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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23rd January 1864.*

No. 530. 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, 18th January 1864, No. 2,293:—

Sir,

1. From the Appropriation Registers kept in this Office, I find from time to time, as the

Enclosures 7 (to be returned).

1	Memorandum	No. 2,211,	dated	7th	January	1864.
1	Do.	No. 2,212,	"	7th	"	"
1	Do.	No. 2,219,	"	8th	"	"
1	Do.	No. 2,224,	"	9th	"	"
1	Do.	No. 2,242,	"	12th	"	"
1	Do.	No. 2,243,	"	12th	"	"
1	Do.	No. 2,345,	"	12th	"	"

Returns come in, and undergo examination, that excesses have taken place in several Districts, in appropriations made under the sub-divisional heads of the "Repair Budget." I have drawn the attention of the Officers concerned to these excesses, and requested of them to address Government on the subject,

pointing out, in so doing, sources whence they may be met.

2. I think it proper for me with reference to the recent orders from Government reviewing the "Appropriation Returns" sent from this Office, to enquire as to how I am to act in cases like those now brought to notice wherein excesses have taken place.

3. There is no rule authorizing me to cut down the appropriation, and thus balance the allotment with it; nor indeed do I think that such a rule, even if promulgated, will be in any way equitable, as the local Officers, who are the best judges, may deem the very works struck out as most necessary, and *vice versa* for those admitted. It is therefore, for Government to decide whether I am to admit such excesses pending the receipt in each individual case of a G. O. permitting them, and whether I am at liberty to include them in the Returns compiled in this Office for the Government of India; or whether I am to return the "Appropriation Lists" to the Superintending Engineers, to reduce or alter them, as they may think fit, with a view to their being correct when received here.

4. Should the latter be ordered, I fear that very great delay will necessarily take place in the submission of the monthly "Appropriation Return" to Government, and, should this result follow the adoption of such a course, this Department cannot be held answerable for the delay.

No. 531. ORDER THEREON, 23rd January 1864, No. 263.

1. The Governor in Council has no alternative but to authorize the Controller to include the excesses referred to in this letter in the Appropriation Returns submitted to Government.

2. The Superintending Engineers will be informed that under the orders marginally noted, the sanction of Government should at once have been obtained

No. 1,748, 3rd July 1863.

to the changes rendered necessary in the allotments for their respective Divisions, under the several sub-divisional heads of Repair. It will also be intimated to those Officers that they will be held responsible that the aggregate amount allotted for repairs to each of the Districts under their charge is not exceeded, and that all proposals for the redistribution of funds under the sub-divisional heads are submitted to Government in time to receive sanction by the 30th April next.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers.

.. Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.

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The Govt has no alternative but to authorize the Committee to include the expenses referred to in this letter in the Appropriation Bill submitted to Govt.

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Compl. Mrs

Robert C. A. Orr Esq
Secretary to Government
in the War Department
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To the Controller

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The Controller and
Audr of M. Accounts

To the Secy to Govt M.

Dated 18th

Recd 19th Jan 1864

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Enquiring how the
Controller's Department is
to act when the Supr Engr
exceeds the sub-divisional
allotments of the Repair
Budget, in the ap. propo-
sition Returns, as no de-
finite rules on the sub-
ject are now in force.

N. 263-27th January.

With a Order