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No. 307. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel C. H. DICKENS, R. A., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 12th April 1865, No. 334A :—

SIR,

1. I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter No 534 of the 24th February last, conveying the remonstrances of the Governor in Council of Madras upon the reduction of the total Budget grant to that Presidency which was made by the Government of India, pursuant to the notice previously given in Circular No. 2 of 1865, in consequence of the grant for Military works not having been wholly appropriated to works of that class.

2. The Government of India fully concur with the Madras Government that it is very much to be regretted that any reduction should be necessary. The same inconvenience as is felt by the Madras Government is felt also by all the Local Governments and Administrations who have also likewise suffered some reductions in their allotments for Civil Works and works of Improvement in consequence of the necessity which, after full consideration, the Government of India has found to lie upon it to commence at once a large expenditure upon Military works, under a pressure upon the finances in other ways.

3. The public resources have been strained to the utmost in order to provide the existing grants for Civil Works and works of Improvement, which, though less than last year, are still on a very liberal scale. A loan and additional taxations have also been resorted to. It is impossible with due regard to economy to increase the grant generally; and it is consequently not in the power of the Government of India to add to the grant fixed after previous careful consideration to any one of the local Governments in preference to another.

4. In making the allotments it was fully explained at the time that no reduction of the appropriation for Military works would be allowed to go to increase that for Civil Works, since any reduction of appropriation in one case will be required for expenditure on Military works elsewhere. To that previous notice the Government of India must adhere.

5. The Governor General in Council greatly regrets that it should have been found necessary to make the reduction upon original works of improvement in progress; the stoppage of which may doubtless, in many cases, lead to the serious inconveniences stated in your letter. But I am to point out that the selection was left to the Government of Madras, and that the Government of India can hardly be justly charged with those consequences. Indeed, it is hoped by the Governor General in Council that on further consideration the Madras Government will be able to effect the reduction otherwise, so as to avoid such consequences.

6. For, in the first place, the distribution of the allotment which the Government of Madras propose to retain contains an addition of Rupees 3,23,000 to the Establishment charges. If they could be foregone for a year, nearly half the reduction would at once be met.

7. Then again, the estimates for Repairs amounts to the enormous sum of 25 lakhs of Rupees, in which no sort of reduction has been attempted. If the details of this be carefully scrutinized, it is hardly possible that some charges should not be found which could be altogether or for a time disallowed without any or great inconvenience. And it is not much to expect that 15 or 20 per cent. could thus be saved, which would cover much more than the remaining half of the proposed reduction.

8. And lastly, there is a provision of above 4 lakhs for Minor Works. It is not meant that this provision is extravagant: on the contrary, it is very moderate. But still, in works of this kind it is often possible, under the pressure of emergency, to defer many that might in easier times be carried out, and so to save some money to go towards averting the consequences which the Government of Madras apprehend from the stoppage of original works of improvement which have already been put in progress.

9. In conclusion, therefore, while expressing the regret of the Governor General in Council that it is not possible to modify the orders under which the total grant for Public Works in Madras has been reduced by Rupees 7,33,967, I am to add

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that it is hoped that, on further consideration, it will be found that this order will not necessarily involve the serious consequences apprehended by the Governor in Council.

No. 308. ORDER THEREON, 15th May 1865, No. 1,318.

ACCOUNT, No. 49.

No 533, dated 24th February 1865

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineers, with reference to the orders marginally noted.

2. It will be explained to the Government of India, that the Budget assignment for Establishments for the current year exceeds the allotment for 1864-65 by Rupees 2,22,903,* instead of by Rupees 3,23,000, as stated in paragraph 6 of the letter above recorded.

3. This excess includes an additional assignment of Rupees 33,802 required to meet, in full, the Military pay of the officers and subordinates employed in the Department, which is annually increasing with the rank of the officers, especially those of the Staff Corps, serving in it, as also Rupees 1,00,000 as a charge for petty Establishments which has hitherto never been shown in the Budget, but is now, for the first time, entered in Part IV. Provision is, moreover, made for the entertainment of the additional Establishments applied for in letter No. 3,070, of the 25th October 1864, and sanctioned in the Orders communicated in Proceedings No. 1,137, dated 28th ultimo.

4. It will also be explained to the Government of India, with reference to paragraph 8 of their letter, that the allotment for Minor Works has hitherto never been found sufficient, in the first place to meet expenditure on works expected to be, but not completed by the 30th April, and for which no funds had been provided in the Annual Budgets, and in the second place to afford the means of carrying on works which there had appeared to be an urgent necessity for undertaking after the closing of the Budgets. In the current year, the difficulty of providing for works of these classes will be very greatly enhanced by the lapse of the one per cent. Income-Tax grant, and the necessity of providing from the Imperial allotment, as far as possible, for the prosecution of works commenced from that source, and now remaining in an unfinished state. Under these circumstances, the Government see little hope of being able to give any portion of the sum set apart for Minor Works to carry on those which they have been compelled to suspend in order to make up the large sum which they have been required to surrender.

5. The only sources, therefore, from which His Excellency in Council can hope to find funds for the more urgent of these works are, first, the Budget allotments still remaining for New Works other than Military; and secondly, the grants for Repairs, which the Government of India observe, in paragraph 7 of their letter, are susceptible of reduction for a time, without entailing "any or great inconvenience."

6. The Superintending Engineers will accordingly be requested to furnish, within ten days after the receipt of these orders, detailed statements of the reductions which, in their opinion, can be most conveniently made in existing allotments for New Works and Repairs, respectively, and of the sums which they propose to expend on the works that have been struck out of the Budget. In the case of Repairs, the particular allotments selected for reduction should be clearly shown so as to avoid a further reference upon the subject.

(True Extract)

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

To the Superintending Engineers
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Ed S. T. Augustin.

Account No. 1318 P. H. Sept
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 15th May 1865

Read the following

From The Govt of India, PWD

(Observing that it is not possible to modify the orders under which the Budget grant for P.W. in Madras for 1865/66 has been reduced by Rs. 7,33,967, but that this amount may be made available for expenditure on Civil Works by reductions in the arrangements proposed for repairs & Establishments by sanction from the Revenue)

H.E. No 3337 of 12th April 1865

Commenced to the Govt of India with reference to the orders marginally noted

2. It will be explained to the Govt of India that the Budget assignment for Establishments for the current year exceeds the allotment for 1864/65 by Rs 2,22,903, instead of by Rupees 3,23,000 as stated in para 6 of the letter above recorded.

** See para 19 of letter to Govt of India No 362 of 7 Feb 1865*

3. This excess includes an additional assignment of Rs 33,802 required to meet, in full, the military pay of the officers and subordinates employed in the Dept which is annually increasing with the rank of the officers, especially those of the Staff Corps, serving in it, as also a charge for petty Establishments which has hitherto never been shown in the Budget, but is now, for the first time, entered in Part IV. Provision is, moreover, made for the entertainment of the additional Establishments applied for in letter No. 3,070, of the 25th October 1864, and sanctioned in the Orders communicated in Proceedings No. 1,137, dated 28th ultimo.

4. It will also be explained to the Government of India, with reference to paragraph 8 of their letter, that the allotment for Minor Works has hitherto never been found sufficient, in the first place to meet expenditure on works expected to be, but not completed by the 30th April, and for which no funds had been provided in the Annual Budgets, and in the second place to afford the means of carrying on works which there had appeared to be an urgent necessity for undertaking after the closing of the Budgets. In the current year, the difficulty of providing for works of these classes will be very greatly enhanced by the lapse of the one per cent. Income-Tax grant, and the necessity of providing from the Imperial allotment, as far as possible, for the prosecution of works commenced from that source, and now remaining in an unfinished state. Under these circumstances, the Government see little hope of being able to give any portion of the sum set apart for Minor Works to carry on those which they have been compelled to suspend in order to make up the large sum which they have been required to surrender.

5. The only sources, therefore, from which His Excellency in Council can hope to find funds for the more urgent of these works are, first, the Budget allotments still remaining for New Works other than Military; and secondly, the grants for Repairs, which the Government of India observe, in paragraph 7 of their letter, are susceptible of reduction for a time, without entailing "any or great inconvenience."

6. The Superintending Engineers will accordingly be requested to furnish, within ten days after the receipt of these orders, detailed statements of the reductions which, in their opinion, can be most conveniently made in existing allotments for New Works and Repairs, respectively, and of the sums which they propose to expend on the works that have been struck out of the Budget. In the case of Repairs, the particular allotments selected for reduction should be clearly shown so as to avoid a further reference upon the subject.

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for the re-employment of the
addl. Establishments, applied
for in letter No 3070, of the 25th
October 1864, and ~~as mentioned~~
times in the orders cited
in Proc. No. 1137 of 28 Ultimo.
4. It will also be explained
to the Govt. of India, with refer-
ence to para 8 of their letter, that
the allotment for minor works
has hitherto never been found
sufficient in the first place
to meet expenditure on
works expected to be, but
not completed by the 30th April,
and for which no funds had
been provided in the Annual
Budgets, sent in the second
place, to afford the means
of carrying on works which
there had appeared to be
an urgent necessity for
undertaking after the closure
of the Budgets. In the current
year the difficulty of providing
for works of these classes
will be ~~very~~ greatly enhanced
by the lapse of the one per
cent. Income Tax Grant,
and the necessity of pro-
viding from the Imperial
allotment, as far as possible,
for the prosecution of works
commenced from that source,

and now remaining in
an unfinished state.
Under these circumstances
the Govt. see little hope of
being able to give any
portion of the sum set apart
for minor works to carry
on those which they have
been compelled to suspend
in order to make up
the large sum which
they have been ^{required} to surrender.

5. The only sources there-
fore, from which His
Excellency in Council can
hope to find funds for
the more urgent of these
works are, 1st The Budget-
allotments still remaining
for new works other than
military, and 2nd the grant
for Repairs, which the
Govt. of India assume
in para 7 of their letter,
are susceptible of reduc-
tion for a time, without
any entailing "any or
great inconvenience".

6. The Supg. Secy. in Council
accordingly he requested to
furnish, within 10 days
after the receipt of these
orders, detailed Statement
of the reductions which,

in their opinion, can be most conveniently
made in existing allotments
for new works and repairs
respectively, and of the
sums which they propose
to expend on the works
that have been struck
off out of the Budget. In
the case of Repairs, the
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ther reference upon
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of 19th June No. 37 of 1865.

P. W. 1865 Department

Proc. of Govt. for May

No. 1318

Proc. of the Madras Govt.

Df 15th May 1865.

Letter from the Govt.
of India observing that it
is not possible to modify
the orders under which the
Budget grant for P. W.
in the Presidency for 1865
has been reduced by
433967 Rs. with orders
thereon.