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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th September 1864.*

No. 339. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel C. V. WILKIESON, R. E.,
Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to
Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 9th September 1864, No. 1,094:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to request to be informed whether Government Order No. 2,529, dated 1st September 1864, "Ordered to be recorded," conveys an approval of the proposition made by the Superintending Engineer for the adjustment of the sum of Rupees 13,900. The proposed adjustment is based upon the supposition that that amount *was* in the hands of the Collector on the 1st May last as a cash balance, and as such *formed part of the Superintending Engineer's Budget allotment*, whereas it has already been reported by this Office that such was not the case.

Vide Government Order No. 2,165, dated 28th July 1864.

2. On the 21st April 1864 (1863-63) the Superintending Engineer reported that 13,900 Rupees of the allotment for the Rumpah roads *will remain unspent in that year*, upon which the Government ordered the amount to be credited to the Reserve Fund. The full amount of the allotment Rupees 15,400, however, having

Vide Government Order No. 1,159, dated 22nd April 1864.

been previously drawn by a cheque on the Treasury in favor of the Collector, and charged as expenditure in the accounts, the Superintending Engineer on the receipt of the Order of 21st April, wrote back the expenditure to the extent of Rupees 13,900, but erroneously kept on the amount as cash balance, instead of writing it off as paid into the Treasury, because, *having been taken away from the allotment of the District by a credit to the Reserve Fund*, that amount could not remain in the accounts as drawn from the Treasury. This was the view taken of the case by this Office, which issued instructions, and acted accordingly in the preparation of the annual accounts for 1863-64, submitted to the Accountant General, Fort Saint George, in which the amount is exhibited as remitted to the Treasury.

Nos. 2,033 and 2,165.

3. In their Proceedings of the 14th and 23rd July last, the Government concur with this Office. Paragraph 3 of the Order of 14th July says: "It has been ruled by the Government of India that the Imperial "Public Works grant is only available during the year for which it is granted, and that any "unspent portion at the end of the year must be surrendered." Paragraph 2 of the Order of 28th July says: "The sum of Rupees 13,900 having been re-credited to the Reserve under "Government Order No. 1,159, dated 22nd April 1864, it ceased from that date to form part "of the allotment for the Godavery District." Again, in paragraph 4 of letter recorded in Proceedings No. 2,396, dated 20th August 1864, Colonel Strachey says: "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."

4. I am obliged to request definite orders on this letter, as the repeated corrections to his accounts pointed out by this Office are not attended to by the Superintending Engineer, who is still under the misapprehension that the 13,900 Rupees formed part of his Budget allotment on the 1st May last. The Collector of Ganjam should not issue the two sums of Rupees 3,900 and 10,000 out of the Treasury, unless a letter of credit covering these sums is granted, against which only cheques for the sums can be drawn.

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17th September 1864.

	Cash balance as pointed out by the Controller.	Cash balance exhibited in the Superintending Engineer's accounts for Godavery District.	Difference.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
May	2,782 13 3	16,682 13 3	13,900 0 0
June	6,651 10 5	20,551 10 5	13,900 0 0
July	5,166 4 9	19,066 4 9	13,900 0 0

No. 390.

ORDER THEREON, 17th September 1864, No. 2,713.

1. The Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, will be again informed that the sum of Rupees 13,900 referred to in this letter ceased to form part of the Budget allotment for the Godavery District from the date of the Order* re-crediting the amount to the Reserve.

* No. 2,165, 28th July 1864.

2. Captain Ryves will be requested to see that the corrections pointed out by the Controller are promptly attended to.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

On 22nd April 1864 Rs. 10522 0 0
 " 11th July " 263 244 -
 " 28th " " 512 0 514
 " 20 Augst " 424 - 425
 " 1st Sept^r " 11-12
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 No 2165
 28th July 1864
 The Controller of Public Works Accounts
 is requested to see that the corrections pointed out by the Controller are promptly attended to.
 17 September 1864
 J. H. M. Shaw Stewart
 Deputy Secretary to Government.

To W 1864 Rep to
 Govt for September
 Rs. 4001
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 From
 The Controller of M.
 Accounts
 To
 The Secretary to Govt.
 M.D.
 Dated 9th Sept 1864
 Recd 12th Sept 1864
 No 1094
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 Requests orders
 in the subject of the Rs.
 13,900 supposed by the
 Superintending Engineer
 1st Div to have formed
 part of his cash balance
 on the 30th April last.
 No 2713-17th Sept 1864
 With an Order