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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th May 1864.*

No. 193. Read the following Endorsement of the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department.

Read the following Proceedings of the Governor General of India in Council, Public Works Department, dated Public Works Department, Fort William, 12th April 1864, Circular No. 13:—

Change in Classification of Public Works Expenditure and modification of the Rules regarding the Budget-Estimate Reserve.

Read again Resolution No. 4A,—1,408, of the 24th March.

OBSERVATIONS.—The above Resolution which has been approved in the Financial Department, and already circulated for information, announces the general conclusions which have been adopted by the Government of India, upon the proposals of the Commission on Public Works Accounts, regarding the application of the Public Works Reserve, and the classification of expenditure. The Governor General in Council now proceeds to lay down specific rules on these points.

2. All expenditure on account of public works shall be classified in the Budget Estimates and Accounts of Local Governments and Administrations under the following main heads:

- I. Military, including Army and Navy.
- II. Civil buildings, including all works connected with the Revenue, Post Office, Telegraph, General, Ecclesiastical, Educational, and Judicial Departments.
- III. Agricultural, including all works of Irrigation, Tanks, Dykes, and Drainage.
- IV. Communications, including Roads, Bridges, Navigable Canals, River improvements, and Accommodation for Travellers.
- V. Miscellaneous Public improvements, including Municipal works, Harbour improvements, Light-houses.

3. The Resolution explains the views of the Government of India as to the modification of the Budget rules regarding the Reserve that is desirable. But pending the reply to a communication that will be made to the Secretary of State on this subject, no alteration will be introduced in the rules affecting the present powers of Local Governments, and the following changes in the form of exhibiting the Reserve in the Budget Estimate will only be carried out.

4. In place of the general Reserve of one-tenth of the whole Public Works assignment, separate lump sums will be entered under each of the five heads of original works, to provide for minor works not exceeding Rupees 2,500 each, and unforeseen wants. The aggregate of these sums not specially appropriated, is not to exceed one-tenth of the total Budget allotment.

5. Any surplus remaining from the unappropriated lump sum thus set down under each class after providing for the minor works, will be available for new works, whether entered in the Budget Estimate or not; but it must in no case be diverted towards increasing the appropriations on Repairs or Establishments.

6. Savings from sums specifically appropriated in the Budget Estimate for any original work will be applicable at the discretion of Local Governments and Administrations to increase the appropriations on any other works included in the Budget Estimate, provided that the total appropriation to any work is not allowed to exceed the total amount of the sanctioned estimate for that work. But such savings cannot be appropriated like the lump sum for minor works, to works not originally entered in the Budget Estimate without the sanction of the Government of India. Nor can savings on specific appropriations be carried to augment the Reserve.

7. Under the rules laid down in the foregoing paragraph, and with the limitations stated therein, transfers can be made from one *sub-head* of service to another, as from Military Works to Civil Works; but transfer of grants between *main heads* of service (as from Original works to Repairs, or Establishments) can only be made under authority of the Government of India.

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8. Hereafter all State expenditure on account of Railways will be made to appear in the regular Public Works Budget under a separate main head "Railway." Further orders will be issued on this point.

9. These rules will come into effect from the commencement of the year 1864-65. The new form of Budget Estimate will be issued as soon as possible, and the Budget Estimates for that year, which have necessarily come up in the old form, will be recast in this Office in accordance with the new form by the Accountant General, and copies furnished to the several Local Governments and Administrations for general guidance. Information is requested as soon as possible as to how many copies will be required for each Government.

ORDER.—Ordered, that the foregoing Resolution be forwarded to all Local Governments and Administrations for information and guidance. Also to the Financial Department for information, with reference to its Resolution No. 1,838, dated the 8th April 1864.

(Signed) R. STRACHEY, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

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

No. 194. ORDER THEREON, 9th May 1864, No. 1,340.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineers for information and guidance.
2. Ordered that the following telegram be sent:—

"To the Under Secretary to Government of India, Calcutta.

"Circular number thirteen received. Two hundred copies of Budget in new form will be required. Can this Government increase the Reserve allotment under one head by a transfer from the Reserve allotment under another head."

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers.
" Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.

Correspondence No. 1340-3
Communicated to the
Superintending Engineers for in-
formation and guidance.

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telegram be sent.

To The Under Secy to Govt. of India
Calcutta.

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allotment under one head by a transfer
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another head — Chepauk
9th May 1864.

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ORDER.—Ordered, that the foregoing Resolution be forwarded to all Local Governments and Administrations for information and guidance. Also to the Financial Department for information, with reference to its Resolution No. 1838, dated the 8th April 1864.

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

[Signature] Captain, R. E.,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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Secretary to Government of Madras
Public Works Dept.

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

Dated 12th April, 1861.

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Proceedings regarding the application of the
Public Works Reserve, and the classification of ex-
penditure upon the proposals of the Commission on
Public Works Accounts.

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