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

No. 272. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial  
Railway Department :—

Stating that there is no objection to the arrangement  
ordered by the Government of India being carried out,  
viz., that the bills of expenditure on account of lands  
taken for Railways should be audited by the Public  
Works Controller, } (Here enter 8th October 1864, No. 646.)

No. 273. ORDER THEREON, 15th October 1864, No. 2,972.

Ordered to be recorded,

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Railway  
Department, 8th October 1864.*

Read again letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts (referred from the Public Works Department), dated 6th September 1864, No. 1061.

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 No. 35. Read also the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel P. F. L. O'CONNELL,  
 R. E., Consulting Engineer for Railways; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government,  
 27th September 1864, No. 535.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Order of Government, dated the 19th instant, No. 603, referring for my report a letter and its enclosure from the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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3. On reading the Controller's letter, it appears to me that he is required to take up certain duties which are now performed by the Civil Paymaster.

4. The labor of awarding compensation for lands devolves on the Collector's Department. They send the Registers of the compensation to the Board of Revenue, who, after examining and checking the Registers, submit them, with such remarks as are called for, to Government for sanction.

5. The Consulting Engineer for Railways ascertains from each Collector the amount likely to be expended in each year in his District on account of compensation for lands, and includes it in the Budget. That officer, therefore, would be the proper one to see that the bills submitted by Collectors are within the sums named by them, and that they do not exceed the Budget grant. He, moreover, possesses the Registers furnished by the Collectors, and all sanctions are communicated to him.

6. The object of requiring the Controller of Public Works Accounts to see that the Collector's bills do not exceed the Budget grant, being with a view to certain adjustments in the Financial Department, there is, as far as I can see, no objection to the arrangement being carried out.

No. 56. ORDER THEREON, 8th October 1864, No. 646.

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Ordered that the letter from the Consulting Engineer be communicated to the Public Works Department, in reference to the Docket in that Department dated the 12th ultimo, with the opinion of Government that there is no objection to the arrangement ordered by the Government of India being carried out, viz., that the bills of expenditure on account of lands taken for Railways should be audited by the Public Works Controller. No special instructions were laid down for the guidance of the Civil Paymaster in the audit of such charges; but the sanctions for expenditure already accorded against the Budget grant for 1864-65 will be communicated to the Controller.

(True Extract.)

*Chief Secretary:*

To the Public Works Department.

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Deputy Auditor and Accountant General.

Deputy Auditor and Accountant General.  
Controller of Public Works Accounts (with the required sanctions for expenditure.)

Exd. J. Talloch.

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