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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
5th January 1865.*

No. 15. Read the following letter from Captain J. F. FISCHER, R. E., Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel C A ORR, R E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 21st December 1864, No. 2,033:—

Sir,

1. With reference to Government Order No. 3,614, dated 17th December 1864, I have the honor to submit the following explanation for the consideration of Government.

2 It was only from these orders and from the estimate *now* received with them that I learnt that the cost of the tools and plant sanctioned on the 21st November last is to be met from the allotment for the Lawrence Asylum works, to which source *no allusion whatever* was made by Government when sanctioning the estimate for tools and plant. As I had no idea, therefore, that the tools and plant were for the works just mentioned, and as the amount sanctioned exceeded the balance in my books under "Rupees 10,000 for the purchase of tools and stores," I experienced a difficulty in comprehending the terms of the sanction, which Government admit were not precisely the same as those used in previous orders authorizing similar adjustments.

3. The sum of Rupees 2,098-5-11 was sanctioned by Government* "as a charge against the current year's assignment for stores to be purchased in India," and as this assignment is Rupees 10,000, it was debited to the same in my books, when the transfers required to be made from "works" to "stores" are authorized by Government, the necessary addition will be made to the allotment in question.

4. In regard to the 4th paragraph of the Government Order under reference, I beg to observe that under Government Order No. 1,365, dated 11th May last, Superintending Engineers are empowered to sanction expenditure for purchase of tools and stores from Rupees 500 and under, and where such expenditure is incurred, it cannot but be considered as appropriated from the sum of Rupees 10,000 apportioned in Government Order No. 1,548, dated 27th May last, for stores to be purchased in the country. If the Superintending Engineers are prohibited from making appropriations, then the power of sanctioning expenditure must be removed from them, and if such be the intention of Government, I request that orders may be passed accordingly.

5 With reference to the last paragraph, I beg to state that the allotment of Rupees 20,000 is not entirely for the *Presidency Store* Department, but for the whole Department. It will be seen from the Statement appended to my letter of the 1st instant, No. 1,848, that the several local Officers had availed themselves of the above allotment to the extent of Rupees 3,082, and this does not include the expenditure by the Presidency Store Department. In order to regulate the issue of letters of credit, which properly speaking should be granted against specific allotments, and to control the balances left for the other local Officers, it is necessary that an appropriation should be made out of the total Budget grant for stores, Rupees 1,00,000, subsequently increased to Rupees 1,33,857, for the Presidency Store Department under the following heads:—

For English Stores	...	...	so much.
„ Country do.	...	...	do.
„ Miscellaneous expenditure on the above account	do.	do.	do.

This Office will then be able to know how much remains for appropriation by other local Officers.

6. Up to the end of November 1864, credits to the amount of Rupees 11,250 have already been granted to the Presidency Store Department.

No. 16. ORDER THEREON, 5th January 1865, No 8.

1. The Government observe, with reference to paragraph 3 of this letter, that as the Statement appended to the Controller's previous communication of the 1st December 1864 was intended to shew that the allotment of Rupees 10,000 for the purchase of stores in India had been exceeded, and that it would be necessary to provide for the excess, the deduction from that allotment of the sum of Rupees 2,098, expended in the purchase of tools for use in Cuddapah District, was only

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calculated to mislead the Government. Although the G. O. of 24th November 1864, No. 3,379, quoted by Captain Fischer, sanctioned the amount in question as a charge against the assignment for "Stores to be purchased in India," it at the same time directed that that assignment should be supplemented by a corresponding transfer from estimates.

2. The Government do not concur with the Controller in the opinion expressed in paragraph 4 of his letter. The Orders of the 11th May 1864 vest the Superintending Engineers with the power to purchase stores not exceeding Rupees 500 in value; such power, however, does not necessarily convey authority to appropriate at their discretion the allotment of Rupees 10,000 made in a lump sum in G. O. of 27th May 1864, No. 1,548, for independent of the fact that the Order itself did not grant the permission, the allotment was not distributed amongst the several Superintending Engineers, and the belief that the grant was at their disposal would involve the anomaly of each Superintending Engineer sanctioning appropriations without any certainty of the existence of an available balance.

3. The Proceedings of Government dated 17th December 1864, No. 3,614, having been communicated to all Superintending Engineers, it seems unnecessary to issue any further order intimating to them that they do not possess the power which Captain Fischer believes the Proceedings of 11th May 1864 conceded. The Budget for future years will contain specific allotments for supplies of country stores for each District, and the Superintending Engineers will then be at liberty to make appropriations up to the limit provided.

4. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Controller's letter, the Government observe that as nearly eight months of the official year have expired, it seems unnecessary to make any re-distribution of the unappropriated balance of the Budget grant for the Store Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts,
Store Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Office of the Controller of
P. W. Accounts
Madras 21st December 1864

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From
Captain J. F. Fischer R.E.
Controller of P. W. Accounts

To
Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government P. W. D.

Sir,
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Office of the Controller
of P.W. Accounts
Madras 21st Dec 1884

I have the honor to be

Sr.

Your Most Obedt. Servant

Captain R.

Controller of P.W. Accounts

To
Colonel G. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.

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From
The Controller of M.
- Accounts

To
The Secretary to Govt.
M.D.

Dated 21st
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Submits an expla-
nation for not comprehending
during the terms of a recent
sanction on account of stores
for the Coimbatore District

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N^o 8- 5th Jan'y 1865.

Public Works Dept

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Under date the 5th Jan'y 1865.

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of stores for the Coimbatore
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Order 21 December 1864
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with reference to Para 3 of this
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appended to the Controller's
previous communication of the
18th Decr 64 was intended to
show that the allotment of
Rs. 10,000 for the purchase of
stores in India had been exceeded
and that it would be necessary
therefore to provide for the exp.
the deduction from that allot-
ment of the sum of Rs. 2098
expended in the purchase of tools
for use in the Cuddalore Dist
was only calculated to mislead
the Govt. At the G. O. of
24 Nov 64, N^o 3279, quoted by
Capt. Fisher sanctioned the

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Letter from the
Controller of P. M. A.
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for tools & stores
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