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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 22nd April 1864.

No. 534. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department:—

Forwarding a copy of the War Office Circular received from the Home Government on Works abroad. } (Here enter 15th April 1864, No. 1,280.)

No. 535. ORDER THEREON, 22nd April 1864, No. 1,155.

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(True Extract.)

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Circular, No. 806.

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Works Abroad.

WAR OFFICE,
9th February, 1863.

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NOTWITHSTANDING the instructions contained in Circular No. 403, dated 21st March, 1859, a copy of which is annexed, instances have recently occurred in which expenditure has been sanctioned, by General Officers Commanding abroad, for services which the Secretary of State does not consider of sufficient urgency to have justified the omission of a previous reference for his consideration.

Sir George C. Lewis, therefore, in drawing attention to Circular No. 403, requests that General Officers will observe that it is no sufficient justification that the object is most desirable, or even necessary; but that they will limit the exercise of their powers of sanctioning expenditure to really urgent cases, admitting of no delay, as prescribed in that Circular.

EDWARD LUGARD.

To General and other Officers Commanding Abroad.

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Circular No. 403.

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WAR OFFICE,
21*st March*, 1859.

REFERRING to Circular No. 309, dated 7th September, 1858, by which General Officers commanding Districts are empowered to direct the immediate performance of such small works as they may consider to be urgently necessary, and for the want of the immediate performance of which the service would manifestly suffer,

Secretary Major-General Peel has observed that this Circular appears in many instances to have been misunderstood, and that General Officers have ordered the immediate execution of various services, which, though they may be desirable in themselves, are by no means of a nature sufficiently urgent to warrant their having been ordered without reference to himself.

He desires to make the following observations on this subject:—

The funds voted in the annual estimates being limited, the Secretary of State is compelled to maintain a constant watch over the expenditure, and to keep himself acquainted with the sums which can be made available from savings on authorized items, so as to provide for the execution of services not included in the estimates, without exceeding the amounts authorized by Parliament.

What makes this close supervision the more necessary is, that the number of unforeseen services required in the course of the year, which cannot without inconvenience be postponed until the Estimates of the ensuing year, it is very considerable, so much so, that not unfre-

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quently the Secretary of State finds himself reluctantly compelled, from want of funds, to withhold his sanction for their immediate execution.

Under these circumstances it will be evident that the powers granted by Circular No. 309, should only be exercised in those very rare and exceptional instances which will not admit of the short delay of a reference to this office. General Peel trusts that the foregoing observations will lead to a more clear understanding of the intention of the above Circular, and will be sufficient to induce General Officers to exercise with greater caution than heretofore the powers entrusted to them by it.

B. HAWES.

No. 1280. MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

15th April 1864.

Six copies of each of the War Office Circulars noted in the margin, having been received from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, ordered that a copy of each Circular be retained in the Military Department and the remainder distributed amongst the undermentioned Departments for information.

No. 803, *(exchanges to half-pay under 25 years' service.)*
„ 804, *dated 3rd February* 1863, *(Clothing.)*
„ 805, „ *9th* „ „ *(Re-engagement of Soldiers abroad.)*
„ 806, „ *9th* „ „ *(Works abroad.)*
„ 807, „ *18th March* „ *(Remittances.)*
„ 809, *(Half-pay.)*
„ 810, *dated 6th March* „ *(Necessaries.)*
„ 811, „ *18th* „ „ *(Fuel for Hospitals.)*

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Secretary to Government.

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