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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Dated	5 - January	1865.

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

Read the following letters —

No. 33. 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, 23rd December 1864, No. 2,068.

SIR,

Enclosures 2 Bills.
No 1,848, dated 1st December 1864, paragraph 3.
,, 2,033, ,, 21st do. ,, do 4

With reference to my letters marginally noted, wherein it was pointed out that Superintending Engineers appropriate funds and sanction expenditure from Rupees 500 and under, against the store allotment of Rupees 10,000, I have the honor to forward herewith two Bills for stores purchased in the Tinnevely District, in support of my representation.

No. 33A From Captain F. J. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 22nd December 1864, No. 2,212.

SIR,

1. Referring to G. O No 3,614, 17th December, paragraph 4, I have the honor to point out that in Resolution of Government of India forwarded with Order No 1,365, 11th May 1864, the Governor General approves proposition in paragraph 10 in which Superintending Engineers are authorized to pass estimates for purchases not exceeding Rupees 500.

2 In the cases where I have availed myself of this I have agreeably to paragraph 7 entered the amount thus sanctioned in my next Appropriation Return, *e. g.*, Rupees 110, 4th November 1864, 3rd Range Tinnevely, as also expenditure below 50 Rupees by Range Officer under paragraph 8. Having this information before him, I am at a loss to understand why the Controller is not in a position to report the amounts sanctioned by Superintending Engineers.

3. So long ago as 6th July 1864, I requested him to inform me how much he could spare for this Division, as compared with others, that I might accordingly restrict my sanction.

No. 34. ORDER THEREON, 5th January 1865, No. 17.

17th December 1864, No 3,614
5th January 1865, No. 8.

1 The Government have in their Proceedings as per margin expressed their opinion on the question referred to in the correspondence above recorded. The orders of 11th May 1864, as stated by Captain Moberly, empower Superintending Engineers to pass estimates for the purchase of stores, and in future years the Budget will contain special provision for each District from which such estimates are to be met. In the accounts of the current year, however, the orders provide for the opening of a new head of service to be termed "Supply of tools and stores," and the charges of the year on account of stores are to be covered by savings from sanctioned estimates for works, and as the amounts of these estimates are at the disposal of Superintending Engineers, those Officers are at liberty to appropriate the savings in the manner indicated, when the value of the stores is under Rupees 500. The sum of Rupees 10,000 however, which forms part of the Budget grant of Rupees 1,00,000 for stores, has not been distributed, and Superintending Engineers have no reason therefore to infer that they are authorized to appropriate it without reference to Government. The course adopted by Captain Moberly was consequently irregular. It appears, however, that that Officer had applied to the Controller in July last for information as to the extent to which his sanctions from the assignment of Rupees 10,000 were to be restricted. Had the orders of Government upon this reference been sought at the time, the mistakes into which Captain Moberly appears to have been led might have been avoided.

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2. Captain Fischer will submit a statement of the charges which have been passed in his Office without reference to Government from the allotment in question. From Captain Moberly's letter it appears that so far at least as the 8th Division is concerned the Controller should have no difficulty in knowing the sums erroneously charged to that allotment.

3. The Government cannot understand how Captain Fischer considered himself authorized to pass on the 22nd ultimo the two bills forming the enclosures to his letter under notice, when on that date the order of the 17th idem, No. 3,614, distinctly intimating that the grant of Rupees 10,000 for the purchase of stores in India was at the disposal of Government alone must have been in his hands

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Accountant General.
,, Store Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Madras 22 December 1864

From
Captain F. Moberly R.E.
Superintending Engineer S. Division
Colonel Charles A Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government S. D.

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in Resolution of Government of India
forwarded with Order 1365-11th May 1864
the Governor General approves proposition
in para 10 in which Superintending Engineers
are authorized to pass estimates for purchases
not exceeding Rupees 500.

In the cases where I have availed
myself of this I have agreeably to para 7 entered
the amount thus sanctioned in my next appropri-
ation return. G.O. No. 110, 4th November 1864, 3-
also resp. and. B. No. 137, 20th July 1864, by Range Officer under para 8
Range Tinnevely. Having this information
before him I am at a loss to understand why
the Controller is not in a position to report the
amounts sanctioned by Superintending Engineers.
So long ago as 6th July 1864, I requested
him to inform me how much he could spare
for.

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that I might accordingly restrict my sanction.

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J. H. Crosby Captain U.S.
Superintending Engineer 8th Div.

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Pro-11th May/64 N^o 244-245
- 17th Decr - 366-367
- C N^o 5500/64

S.W. 1864 Depts No 2212
No 5534
Proph. Govt for January
The Chief Engineer
8th Division
To
The Secy to Govt.
D. W.

Dated 23rd
Received 27th December 1864

Points out the Resolution
of Government of India under
which he has sanctioned esti-
mates for purchases of tools &
& entered the amounts in the
Appropriation returns & informs
that the Controller failed to
furnish him the information
regarding the amount that
could be spent for the Division
on 17-5-65 January 1865

No. 53 A.

Office of the Controller of
P.W. Accounts
Madras 23rd December 1864

N^o 2068

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

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

Sir

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out that, Superior
N^o 1848 dated 1st December 1864 para 3 }
N^o 2033 dated 21st December 1864, para 4 }
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ture from Rupees 500 and under, against
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for stores purchased in the Tinnerly
District, in support of my representation
therein.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedt^t Servt.
Captain R.E.
Controller of P.W. Accounts

tools & stores" & the charge
this year on account of &
to be covered by savings
sanctioned estimates for work
as the amounts of these est.
are at the disposal of &
Engineers those officers are
liberty to appropriate the
savings in the manner indicated.
when the value of the stores is under Rs. 10.
The sum of Rs 10,000 however, which
forms part of the Budget grant
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not been distributed, & Supy. Engr.
had no reason therefore to infer
that they ~~were~~ authorized to
appropriate it without reference
to Govt. The course adopted
by Capt. Brookerly was consequently
irregular. It appears however
that that officer had applied
to the Controller in July last
for information as to the extent
to which his sanctions from the
apportionment of Rs 10,000 were to
be restricted. Had the order of
Govt. upon this reference been
sought at the time, the mistake

into which Capt. Brookerly ap-
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lotment.

The Govt. cannot un-
derstand how Capt. Fisher
considered himself authorized
to pass on the 22^d Ult. the
two Bills ~~submitted by him~~
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although the order of the 17th
identical No 3616, distinctly in-
dicates that the grant of
Rs 10,000 for the purchase of
stores in India was at the
disposal of Govt. alone must
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W.B.

To The Supy. Engr. & Sur.
Cont. of 1st acc. with 2^d
acc. Genl. &
the Dept.

For J. B. San. / 105.

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Ch. 17
Pro. of the M. Co.
D. of C. San. 1865

Ch. 1822/65

Correspondence regarding
the powers vested in Superintending
Engineers to pass Estimates below
\$500, for Tools and Stores.