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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th January 1864.*

No. 264. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel C. V. WILKIESON, R. E.,
Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 6th January 1864,
No. 2,184:—

SIR,

1. In submitting for the orders of Government the accompanying original letter from the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, relative to appropriations made for "repairs," I have the honor to observe that it is not apparent to me how the difficulty pointed out would have been avoided if the full amount of the sanctioned Estimates for repairs were entered in the "appropriation returns."

2. Superintending Engineers were requested to enter in the "appropriation return," in the column, "sum appropriated," only the amount likely to be spent within the official year, in order that the available balances may be appropriated for other works, which could not be done if the full amount of all sanctioned Estimates for repairs were entered in the column of "sum appropriated."

3. It appears to me that the only way in which the difficulty can be met is, for Superintending Engineers to furnish a distinct Statement of modifications proposed to be made by them, showing the appropriations already made for certain works which should be cancelled, and those to be substituted instead. This Statement will have to be submitted through Government to the Government of India, in correction of entries in present Statements.

No. 265.

ORDER THEREON, 15th January 1864, No. 130.

No. 3,763.

Ordered to lie over till the receipt of the reply to the reference made to the Government of India under date the 19th December 1863.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts, with No. 3,763 of 1863.
" Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.

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From Lieut Col J. C. Anderson R.E.
Supr Engineer and Dns

To Lieut Col C. V. Willmison R.E.
Controller and Auditor of
P.W. Accounts

Sirs
In para 3 of your
Circular No III of 15 May 1863, Supr
Engineers are instructed to enter in their
Appropriation returns, not the whole
Amount of Estimates sanctioned
but the sum only that are likely
to be spent. I beg to explain
that great confusions will be
liable to arise as the year advances
towards a close; if no opportunity
is afforded of modifying the
Amounts originally appropriated
according to actual Expenditure.

2 The Amount of Repair
Estimates/agricultural/sanctioned
by Local authorities far exceeds

the amount of the Budget allotment, as the repairs are estimated for with reference to the requirements for the Season not with reference to the Official year.

3 I am required to enter the probable Expenditure on each individual repair. A slight consideration of the number of repair Estimates enumerated in the Appropriation, will show how impossible it must be to carry out these instructions, or at least to foresee with any accuracy what the expenditure will be likely to amount to. Already upwards of appropriations of the nature in question have been made, and in all probability there will be twice as many more before the Official year is over.

4 Considerable uncertainty must be attached to a calculation of anticipated expenditure on the

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whole of the works on any particular range, but when its calculation is to be extended to individual works the uncertainty must be amazingly increased.

5 I have to explain that the repairs of agricultural works, are as a rule carried on by parties of Land diggers and that these people have a particular fondness for Change. Officers and Subordinates are frequently representing that they cannot keep their Land diggers together: and works which may have been progressing steadily for a time, are all of a sudden liable to be stopped. As regards Cooly labour, the amount, and the time at which it is obtainable depend very much on the character of the Season, the quality of the Harvest, and other Causes, of a fluctuating nature, none of which could have been taken

with consideration, when the rules
regarding appropriations were
drawn up.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Yours most Obedt Servt

Wm. D. Smith
Sub Col R.E.B.
Supt Engineer 2^d Div

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