto Circular No. 6 of 1862, dated 23rd January.

Report by Inspector General of Public Works Accounts, No. 92A, dated 22nd May 1862.

Memorandum by Secretary in this Department, No. 2,097, dated 2nd June 1862.

Memorandum by Financial Department, No. 591A, dated 30th September 1862.

OBSERVATIONS.—The main object which the Government of India had in view in issuing Circular No. 6 of 1862, was that while all charges for Establishments should be publicly exhibited as such in the Accounts, and thus a real test be available of the comparative cost of Establishments in different Provinces, the means should be afforded to Local Governments and Administrations of expanding and contracting their Establishments as might be necessary, within Budget limits, provided those limits were strictly maintained, and that thus a greater elasticity might be obtained in dealing with this class of expenditure than was practicable, when every increase of charge had to be reported to the Government of India. But at the same time the power which Local Governments and Administrations had possessed under Budget Rule No. 33, of applying their Reserve to the increase of their Establishments, was withdrawn by that Circular, and their powers of re-adjusting and modifying Establishments, temporary or permanent, were confined within the limit of the appropriation by the Government of India to the main head Establishments.

2. This Circular has not however been made generally applicable to Madras and Bombay, nor has paragraph 38 of the Budget Rules been formerly cancelled; but the Governor General in Council considers that it is necessary to maintain the same general financial rules for all Presidencies, and His Excellency in Council accordingly, directs that in continuation of Resolution No. 404 of 28th January 1863, the terms of Circular No. 6 of 1862 may be made applicable to Madras and Bombay, so far as they apply to the power to re-distribute the main Budget appropriations made by the Government of India, thereby cancelling the power to increase the appropriation for Establishments by grants from the Reserve which was given by paragraph 38 of the Budget Rules.

3. His Excellency in Council is also of opinion that this opportunity should be taken to cancel the permission given in paragraph 24, which makes the appropriations for Reserve and Establishments also available for Repairs.

4. Therefore henceforward no re-appropriation can be made of any of the main heads, viz., Original Works, Repairs, Reserve, and Establishments, as allotted in the Budget Orders, without the sanction of the Government of India; with this exception that any savings from Establishment may (under Rule XVI of Circular No. 6) be applied to swell the Reserve. Further the Reserve will be applicable for appropriation on Original Works only, instead of being as heretofore available to increase the appropriations on Repairs and Establishments.

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

and Administrations noted in the margin, or
information and guidance.

(Signed) E. C. S. WILLIAMS, Captain, R. E.,
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

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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 Madras, in the Public Public Works Department, dated Simla, 23rd April 1863, No. 458 :—

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 645 of the 16th ultimo, requesting permission to defer the operation of the new rules regarding the re-distribution of the main Budget appropriations until after the official year 1863-64, as the rules in question reached Madras after the preparation and despatch of the Budget, and in reply to state that the rules in question may apparently be easily conformed with, by the Government of Madras simply stating how much it considers necessary to provide for the class of repairs hitherto met from the Reserve, and obtaining a transfer at once, or an additional specific grant, should it appear, as is probable, that the available funds at the disposal of the Government of India for Public Works are more than was supposed when the original allotment of the Public Works funds for the year 1863-64 was made. It would be better, His Excellency the Governor General thinks, to bring the Budget for 1863-64 into order in this way than to delay it another year.

No. 45. ORDER THEREON, 3rd July 1863, No. 1,748.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineers of Divisions for information and guidance.

2. In the first of the foregoing papers the Government of India has prohibited the re-appropriation by this Government of any of the main heads, viz., Original* Works, Repairs,

* Stores included.

Reserve and Establishments as allotted in the

Budget orders, with this exception, that any savings from Establishments may be applied to swell the Reserve. It has, moreover, been ruled that hereafter the Reserve will be applicable for appropriation on original works only, instead of being as heretofore available to increase the appropriation on Repairs and Establishments.

3. In order to the foregoing instructions from the Government of India being strictly adhered to, the attention of the Superintending Engineers is requested to the following remarks.

4. When Estimates are submitted to Government for sanction from any other source than the Reserve, the particular work or works, if the Estimate is for a new work, or the sub-divisional head of Repair, if the Estimate is for a repair work, from the savings on which, the amount of the Estimate, or a portion of it, is to be met should be clearly stated. It will be understood that the amount allotted for each new work in the Budget cannot be increased by this Government by grants from the Reserve Fund, or from other works for which special grants have been made from that source. The Superintending Engineers will be at liberty to recommend additional grants to works in the Budget by a reduction in the allotments for others entered therein.

5. The Superintending Engineers are reminded that this Government is precluded from sanctioning Estimates for repairs from the Reserve Fund. As however the allotment for repairs in the Budget of the current year has been regulated with reference to ordinary requirements and no provision has been made therein for charges incidental on extensive repairs caused by extraordinary floods and the like causes, the Government of India have, in the second paper recorded above, suggested the transfer of a portion of the amount fixed as the Reserve to provide for the class of repairs hitherto met from that source. The Superintending Engineers of Divisions are accordingly requested to submit with all practicable despatch Estimates of the further grants required for the several Districts in their respective charges to meet the cost of repairs not provided for in the current year's Budget. The Statement should be prepared under the several Budget heads, and in the case of maintenance grants urgently needed, particulars of the same should, as usual, be supplied. After the further allotment referred to above has been sanctioned, no additional grants can be made by this Government for repairs in the several Districts, but Superintending Engineers will be at liberty to submit Estimates of this description for the sanction of Government provided the cost can be met from savings in Part II of the Budget.

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3rd July 1863.*

6. In submitting proposals for the re-distribution of funds in any particular District, the Superintending Engineers will endeavour to arrange for the total assignment in the Budget for that District on account of "new works" and "repairs" respectively not being altered thereby. For example, if the allotment for the Bellary District for New Works is Rupees 50,000 and that for Repairs Rupees 1,00,000, and an additional grant of Rupees 5,000 is found necessary under the head of "tanks" a corresponding reduction should, if possible, be made under any of the other sub-divisional heads, such as "accommodation for Troops," "charitable institutions," "forests," &c. In the case of New Works entered in the Budget, for which additional grants may be necessary, corresponding reductions should, as already stated, be made from the sums provided therein for others.*

* The works sanctioned by the Government of India can only be reduced by the orders of that Government.

7. The instructions contained in the preceding paragraph will also be carefully attended to in proposing transfers from one District to another. The main point to be kept in view is, that the total Budget assignment to the Districts concerned under the head of "new works" and "repairs" respectively, is not exceeded. In all proposals for the re-distribution of funds full particulars regarding the works, or the sub-divisional heads of Repair, the allotments for which are to be added to, or reduced, should be invariably afforded.

8. In the event of Superintending Engineers finding it impracticable to keep to the Budget limits for New Works and Repairs in the Districts comprised in their respective charges, or to adhere strictly to the foregoing rules in the submission of Estimates, &c., they will, in submitting their proposals, furnish full information regarding the same for transmission to the Government of India. In all such cases however, they will bear in mind that except the works are really urgent and are ordered to be proceeded with, the arrangements proposed by them are not to be carried out until the receipt of the sanction of the Supreme Government.

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

No. 458.

FROM

LIEUT. COL. R. STRACHEY, R. E.

SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA WITH THE GOVR. GENL.,

TO

THE SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF MADRAS,

IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Simla, 23rd April 1863.

General.
Accounts.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 645 of the 16th ultimo, requesting permission to defer the operation of the new rules regarding the redistribution of the main Budget appropriations until after the official year 1863-64, as the rules in question reached Madras after the preparation and despatch of the Budget, and in reply to state that the rules in question may apparently be easily conformed with, by the Government of Madras simply stating how much it considers necessary to provide for the class of repairs hitherto met from the Reserve, and obtaining a transfer at once, or an additional specific grant, should it appear, as is probable, that the available funds at the disposal of the Government of India for Public Works are more than was supposed when the original allotment of the Public Works funds for the year 1863-64 was made. It would be better, His Excellency the Governor General thinks, to bring the Budget for 1863-64 into order in this way than to delay it another year.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. Strachey

Lieut. Col., R. E.

Secy. to the Govt. of India with the Govr. Genl.

10 June 1863 8.30 PM

No. 44-45

Declining to open
the question of the
rule regarding the
distribution of the
main Budget
appropriations until
after the Official year
1863-64.

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From the Secretary
to the Govt of India
with the Government
Order 23 of March
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Proceedings of the
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Public Works Department
No. 1748
Madras Government
Under date the 3rd July 1863.

Read again letter from the
Govt of India dated 1st January
1863 and received in No. 8/16th
March 1863 No. 644.

Read also the following letter from
the Govt of India.

Declining to defer the operation
of the new Rules regarding the
redistribution of the main
Budget appropriations until
after the Official year 1863/64.

F. E. 23rd April 1863 No. 58.

Communicated to the
Superintending Engineer of
Division for information and
guidance.

W. J.

2. In the first of the
foregoing papers the Govern-
ment of India has pro-
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of the main heads, viz Original
works, Repairs, Reserve and
Establishments as allotted in
the Budget order, with the
exception, that any savings
from Establishments may be
applied to swell the Reserve.

It has moreover been ruled
that hereafter the Reserve
will be applicable for ap-
propriation on original work
only, instead of being as
heretofore available to increase
the appropriation on Repairs
and Establishments

3 In order to the fore-
going instructions from the
Government of India being
strictly adhered to, the attention
of the Superintending Engineers

~~to be included~~

is requested to the following
remarks.
4 When Estimates
are submitted to Government
for sanction from any other
source than the Reserve, the
particular work or works,
if the Estimate is for a new
work, or the pub. Divisional
head of Repair, if the Es-
timate is for a repair
work, from the savings on
which the amount of the
Estimate, or a portion of it,
is to be met, should be clearly
stated. It will be under-
stood that the amount
allotted for each new work
in the Budget cannot be
increased by this Government
by grants from the Reserve
Fund

Fund, or from other source
for which special grants
have been made from that
source. The Superintending
Engineers will be at liberty
to recommend additional
grants to work in the
Budget by a reduction
in the allotments for other
entered therein.

5 The Superintending
Engineers are reminded that
the Government is precluded
from sanctioning Estimates
for repairs from the Reserve
Fund, as however the
allotment for repairs in
the Budget of the Current
year has been regulated
with reference to ordinary
requirements.

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has been made therein for
charges incidental on extensive
repairs caused by extraordinary
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~~and as a reserve the Reserve~~
~~could form an unnecessary~~
~~large sum if its appropriation~~
~~is strictly limited to the~~
~~scale of an emergency~~
~~character,~~ the Government
of India have, in the second
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gested the transfer of a
portion of the amount fixed
as the Reserve to provide
for the class of repairs hitherto
met from that source.

The Superintending Engineers
of Divisions are accordingly
requested to submit with
all

all practicable despatch &
estimates of the further grants
required for the several Districts in
~~order~~ their respective charges
to meet the cost of repairs
not provided for in the

Current year's Budget -

The Statement should be
prepared under the several
Budget heads, and in the
case of maintenance grants
urgently needed, particulars
of the same should, as
usual, be supplied - After
the further allotment referred
to above has been sanctioned,
no additional grants can
be made by the Govt.
for repairs in the several
Districts, but Superintending
Engineers

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Engineers will be at liberty
to submit Estimates of this
description for the sanction
of Government provided the
cost can be met from
savings in part II of the
Budget.

b. In submitting pro-
posals for the distribu-
tion of funds in any
particular District, the
Superintending Engineer
will endeavour to arrange
for the total assignment
in the Budget for that
District on account of
"New Works" and "Repairs"
respectively not being altered
thereby - For example,
if the allotment for the
Bilga District for
New

New Work is Rs. 50,000
and that for Repairs ^{Rs.} 1,00,000,
and an additional grant
of Rs. 5,000 is found
necessary under the head
of "Works" a corresponding
reduction should if possible,
be made under any of the
other Sub-divisional heads,
such as "Accommodation
for Poors," "Charitable
Institutions," "Forest" &c. -

In the case of New Work
entered in the Budget, for
which additional grants
may be necessary, corresponding
reductions should, as already
stated, be made from the
sums provided therein for
+ other.

* The works sanctioned
by the Government of India
can only be reduced by the
orders of that Government

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tained in the preceding
paragraph will also be
carefully attended to in pro-
posing transfers from one
District to another. The
main point to be kept in
view is, that the total
Budget assignment to the
Districts concerned under
the head of "New Work"
and "Repairs" respectively
is not exceeded. In all
proposals for the redis-
tribution of funds full
particulars regarding the
works, or the sub-divisional
heads of repair, the allot-
ments for which are to
be added to, or reduced,
should invariably be afforded.

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Papers on the subject of
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