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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 8th June 1864.

No. 174. Read the following letter from Captain F. J. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madura, 30th May 1864, No. 342:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit the following remarks in reference to G. O. No. 1,520, 25th May 1864.

2. The numerous petty repairs in this Division are generally entrusted for execution to the villagers; it has been found as yet impossible to fix the amount of work which their varying engagements will permit them to complete within any given period, to ensure the expenditure of the allotment within the year, therefore it has been found necessary to sanction Estimates beyond the amount of the allotment.

3. From the Controller's letter quoted in the Proceedings under reply, it will be seen that, in spite of this precaution, Rupees 6,934 less than the allotment were expended; if I limit the sanctions I fear a much larger sum will be returned to the Treasury.

4. This unexpended balance will necessarily re-appear in the May return as re-appropriated, so that I believe nothing will be gained as to the greater regularity of the return.

5. The course pursued in other works is very much the same, if any work is, contrary to expectation, not completed at the end of the year, the balance is re-sanctioned, and is re-appropriated in the next return.

6. The whole difficulty arises from the fact that the official year terminates in the very height of the working season.

7. My expenditure under each head will be kept strictly within the allotment, but to keep the amount of Estimates also within it, will I fear entail great risk of loss to the works, as in the present condition of the work-people it is impossible to foresee even for a week what they will get through.

8. I beg finally to point out that the Controller makes no distinction between amount of sanction and amount of appropriation, the latter should be, of course, the amount of allotment.

ORDER THEREON, 8th June 1864, No. 1,672.

No. 175. Communicated to the Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.

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Treasury.

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Supdtg Engrs Office 8 Division
Madura 30th May 1864.

No 3412

From,

Captain F J. Mobsby R E
Superintending Engineer 8 Division

To,

Colonel C. A Bm R E.
Secretary to Government P W

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the following remarks in reference to G. O. No 1520 25th May 1864.

2 The numerous petty repairs in this Division are generally entrusted for execution to the villagers; it has been found as yet impossible to fix the amount of work which their varying engagements will permit them to complete within any given period — to ensure the expenditure of the allotment within the year therefore, it has been found necessary to sanction estimates beyond the amount of the allotment.

2 From the Contractor's letter quoted in the proceedings under reply, it will be seen that, in spite of this precaution, Rs 6984 less than the allotment were expended — if I limit the sanctions I fear a much larger sum will be returned to the Treasury.

3 This unexpended balances will necessarily reappear in the Grant return as re-appropriated- so that I believe nothing will be gained as to the greater regularity of the returns.

4. The course pursued in other works is very much the same- if any work is con- -trary to expectation not completed at the end of the year the balance is re-sanctioned, and is re-appropriated in the next return.

5- The whole difficulty arises from the fact that the official year terminates in the very height of the working season-

6 Any expenditure under each head will be kept strictly within the allotment, but to keep the amount of estimates also within it, will, I fear entail great risks of loss to the works as in the present conditions of the work- -people it is impossible to foresee even for a week what they will get through.

7 I beg finally to point out that the Controller makes no distinction between amount of sanction and amount of appropriation- the latter should be, of course, the amount of allotment.

Sanctioned

Supty Engrs Office 8th Div
Madras 30th May 1876

J. Anderson Capt RE
Ex Lieut & A. Qr Mr & Superintending Engr 8th Div

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Colonel Jones
8th June/64

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8th June 1864

The Secretary to Government
of India
Military Department

Dated 30th May 1864
Rec'd 4th June

Acknowledges the receipt
of G. of I. No 1520 of 25th
May 1864 and offers certain
remarks on the Controller's
letter No 1106 of 19th May 1864
alluded to in the above order.

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Military Order.

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