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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 20th May 1864.

No. 483. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department :—

Stating that, for 1863-64, the charges for Public Bungalows should be paid and audited by the Department Public Works, and after that period by the Board of Revenue. } (Here enter 11th May 1864, No. 810.)

No. 484. ORDER THEREON, 20th May 1864, No. 1,479.

Rupees 18,770, on account of Public Bungalows.
Do. 9,860, on account of Native Choultries.

Resolved that the Accountant General be requested to place at the disposal of the Board of Revenue the sums noted in the margin, sanctioned by the Government of India in letters dated 28th January and 18th February 1864, Nos. 531 and 876, respectively.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Accountant General.
" Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.
" Revenue Department.
Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 11th May 1864.

No. 119. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th April 1864, No. 2,471.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 3rd February 1864, No. 203, Revenue Department:—

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders upon the Board's Proceedings on the subject of the preparation of Budget Estimate of Receipts and Charges on account of Travellers' Bungalows.

1. In paragraph 3 of the foregoing Order, the Government state that a sum of Rupees 18,780 will be entered in the Financial Department under the head E. Works of Internal improvement and Public convenience in the Imperial Budget, and they direct the Board to enter Rupees 9,410 in the Local Fund Budget with a corresponding entry on the Receipt side. It is also stated in paragraph 4 that the entire amount of Rupees 9,860, required for Choultries in 1864-65, will be provided in the Imperial Budget in the Financial Department under the same head, E. Works of Internal improvement and Public convenience.

2. With their Order dated 10th March 1864, No. 416, the Government communicated to the Board two letters from the Government of India, in the first of which sanction is conveyed for a grant-in-aid of Rupees 18,770 for the maintenance of public Bungalows to be allowed to the Local Funds of the Presidency. In the second letter sanction is granted for a sum of Rupees 9,860 on account of Native Choultries, which the Government of India direct to be debited to E. Public Works as a charge against Imperial Revenue, and not to be transferred to Local Funds as a grant-in-aid as will be done in the case of the grant of public Bungalows. From this it is evident that the sum of Rupees 18,770 for public Bungalows is to be transferred originally to the credit of Local Funds from Public Works assignment for 1864-65, in order that this sum with the addition of Rupees 9,410 expected to be realized from fees, &c., may be expended for the maintenance of Bungalows and charged to the Local Funds. These charges are of course to be audited by the Board in accordance with the rules lately sanctioned by Government for the management of Local Funds, but there appears to be some misunderstanding on this point, it being thought in some Departments that the charges for public Bungalows are to be audited by the Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts, as the amount is paid from the Public Works assi st. The Board therefore request that Government will be pleased to pass definite orders on the subject, and to direct the Public Works Department to transfer the sum of Rupees 18,770 to the Local Funds. This sum will be entered in the receipt column of the Local Fund Budget now under preparation in the Board's Office.

3. In paragraph 5 of the Order above recorded, the Government state that the provision for lighting Soolochana Mudelliar's and Marmalong Bridges should properly be made in the Local Fund Budget, unless there exists special reasons for a contrary course.

4. In Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated 20th September 1845, No. 210, Government sanctioned the annual disbursement of a sum not exceeding Rupees 567-10-0 for lighting the bridge, built at his private cost by Soolochana Mudelly for the public convenience, which sum includes the pay of the Masalchees and Peons entertained for the purpose at an annual cost of Rupees 168. During the recent revision of Establishments the Honorable Mr. Pelly provided only two Masalchees on salaries of 5 Rupees each, at an annual cost of Rupees 120, which scale was sanctioned by Government in their Order dated 11th June 1863.

5. The Marmalong Bridge was originally constructed by an Armenian gentleman named Petrus Uscan, who left at his demise a sum of 1,500 Pagodas, the interest of which is appropriated towards the repair of this Bridge, and of the Stairs up Saint Thomas' Great Mount. In a Decree of the Supreme Court, dated 2nd March 1849, the Members of the Board of Revenue were constituted Trustees of the Charity Fund, but provision cannot be made from it for lighting the Bridge. This charge was hitherto incurred from Public Funds, and averages Rupees 16 monthly for oil and contingencies.

6. In both these cases private individuals provided at considerable cost most useful means of communication for the public and for the Government service. It appears to the Board that it is only reasonable that the charge for lighting these bridges should be defrayed from the general revenues, both as a recognition of the public obligation to the charitable founders, and because the bridges are not merely local conveniences, but accommodate great lines of traffic from the interior to the coast and the Presidency, on Trunk Roads.

No. 120. ORDER THEREON, 11th May 1864, No. 810.

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of the above Proceedings, the Government observe that for 1863-64 the charges for Public Bungalows should be paid and audited by the Department Public Works. In 1864-65 however, the grant-in-aid of Rupees 18,770 has simply to be placed at the disposal of the Board of Revenue, to be dealt with under the Local Fund Rules lately passed. The head "E. Works of Internal Improvement. &c." will be debited with this sum, and the head "Public Bungalow Fund" under "Local Funds" will be credited with it, the Board will assign the grant in proper proportions to the different Districts, and control and audit the expenditure in duecourse. The Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts has nothing to do with the audit of these bills nor are charges, except for work done by the Department, and for which the Collector keeps them in funds, to be paid by Public Works Officers.

2. The Board are silent as to the grant for Native Choultries. The care of these buildings, the payment of the Establishments, and the control of the expenditure remain as hitherto with the Collectors and Board of Revenue, who are the legal Trustees and Managers under Regulation VII of 1817.

3. The charges for lighting Soolochana Moodeliar's bridge and the Maremlong bridge are so trifling that they may be debited to the Local Fund of the Tinnevelly and Madras Districts.

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To the Board of Revenue.
„ Department Public Works.
„ the Accountant General.
„ the Civil Paymaster.

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No. 810.

No. 11179 - 20th May/64

Stating that, for
1863/64, the charges for Pub-
-lic Bungalows should be
paid and audited by the
D.P.W., and after that period
by the Board of Revenue.

No. 483-484

With an Order.

No. 11179

Resolved that the Accountant
General be requested to place at the
disposal of the Board of Revenue the
Rs. 18770 On Account of Public Bungalows. Sums noted in the margin sanctioned
Rs. 9860 On Account of Mutiny Charges. by the Government of India in letter
dated 28th January and 18th February
1864 Nos. 631 and 876 respectively.

Rs. 28,630 on account
of Public Bungalows
of Mutiny Charges

Cheparaul
20th May/64

To The Accountant General
" " Controller & Audr of P.W. Accounts
" " Revenue Department.
" " Board of Revenue

No. 87

Dated 21st May.