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Government of Madras.

public works DEPARTMENT.

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

No. 366. Read the following letter from Captain J. F. FISCHER, R. E., Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 1st December 1864, No. 1,818 :—

SIR,

1. In their Proceedings of the 21st November 1864, No. 3,335, the Government sanctioned an estimate for the purchase of tools and plant, amounting to Rupees 5,200, to be adjusted in the manner indicated in the papers communicated with Proceedings No. 1,365, dated 11th May 1864.

2. I beg to observe that this is the first instance in which sanction for store expenditure has been accompanied by instructions underlined as above, and as it is not known to what point the Government refer in alluding to "the papers" communicated with Proceedings of the 11th May 1864, I request to be furnished with information to enable me to deal correctly with the expenditure incurred under this sanction. Under the rules in force the cost of tools and plant purchased is charged in the accounts to the head "Supply of tools and Stores," and Superintending Engineers are in possession of instructions to that effect from this Office.

3. I also beg to bring to the notice of Government that the balance of the Budget allotment (Rupees 10,000) for the purchase of tools and stores on the 21st November was only Rupees 2,741, against which an estimate for Rupees 5,200 has been sanctioned, whereby the sanctions are in excess of the allotment by Rupees 2,459, and including another sanction* on the 24th idem

* For Rupees 2,098-5-11. the excess amounts to Rupees 4,557. Besides this, it has to be considered that local authorities are empowered to sanction expenditure below 500 Rupees against the allotment in question, and to what extent these sanctions have been given, this Office is not in a position to report, neither is it able to take steps to restrict such sanctions, since the allotment is not apportioned to each District.

4. In soliciting Government to provide for these excesses, I also request that provision may be made for the Presidency Store Department by an allotment for the whole year under the proper heads, as just now Letters of Credit are granted and no specific allotments made.

5. A Statement is herewith annexed, shewing how the balances against each of the following allotments under the head "Supply of tools and Stores" have been obtained :—

	RS.
For English Stores	70,000
For Country do.	10,000
For Miscellaneous expenditure on the above account	20,000
	<u>1,00,000</u>

*Statement of the balances under the head "Supply of Tools and Stores" up to Government
Order No. 3,379, dated 24th November 1864.*

	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Budget allotment for English stores	70,000	0	0			
Deduct value of stores expected from England, <i>Vide</i> Statement received with G. O. No. 2,849, dated 3rd October 1864	97,857	0	0			
				27,857	0	0
Budget allotment for Country stores	10,000	0	0			
Add in G. O. No. 1,955, dated 6th July 1864, from "Original Works."	3,750	0	0			
Do. in G. O. No. 3,123, dated 31st October 1864, from do.	286	1	0			
Do. in G. O. No. 3,123, dated 31st October 1864, from "Repairs"	200	0	0			
	<u>4,236</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>			
	14,236	1	0			
Deduct the following appropriations therefrom :—						
For Godavery in G. O. No. 3,123, dated 31st October 1864	486	1	0			
For Cuddapah in G. O. No. 1,796, dated 21st June 1864	14	0	0			
Do. G. O. No. 3,379, dated 24th November 1864	2,098	5	11			
	<u>2,112</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>			

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	RS.	A.	P.
For Bellary in G. O. No. 2,874, dated 5th October 1864	3,000	0	0
For Kurnool in G. O. No. 1,838, dated 23rd June 1864	160	0	0
For Presidency in G. O. No. 1,537, dated 26th May 1864	152	0	0
Do. G. O. No. 1,694, dated 10th June 1864	247	4	0
	399	4	0
For Madras in G. O. No. 2,835, dated 30th September 1864	67	8	0
For North Arcot in G. O. No. 2,457, dated 25th August 1864	77	15	7
For Coimbatore in G. O. No. 1,955, dated 6th July 1864	3,750	0	0
Do. G. O. No. 2,415, dated 23rd August 1864	120	0	0
Do. G. O. No. 3,335, dated 21st November 1864	5,200	0	0
	9,070	0	0
For Malabar in G. O. No. 2,515, dated 31st November 1864	2,070	8	4
For Madura in G. O. No. 1,392, dated 13th May 1864	47	2	0
For Tinnevely in G. O. No. 1,433, dated 17th May 1864	6	14	0
Do. G. O. No. 2,245, dated 5th August 1864	1,296	2	8
	1,303	0	8
	18,793	13	6
Appropriations in excess of allotment			
Budget allotment for miscellaneous charges and contingencies, &c.	20,000	0	0
Add in G. O. No. 2,823, dated 29th September 1864 from "Original Works."	1,100	0	0
	21,100	0	0
Deduct, the following appropriations therefrom :—			
For Vizagapatam in G. O. No. 3,020, dated 20th October 1864	19	15	6
For Godavery in G. O. No. 1,943, dated 5th July 1864	11	12	0
Do. G. O. No. 2,823, dated 29th September 1864	1,100	0	0
Do. G. O. No. 3,349, dated 22nd November 1864	258	12	10
	1,370	8	10
For Kistna in G. O. No. 3,020, dated 20th October 1864	599	15	0
For Cuddapah in G. O. No. 1,806, dated 21st June 1864	7	0	0
For Presidency in G. O. No. 2,959, dated 14th October 1864	1,520	0	0
Do. G. O. No. 3,020, dated 20th October 1864	2	9	0
	1,522	9	0
For Madras in G. O. No. 3,020, dated 20th October 1864	644	2	1
For Bangalore in G. O. No. 3,020, dated 20th October 1864	0	15	0
For Tinnevely in G. O. No. 3,020, dated 20th October 1864	17	0	0
	4,182	1	5
	16,917	14	7

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Add the following sums being expenditure in previous year's outstanding under advances, not chargeable against the current year's grant, according to the ruling in paragraph 3 of the Government of India's letter, communicated with G. O. No. 2,396, dated 30th August 1864.

Kistna, vide entry above	599	15	0
Presidency	2	9	0
Madras out of Rupees 644-2-1 as above	120	0	8
	722	8	8

Balance available for appropriation ... 17,640 7 3
MADRAS,
1st December 1864. (Signed) J. F. FISCHER, Captain, R. E.,
Controller of Public Works Accounts.

No. 367. ORDER THEREON, 17th December 1864, No. 3,614.

1. The Controller will be informed, with reference to paragraphs 1 and 2 of this letter, that the estimate of Rupees 5,200 was sanctioned for the purchase of tools and plant for the Lawrence Asylum works, from the provision which was made for in the estimate.

11th May 1864, No. 1,365.

2. The papers communicated with the Proceedings of Government, quoted by Captain Fischer, were the standing orders of the Government of India in connection with the adjustment of expenditure on account of "Tools and Stores," and those orders distinctly prescribed a certain course of procedure for the adjustment of expenditure incurred on that account in the year 1864-65, and the Government do not understand how the Controller could have experienced any difficulty in ascertaining the "point" to which reference was made when they directed the adjustment of a certain charge in the manner therein indicated, especially as in previous orders similar adjustments were authorized, although not precisely in the same terms.

* See G. O. 6th July 1864, No. 1,955.
31st October 1864, No. 3,123.

3. Captain Fischer shows an excess of Rupees 4,557-12-6 over the appropriations made from the sum of Rupees 10,000 set apart for the purchase of stores in India; but as he has included the sum of Rupees 5,200 for stores for the Lawrence Asylum works and Rupees 2,098 for tools purchased for use in the Cuddapah District, the cost of which is not debitable to the allotment of Rupees 10,000, there will still be an available balance of Rupees 2,740.

† See Colonel Hemery's letter, printed with G. O. No. 3,379, dated 24th November 1864.

4. The Controller states that as the local authorities are empowered to sanction expenditure below Rupees 500 against the allotment of Rupees 10,000, he is unable to report to what extent that source has been trenched upon independently of the Government. It is observed, however, that authority has never been conceded to the Superintending Engineers for appropriating that allotment at their discretion. The disposal of the grant rests absolutely with the Government, and in more than one case have Superintending Engineers applied to them (when the estimates themselves did not contain the necessary provision) for funds to meet the demand for stores to be purchased in the local market.

5. The Controller will be requested to explain more clearly the nature of the recommendation contained in paragraph 4. A sum of Rupees 20,000 was set apart in Proceedings No. 1,548, dated 27th May 1864, for all charges connected with the freight, shipping, landing, packing, cleaning, setting up, and despatching of stores, and this amount is drawn against by the Store Department, according to the rules, when necessary. The Government are not aware that any practical inconvenience has been felt from existing arrangements.

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

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts, with estimate.
" Superintending Engineers.
" Accountant General.
" Store Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Office of the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
Madras 1st December 1864.

N^o 1848

From,

Captain J. F. Fischer R. E.

Controller of Public Works Accounts.

To,

Colonel C. A. Orr R. E.

Secretary to Government S. M. D.

Sir,

In their Proceedings of the 21st November 1864, N^o 3335, the Government sanctioned an Estimate for the purchase of Tools and plant amounting to Rupees 5,200, to be adjusted in the manner indicated in the papers communicated with Proceedings N^o 1365 dated 11th May 1864.

2. I beg to observe that this is the first instance in which sanction for store expenditure has been accompanied by instructions underlined as above, and as it is not known to what point the Government refer in alluding to "the papers" communicated with Proceedings of the 11th May 1864, I request to be furnished with information to enable me to deal correctly with the expenditure incurred under this sanction. Under the rules in force the cost of Tools and plant purchased is charged in the Accounts to the head "Supply of Tools and Stores," and Superintending Engineers are in possession of instructions to that effect from this Office.

3. I also beg to bring to the notice of Government that the balance of the Budget Allotment (Rupees 10,000)

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant,
Wm. B. E.
Captain B. E.
Controller of P. W. Accounts.

W. Dms *Controller of*

P.W. Dept.

no. 3614

Proceeding of the all India Government.

Under date the 17th December 1864

Read the following in From the Comr of M.A.

Points out that the sanctions under the head "Tools & Stores" are in excess of the allotments.

The Controller will be informed with reference to Para 11 of this letter that the estimate of Rs. 5200 was sanctioned for the purchase of tools & plant for the Lawrence Boreham works, provision for which has been made in the estimate.

The papers communi- cated with the Pro. of Govt. quoted by Capt. Fisher were the standing orders of the Govt. of India in connection with the adjustment of expenditure in account of "Tools & Stores" & those orders dis- tinctly prescribed a certain course of procedure for the adjustment of expenditure incurred on that account in the year 1864/5.

11 May 1865

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The Controller of M.A. Accounts

The Secretary to Government

Date 1st December 1864

no. 1848

Points out that the sanctions under the head "Tools & Stores" are in excess of the allotments.

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do not understand how
 the Govt are therefore surprised to
 find that the Controller should
 have experienced any difficulty
 in ascertaining the point to which
 reference was made when they
 directed the adjustment of a
 certain charge in the manner therein
 indicated, especially as in previous
 orders similar adjustments were
 authorized, although not precisely
 in the same terms.

Capt. Fisher shows
 an excess of Rs 4575 12 6 over
 the appropriation made from the
 sum of Rs 10000 set apart for the
 purchase of stores in India, but
 as he has included the sum of
 Rs 5200 for the purchase of
 stores for the Lawrence, Rydman works
 the cost of which is not debitable to
 the stores, which ~~was not~~ is not debitable
 against the allotment of Rs 10000,
 there will still be an available
 balance of Rs 2740.

The Controller states
 that as the local authorities are
 empowered to sanction expenditure

See G.O. dt July 64-1955
 31st Oct 3123

* See Col Kemmer's letter printed
 with G.O. dt 3177 of
 24 Nov 64

below Rs 500 against the allot-
 ment of Rs 10000; she is unable
 to report the what extent that
 source has been trusted upon
 independently of the Government.
 It is noted however that
 authority has never been con-
 ceded to the Supt. Engrs for
 appropriating that allotment
 at their discretion. The disposal
 of the grant rests absolutely with
 the Govt & in more than one
 case have Supt. Engrs applied
 to them (where the estimates
 themselves did not contain the
 necessary provision) for funds
 from the source in question to
 meet the demand for stores to
 be purchased in the local market.
 It is further stated that the
 expenditure incurred thereon
 is ~~not~~ is not debitable from
 the source.

The Controller will
 be requested to explain more clearly
 the nature of the recommendation
 contained in para 4. A sum of
 Rs 20,000 was set apart in Pro.
 No 1528 dt 27 May 64 for all
 charges connected with the freight

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Letter from the
Controller of P. & A.
on the subject of the
Store allotment for
the Current year. with
orders thereon.

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