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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th August 1864.*

No. 424. Read the following letter from Colonel R. STRACHEY, R. E., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 23rd July 1864,
No. $\frac{5310}{3373}$:—

SIR,

1. I am directed by the Governor General in Council to communicate the following observations and orders with reference to the undernoted entries in the Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department for the month of April 1864.

2. Nos. 282-3. *Fall of the Lower Coleroon Anicut and Bridge.*

I am to request that a detailed account of the accident and the nature of the foundations of the work may be forwarded for the information of the Government of India, as it would doubtless be useful to the officers of this Department in upper India as illustrating the nature of the Madras anicuts and of the injuries they are liable to.

3. Nos. 286-8. *Advance for Iron Rails and Gates procured from England for the Government House partly recovered by sale proceeds of materials appertaining to certain old buildings in the Chepauk compound adjusted by a transfer from the Reserve.*

The proceedings of the Madras Government in this matter are in error. The disbursements all took place in 1860 and 1861, whatever is now necessary is only a book adjustment, and debit against the Budget grant for 1862-63, is an obvious mistake. No disbursement of cash now takes place. I am also to remark that the direct application of the proceeds of sales of Government property to cover expenditure is contrary to financial rule and should not be permitted hereafter. All receipts must be credited in full in the public accounts as income without exception, and all charges appear in full without set off.

4. Nos. 477A-B. *Funds placed at the disposal of the Collector of Godavery for payment of compensation for lands taken up for channels, &c.*

I am to remark that the transfer of public money from the Public Works Department to the Collector does not constitute a disbursement of the year, and that all balances of such advances remaining unexpended at the end of the financial year would lapse like all other balances.

5. 519 and 639. *Salaries of Lieutenant Law and Captain Magnay ordered to be charged to the works on which they are employed.*

This is directly contrary to repeated orders, as it removes all check over Establishment charges. See Public Works Department Circular No. 45, dated 26th May 1862. The charges must be made to appear against the head of Establishment.

6. Nos. 608 and 623. *Formation of a Tank and provision of Fence in the Town of Madras.*

These seem Municipal rather than Imperial works.

7. Nos. 610-11. *Purchase and removal of Fishermen's Huts on the South Beach, between the Dewan's house and Pycroft's road.*

The grounds on which the outlay of Rupees 46,000 on this account was sanctioned are very imperfectly stated in the Government order. The objects to be gained by so large an outlay should have been more fully explained, and I am to request that this may now be done.

8. In conclusion I am to state, with reference to the remark made in paragraph 2 of entry No. 682, that the Madras Government is mistaken in supposing that the Government of India is opposed to transfers being made from the Budget allotment for Repairs to New Works; what the Government of India does object to is a transfer from New Works to Repairs.

No. 425. ORDER THEREON, 20th August 1864, No. 2,396.

1. Paragraph 2 of this letter will be communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, with a request that he will submit, at his early convenience, a detailed account of the late accident to the lower Coleroon Anicut and Bridge, adding thereto a short report upon the work itself, and the nature of the foundations. A plan and sections of the work, showing the arches which suffered last year, would no doubt be useful to the Government of India.

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20th August 1864.*

2. With reference to paragraph 4, the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, will be desired to communicate with the Collector of the Godavery District, and to report the amount which was actually paid during the past official year from the sum of Rupees 1,00,000, allotted in the Orders marginally noted, on account of lands taken up for public purposes. The balance which remained unexpended on the 30th April last will, under the Orders of the Government of India above recorded, lapse like all other balances on that date.

3. Paragraph 5 will be communicated to the Superintending Engineers, 1st and 7th Divisions, and to the Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts, for information and guidance. The latter Officer will arrange for the payments made to Lieutenant Law and Captain Magnay, from the Estimates for the works on which they are respectively employed, being adjusted in the manner indicated by the Government of India.

4. Paragraph 7 will be referred to the Public Department for disposal, with reference to the Orders in that Department No. 399, dated 6th April 1864.

5. The Government of India will be informed, with reference to paragraph 8, that the orders quoted therein contain no remark to the effect that that Government were "opposed to transfers being made from the Budget allotment for Repairs to New Works."

(Here enter No. 2,397, dated 20th August 1864.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

" do. 6th Division.

" do. 7th Division.

To all other Superintending Engineers.

To the Collector of the Godavery District.

" Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.

" Accountant General.

" Public Department.

" Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin;

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Public.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
20th August 1864.

No. 426.

No. 2,397.

From

MAJOR J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R. E.,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, P.W.D.,

To

The Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department.

SIR,

1. I am directed by the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 337, dated 23rd July 1864, and to state, with reference to paragraph 2, that the further report required regarding the late accident to the lower Coleroon Aqueduct and Bridge will be submitted at an early date.

2. Paragraph 7 of your letter, relative to the grounds on which so large an outlay as Rupees 46,000 was incurred in the purchase and removal of Fishermen's huts on the South Beach, between the Dewan's house and Pycroft's road, has been referred for disposal to the Public Department, by which Department the orders on that subject were passed.

3. I am to observe, with reference to the last paragraph of your letter, that the Proceedings of this Government marginally noted, contain no remark to the effect that the Government of India were "opposed to transfers being made from the Budget allotment for Repairs to New Works."

Colonel Beadle's letter No. 28, dated 2nd January 1864, clearly prescribed that savings on Repairs should be credited to the Reserve, before being appropriated to original works. In accordance with these orders, the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, was informed that this Government were precluded from authorizing any payments to be made on account of the Satūr Bridge* (the original work) directly from savings on Repairs; and as that Officer's letter, dated 22nd April 1864, was not received by Government until the 27th idem, it was impossible for any orders that might then have been passed (crediting the savings in question to the Reserve, and re-appropriating to original works the amount required for the Satūr Bridge) to have reached him before the close of the financial year.

4. As there is some uncertainty in the matter, I am to request the instructions of the Government of India as to whether the Madras Government are authorized, with reference to paragraphs 6 and 7, of the Circular from the Government of India No. 13 of 1864, to appropriate savings on Repairs to original works, after crediting such savings to the Reserve Fund.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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From
The Secy. to the Govt. of India
To
The Secy. to Govt. Fort Saint George
Public Works Departt.

Public Works Department
Simla, 23rd July 1864

Civil Works }
Miscellaneous }

Sir,
I am directed by the Governor General in Council to communicate the following observations and orders with reference to the undernoted entries in the Proceedings of the Madras Govt. in the P.W. Deptt. for the Month of April 1864.

2. No. 282/3. Fall of the Lower Coleroon Anicut and Bridge.

I am to request that a detailed account of the accident and the nature of the foundations of the work may be forwarded for the information of the Govt. of India, as it would doubtless be useful to the Officers of this Department in Upper India as illustrating the nature of the Madras Anicuts and
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of the injuries they are liable to.
No 286/8. Advances for Iron Nails and
Gates procured from England for the
Govt. House partly recovered by sale pro-
ceeds of materials appertaining to certain
old buildings in the Chepauk Com-
pound adjusted by a transfer from the
Reserve.

The proceedings of the Madras
Govt. in this matter are in error. The dis-
bursements all took place in 1860 and
1861. Whatever is now necessary is only
a book adjustment, and the debit against
the Budget grant for 1862/63 is an
obvious mistake. No disbursement of
cash takes place. I am also to remark
that the direct application of the pro-
ceeds of sales of Govt. property to
cover expenditure is contrary to fi-
nancial rule and should not be
permitted hereafter. All receipts must
be credited in full in the Public Ac-
counts as Income without exception,
and all charges appear in full without
set off.

No 477 A/B. Funds placed at the dis-
posal of the Collector of Godavery for
payment of compensation for lands
taken up for Channels &c.

I am to remark that the transfer
of public money from the P.W. Dept.
to the Collector does not constitute a
disbursement of the year, and that all
balances of such advances remaining
unexpended at the end of the Financial
year would lapse like all other
balances.

(5) No 579 & 639. Salaries of Lieut. Law
and Captain Magnay ordered to be
charged to the works in which they
are employed.

This is directly contrary to re-
peated orders as it removes all check
over Establishment charges. See P.W.D.
Circular No 45 dated 26th May 1862.
The charges must be made to appear
against the head of Establishment.
(6) No 608 and 628. Formation of a Tank
and provision of a Fence in the Town
of Madras.

These seem Municipal rather
than Imperial works.

(7) No 640/11. Purchase and removal
of Fishermen's Huts on the South
Beach between the Dewan's house
and Pycroft's road.

The grounds on which the
outlay of Rs 46,000 on this account

was sanctioned are very imperfectly stated in
the Govt. order. The objects to be gained
by so large an outlay should have been
more fully explained and I am to re-
quest that this may now be done.

2. 8 In conclusion I am to state,
with reference to the remark made
in para: 2 of entry No 682, that the
Madras Govt. is mistaken in supposing
that the Govt. of India is opposed to
transfers being made from the Budget
allotment for Repairs to new works, what
the Govt. of India does object to is a
transfer from new works to Repairs.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedt. servant

W. M. M. (C. M. C.)

Secy. to the Govt. of India

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Communicating
their observations and orders
with reference to certain
entries in the P.W.D. from
the 1st to the 31st June 1864.

23/7/64

From the Secy to the Govt of India
to the Secy to the Govt of Madras
23/7/64
Recd: 10 Aug 64.

Public Works Department
No. 2396
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 20th August 1864
Read the following

From the Secy to the Govt of India

Communicating their observa-

tions and orders with reference to
certain entries in the Proceedings
of the Madras Govt in the P.W.D.
for the month of April 1864.

H.E. 23rd July 1864. No. 531 &
3373.

Para 2 of this letter
will be communicated to
the Superintending Engineer
of the Division with a request
that he will submit at
his early convenience a
detailed account of the
late accident to the
Lower Colleroon Annicut
and bridge, including thereto
a short report upon the
work itself, and the

nature of the foundations.
A plan and sections of
the work, showing the
arches which suffered
last year, would no doubt
be useful to the Govt.
of India.

2. With reference
to para 4, the Superintending
Engineer 1st Division will
be desired to communicate
with the Collector of the
Madras District, and to report
the amount which was
actually paid during the
past Official year
from the sum of Rs. 1,00,000,
allotted in the orders

marginally noted on
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account of lands taken
up for public purposes.
The balance which re-
mained unexpended
on the 30th April last
will, under the orders
of the Govt. of India
above recorded, lapse like
all other balances on
that date.

3. Para 5 will be
communicated to the
Superintending Engineer
1st and 7th Div, and
to the Controller and
Auditor of Public Works,
for information and

and guidance. The latter
 Officer will arrange
 for the payments made
 to Lieutenant Law
 and Captain Magnay,
 from the estimates for
 the work on which
 they are respectively
 employed, being adjusted
 in the manner indicated
 by the Government of
 India.

4. Money will be
 referred to the Public
 Works Department for disposal,
 with reference to the
 Order

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 orders in that Department
 No 399, dated 6th
 April 1864.

5. The Govt of
 India will be informed,
 with reference to para 8,
 that the orders quoted at
 therein contain no re-
 mark to the effect
 that that Govt were
 "opposed to the transfers
 being made from the
 Budget allotment for
 repairs to new works".

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To

The Secretary to the
Govt of India
Ct. Secy

Sir
I am directed by
the Governor in Council
to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter
N^o 531^c 3373, dated 23^d
July 1864, and to state,
with reference to para 2,
that the further report
required regarding the
late accident to the
Lower Poleroon Ancient
and bridge will be

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date.

2. Para 7 of your
letter, relative to the grounds
on which so large an
outlay of Rs. 16,000
was incurred in the
purchase and removal
of Fishermen's huts on
the South beach, between
the Durand house and
Pier of the pier, has been
referred for disposal
to the Public Works
by which Department
the orders on that subject
were passed.

No. 1127 dated 28 April 54
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3. I am to observe,
with reference to the
last para of your letter,
that the Proceedings
of the Government
marginally noted con-
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effect that the Govt.
of India were "opposed
to transfers being made
from the Budget
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to new works". Coll.
Beadle's letter No. 28,
dated 2nd January/64,
clearly prescribed that
savings on repairs should

should be credited to
the Reserve before being
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works. In accordance
with these orders, the
Superintending Engineer
8th Div. was informed
that the Govt. were
precluded from authorizing
any payments to be
made on account of the
Salter Bridge (on Tinnerelly Dist.
original work) directly
from savings on repairs;
and as that Officer's

letter, dated 22nd April
1861, was not received
by Government until
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possible for any orders
that might then have
been passed (crediting
the savings in question
to the Reserve, and
re-appropriating to
original works the
amount required for
the Salter Bridge) to
have reached him before
the close of the financial
year. As there is
some uncertainty in the
matter, I am to request

the instructions of the
Government of India
as to whether the
Madras Government
are authorized with
reference to para 6 and 7
of the Circular from
the Govt of India
No. 13 of 1861, to
appropriate savings on
repairs to original
works, after crediting
such savings to the
Revised Fund -

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20th Aug 1861

22nd August

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P.W. 1864 Depart^{re}
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Pro: of Gov^t & letter
To The Gov^t of India
P.W.
Dated 20th August 1864.

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P.W. 1868/65

Letter from the Gov^t
of India communicating its observa-
tions and orders with reference to
certain entries in the P.W. Pro: of
the Madras Government for April
1864.

No 424 & 426.