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

Read the following papers :—

No. 378. From Colonel R. STRACHEY, R. E., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 25th August 1864, No. 434A-4,059.

SIR,

1. I am directed to forward, for the information of the Government of Madras, a copy of Public Works Circular No. 57 of 1864, which has been issued to the Local Governments and Administrations immediately under the Government of India, reminding them of the necessity there is to report for information and orders, in compliance with Budget Rules, all excesses of expenditure of more than 10 per cent. above the maximum sum which they have power to sanction.

2. I am to request that the provisions of the Circular may be acted upon by the Government of Madras, and that, such procedure being adopted for the object in view as may be suitable, every excess above 10 per cent. over an estimate beyond the powers of sanction of the Government of Madras may be reported to the Government of India as soon as it is known that such excess has arisen or will arise, without waiting until the work is finished and the bill sent on.

No. 379. Memorandum from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 23rd November 1864, No. 718A-5562 :—

With reference to Colonel Orr's Memorandum, No. 118, dated 9th instant, the undersigned has the honor to forward herewith a copy of this Office Circular No. 57 of 1864.

(Signed) R. STRACHEY, Colonel, R. E.,

Secy. to the Govt. of India, P.W.D.

Proceedings of the Governor General of India in Council, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 18th August 1864, Circular No. 57.

Expenditure in excess of 10 per cent. over estimates beyond the powers of sanction of Local Governments and Administrations to be reported to Government of India.

Read :—

Note by the Accountant General, Public Works Department on the above subject.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor General in Council has observed that the orders as per margin,

contained in paragraph 15 of the Budget Rules appear not to have been acted up to, as no applications for sanction to excess beyond 10 per cent. over estimates have of late been received by the Government of India, though it is known that such excesses have occurred in some Provinces.

2. It is evident, that the Rules under which the sanction of the Government of India is necessary to all estimates above a certain specified amount, can have no practical operation, if the expenditure on those estimates is exceeded without comment, and the Governor General in Council requests that the spirit of the Rule may for the future be attended to.

3. There may perhaps be some uncertainty as to the manner in which these Reports of excesses should be made, now that bills for particular works are not submitted by Controllers for the relief of their Suspense Accounts. Nevertheless the point is provided for by specific orders. The Controller of Public Works Accounts submits monthly to the Local Government or Administration, a "Statement of objectionable items" passed by him in the accounts of Disbursing Officers, in which each excess, over sanctioned estimate, is reported as it occurs, and the action which should then be taken, as provided by the Rules (Public Works Circular No. 102 of 1831,) is precisely what formerly took place in regard to the bill for the work prepared after completion. Formerly excesses were retrenched month by month, and lay in the Disburser's

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inefficient balance till the work was completed, when the bill was sent up and passed by the proper authority. Under the new Rules, the excess is to be passed monthly by the same authority, on a statement of the case by the Controller. But though it is probable that there must occasionally be excesses beyond the power of Local Governments to sanction, none of the statements submitted to them by Controllers have yet come up to the Government of India.

4. The Governor General in Council now requests it may be understood that every case without exception of expenditure above 10 per cent. over estimates sanctioned by the Government of India, and every case of expenditure exceeding by more than 10 per cent. the maximum sum which a Local Government or Administration is competent to sanction for any work, is to be reported by Local Governments and Administrations for orders as soon as the Report is received from the Controller, together with all needful explanation, and the opinion of the Local Government or Administration, as to the steps to be taken to enlarge the authority for the expenditure, if it be likely to be continued so as to lead to further excess.

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Chief Commissioners, Central Provinces, British Burmah, and Oudh.
Commissioner of Mysore.
Resident at Hyderabad.
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ORDER.—Ordered, that copies of the foregoing be forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations specified in the margin for information and guidance.

Also, that copies be forwarded to the Financial Department and to the Accountant General, Public Works Department, for information.

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

No. 380. ORDER THEREON, 17th December 1864, No. 3,621.

Ordered that the papers above recorded be communicated to the Superintending Engineers, who will be careful to see that no delay is permitted to occur in the submission of Supplemental Estimates for the orders of Government when the expected excess in each case is beyond their powers of sanction.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

CIRCULAR No. 57 of 1864.

PUBLIC WORKS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
SIMLA, 18th August, 1864.

Account.

Expenditure in excess of 10 per cent. over estimates beyond the powers of sanction of Local Governments and Administrations to be reported to Government of India.

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

E. C. S. WILLIAMS, *Captain, R. E.,*
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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No. 4184
Pro. of Govt. for Decisions
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Public Works Department,

ACCOUNT.

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Fort William, 23 Nov. 1864.

To

Re: & Dir.
The Secretary to the
Government of Madras,
Public Works Department.

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With reference to Colonel
Orr's Memo. No 118 dated
9th instant, the undersigned
has the honour to forward
herewith a copy of this office
Circular No 57 of 1864.

W. Harding Coll. R.E.

Secy to the Govt. of Madras
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CIRCULAR No. 57.

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FROM

SECT. TO GOVT. OF INDIA,
IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

Dated SMLA, 18th August, 1864.

Received

Expenditure in excess of 10 per cent. over esti-
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Public Works Department
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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedt Servt.

W. Thackeray Collyer
Secretary to the Government of India

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 17th December 1864

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Requesting that every excess above 10 per cent over an estimate beyond the powers of sanction of the Govt of Madras, may be reported to them.

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From the Secy to the Govt of India to the Secy to the Govt of Madras. No 3963

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be reported to the Supreme
Govt. Communicated to the
Supt. Engrs.

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