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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
14th September 1864.*

No. 269. Read the following Proceedings of the Governor General of India in Council
Public Works Department, dated Simla, 1st August 1864, No. 328/3,568 :—
*Provision of Funds to meet certain charges for Public Works erroneously included in the
Civil Budget Estimates for 1864-65.*

Read the following papers :—

Resolution by the Financial Department, No. 2,011, dated 15th April 1864.
Letter from Secretary to Government of Bengal, No. 1,205, dated 10th March 1864.
Ditto ditto No. 1,914, dated 14th April 1864.
Letter from Resident at Hyderabad, No. 71, dated 11th May 1864.

OBSERVATIONS.—The Governor General in Council observes that, in addition to the regular Public Works Budget Estimates, several of the Local Governments and Administrations have included in "Section E, Works of Internal Improvement and Public Convenience" of the Civil Budget Estimates of the current year, items on account of compensation for land taken up for public purposes (other than Railways,) and for travellers' bungalows, and other charges to be paid from the Imperial Revenues, which properly are classed under 'Public Works.' These charges, under the orders issued in the Financial Department, have now been directed to be met from the grant for Public Works for 1864-65, with which object a statement has been furnished by the Financial Department exhibiting the details of the items amounting to Rupees 22,18,366.

2. On an examination of that document His Excellency the Governor General in Council observes that it is susceptible of reduction by the following sums :—

1.—Amount of the following entries under head 'Eastern Settlements' which comprise the ordinary Public Works Budget Estimate of that Government, and on which orders have already been passed, the amount being debited to the regular grant for Public Works.

	Rs.
A. Public Works Department	3,36,230
B. Reserve	63,770
	<u>4,00,000</u>

2.—Amount of one of the items on account of purchase of land required for the Irrigation and Canal Company in Orissa, comprising the sum of Rupees 7,77,449 entered in the Financial Statement under heading "Bengal," already passed in orders on the Public Works Budget Estimate of that Government

3.—Amount of one of the items on account of purchase of land for embankments at Edilpoor and Jumalpoor requested to be expunged, vide letter from Secretary to Government of Bengal, No. 1,914, dated 14th April 1864

Total ... 7,04,000

3. This leaves Rupees 15,14,366 as the amount for which Budget provision is required, thus distributed among Local Governments and Administrations :—

	Rs.
1. North Western Provinces	9,32,305
2. Madras	12,468
3. Oudh	12,000
4. Bombay	54,112
5. Hyderabad	7,600
6. Straits Settlements	2,432
7. Bengal	4,73,449
8. Minor Administrations	20,000
Total	<u>15,14,366</u>

4. His Excellency in Council now proceeds to review and pass orders on these items in the order indicated above.

NORTH WESTERN PROVINCES.

5. The items consist of—

1. Charges of Canal collection being—

	Rs.
A. Percentage to Lumberdars	5,354
B. Servants including peons...	10,843

2. Compensation for lands occupied by Government

Total ... 16,197
9,16,108

9,32,305

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6. Before passing orders on the first item of Rupees 16,197 for canal collection, His Excellency in Council desires to be informed whether these charges are connected with the *Collector's* operations, as, if so, it would seem that they should certainly fall into the Revenue Estimates. It may here be remarked that, while all the receipts derived from canals are now credited in the Revenue Budget, the greater portion of the charges, if not the whole of them, are brought forward in the Public Works Budget Estimate. This is a point that seems to call for consideration.

7. The details furnished regarding the second item are not sufficient, as only the names of the districts in which the payments on account of compensation for land are to be made have been exhibited, and not the objects for which the land is required. In order to admit of a decision regarding the incidence of the charges, a statement must be furnished in the form of Part I of the Public Works Budget Estimate showing the precise object to which the land is to be applied in each case, a distinction being made between items to be paid finally and sums to be paid as rents; the fund liable to be debited with the cost of the construction of the work for which the land is required being also mentioned. The classification of this statement should be according to the system recently ordered, namely, under the two following main heads:—

1. Charges for land taken up to be applied for purposes or works to be carried out through the Agency of the Public Works Department, including works carried out by Civil Officers from Public Works Funds.
2. Charges for land taken up to be applied directly to any object by any other branch of the administration, such as the Educational Department.

Before this statement is submitted the Public Works authorities of the North Western Provinces should satisfy themselves of the correctness of the entries under the first heading.

MADRAS.

8. The sum for which Budget provision is required, Rupees 12,468, is for establishment attached to the Madras Pier. This is a purely *local* charge, and His Excellency the Governor General in Council directs that the amount may be met from the Local Funds of that Presidency.

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9. As no details have been furnished regarding the item of Rupees 12,000 for compensation for lands taken up under this administration for public purposes in the Military Department, His Excellency in Council requests that a statement, as described in paragraph 7 of this Resolution, may be furnished in order to enable satisfactory orders to be passed on the item.

BOMBAY.

10. The additional grant asked for consists of:—

	RS.
1. Compensation for lands for public purposes, not Railways	33,112
2. Other items	2,300
3. Grants to Sanatoria	18,000
4. Garden at Sattara	700
Total	54,112

11. Information similar to that described in paragraph 7 of this Resolution must be submitted from the Bombay Government to allow of orders being passed on the first item.

12. In the absence of the details of the second item, nothing can be said of it. These details should be given.

13. With reference to the third item, the Governor General in Council requests that information may be supplied as to the Sanatoria referred to, and the objects to which it is intended to apply this sum of Rupees 18,000, on which orders will be issued as to propriety of the grants, and whether, or no, they should be debited to the Public Works Budget grant.

14. Explanation should be furnished why the Rupees 700 required for the garden at Sattara should not be debited to Local funds, as the item appears to be of a local nature.

HYDERABAD.

15. The amount required is as follows:—

	RS.
1. Repairs to Revenue Cutcheries, Berar	5,000
2. Repairs to Jail and Police Buildings, Berar	1,600
3. Sheds for Military Department	900
4. Repairs of Schools	100
Total	7,600

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16. The amount of the first and second items should obviously be debited to the repairs allotment of the Public Works grant already made to Hyderabad, and the expenditure dealt with under the ordinary rules regulating expenditure in the Public Works Department. Why this was not done at first should be explained.

17. The amount of the third item, Rupees 900, for sheds for Military Department, should also be debited to the Public Works grant for Hyderabad, but explanation should be furnished as to the precise objects of these works, and why they were excluded from the Public Works Budget.

18. It should be stated whether the item of Rupees 100 for repairs of schools is imperial or *local* in its character. In one case the charge should have been against the Public Works Budget, in the other against the Local Fund Budget. Explanation is also required regarding this point.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

19. The items are:—

	RS.
1. Compensation for land	500
2. Expense of cleaning markets, including watchmen and oil	1,932
Total	2,432

20. As regards the first item, His Excellency in Council directs attention to paragraph 24 of the orders on the Straits Settlements, Public Works Budget Estimate for 1864-65, in which it was ruled that, if the land for which compensation has to be paid is required to be applied to works carried out under the agency of the Public Works Department, the amount must be met from the four lakhs granted for Public Works expenditure during the year.

21. The expense of cleaning markets, &c., Rupees 1,932, must also be debited to the repairs allotment of the grant of four lakhs alluded to above. But if the proposal made in paragraph 25 of the Straits Settlements Budget Orders for 1864-65 to credit the local funds with the income derived from the rent of those markets is sanctioned, then the expense attendant on maintaining them must be debited to those funds.

BENGAL.

22. A regular detailed Budget Estimate of the items under review, appertaining to this Government has been received in this Department with letter from the Secretary to Government, Bengal, Public Works Department, No. 1,205, dated 10th March 1864. On an examination of that document His Excellency the Governor General in Council has been pleased to pass the following orders thereon:—

23. The items detailed below being compensation for land for works for which grants have been passed specifically in the Bengal Budget, are directed to be defrayed from those allotments. If they are found insufficient, then transfer must be made or proposed from some other head of service.

Number of item in Budget mentioned in paragraph 22.	Detail of items directed to be debited to Public Works allotment.	Amount.
		RS.
8 & 32	Site for Court Houses, Rampoor Beaulah	15,000
11	Do. Church at Gya	140
12	Do. Burial Ground at Monghyr	525
13	Do. do. do. Cachar	153
28	Do. Sub-Divisional buildings, Tirhoot	15,000
30	Land for Sub-Divisional buildings, Kooshtea	1,495
33	Site for new Civil Station, Cachar	7,500
37	Land for Hazut at Kooshtea	100
38	Do. do. Meherpoor	72
51	Do. Ganges and Darjeeling Road	9,558
53	Road from Jeeagunge to Bhugwangolah	20,000
56 & 57	Land for Cuttack Trunk and Cotton Traffic Roads	3,200
58 & 59	Do. do. do. Road	14,000
	Total to be debited to Public Works Budget allotment to Bengal.	86,743

24. The amount of item 26 of the Budget alluded to, three lakhs for additional land for the new High Court at Calcutta, is struck out with reference to Public Works Department letter No. 40C/1,547, dated 2nd April 1864, in which sanction to further additional expenditure on this building was declined.

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25. Explanation should be furnished as to whether certain Military buildings at Hazareebaugh, (items No. 2, No. 6,289,) are rented in accordance with the provisions of Standing Orders No. 1 of 1864. If so, then the charge should be met from the Public Works Budget grant already made to Bengal for repairs. Otherwise, explanation should be furnished of the nature of the item.

	Rs.
3. Land under Revenue	2,000
49. Roads, Hooghly	2,000
50. Do. Midnapoor	6,000
54. Do. Luckimpoor	900
	<u>10,900</u>

26. Items 3, 49, 50, 54, Rupees 10,900, cannot be dealt with, as it is impossible to determine the propriety of the charges from all absence of information as to their character, the remark by which the items are supported in the estimate being 'no details given.'

27. Rupees 2,048 being amount of items Nos. 60 and 61 for land for Dāk Bungalows at Rampoor and Shookdal, must be debited to Local Funds, as, under Public Works Department Circular No. 59 of 1863, they have been directed to be treated as purely local institutions.

	Rs.
31 & 71. Rent of lands and buildings occupied by the Assistant Commissioner at Nyadoomka	186
9. Rent of certain lands and buildings, Hazareebaugh	22
40. Rent of buildings occupied as Jail and Medical Officer's residence at Nyadoomka	203

fund liable to be debited with the cost of the works for which the land is to be applied, and the agency under which they are to be executed, as no provision for their construction by the Public Works Department has been apparently made in the departmental Budget for the current year.

Minor Administrations.

	Rs.
30. I. Negode, roads not Imperial line	2,000
Construction of roads from Myhere frontier towards Chundiah	15,000
	<u>17,000</u>
II. Coorg. District expenditure not included in Public Works Budget	3,000
	<u>20,000</u>

31. The amount of item No. 1 is disallowed for the present. If these lines of road are necessary, they should be brought forward by the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, or the Government, North Western Provinces, according to the locality, in the regular way, and the amount provided for out of the ordinary Public Works Budget grants.

32. The sums of Rupees 3,000, item No. II, for District expenditure in Coorg, must be met from the Public Works Assignment made to that Administration, and the Commissioner should be called upon to explain the nature of these charges.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Resolution be forwarded to the—

- 1.—Government, North Western Provinces, for information and guidance, and for the purposes indicated in paragraphs 6, 7 and 31.
- 2.—Government of Madras, with reference to paragraph 8.
- 3.—Government of Bombay, for the purposes indicated in paragraphs 11 to 14.
- 4.—Government of Bengal, for information and guidance, and for the purposes indicated in paragraphs 25 to 29, with reference to letters from that Government, No. 1,205, dated 10th March 1864, and No. 1,914, dated 14th April 1864.
- 5.—Chief Commissioner, Oudh, for the purposes indicated in paragraph 9.
- 6.—Governor General's Agent, Central India, and Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, with reference to paragraph 31.
- 7.—Resident, Hyderabad, for information and guidance, and for the purposes indicated in paragraphs 17 and 18, with reference to his letter, No. 71, dated 11th May 1864.
- 8.—Governor, Straits Settlements, for information and guidance.
- 9.—Commissioner, Coorg, for the purposes indicated in paragraph 32.

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10.—Financial Department, with reference to Resolution of that Department, No. 2,011, dated 15th April 1864.

11.—Accountant General, Public Works Department, for information.

(Signed) R. STRACHEY, Colonel, R. E.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

(Signed) E. C. S. WILLIAMS, Colonel, R. E.,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department.

No. 270. ORDER THEREON, 14th September 1864, No. 2,661.

Paragraph 8 of the foregoing Proceedings will be referred to the Financial Department, with reference to the Orders in that Department, No. 264, dated 14th May 1864.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Financial Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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