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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,

15th May 1865.

No. 309.

No. 1,319.

From

COLONEL C. A. ORR, R. E.,

Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, P. W. D.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, P. W. D.

SIR,

ACCOUNT, No. 50.

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 334 A dated 12th April 1865, wherein, 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 this Presidency for the current year has been reduced by Rupees 7,33,967, you convey the hope that, on further consideration, it will be found that these orders will not necessarily involve the stoppage of works of Public Improvement now in progress, and suggest the continuance of operations upon them by reductions in the allotments for " Establishments" and " Repairs," and by appropriations from the grant for Minor Works.

2. In reply, I am to state that this Government regret that more consideration has not been given to the arguments by which they have endeavoured to induce the Government of India to see the falseness of the economy which, by withholding the means of continuing the progress of works not only of the utmost importance, but of the most remunerative character, effects an apparent, but temporary saving, at the expense of extensive public inconvenience and loss, and entails an ultimate greatly increased outlay. This Presidency must suffer, in common with the other Governments and Administrations, from such restrictions on expenditure upon its Public Works as the financial condition of the empire may make it necessary for the Government of India to impose; but, when its share of the general assignment for the year has been definitively fixed, its distribution, according to the requirements of the country, should, in the opinion of the Governor in Council, be left to the local Government. Seeing how moderate were the demands of this Presidency, and how strictly this Government had refrained from proposing expenditure other than that required to carry on works in actual progress, His Excellency in Council has received with much disappointment the intimation which your letter conveys of the final determination of the Government of India to insist upon such a reduction of the grant for Civil Works of Public Improvement, as necessitates the stoppage of works on the completion of which the welfare of the country depends.

3. Being fully alive to the importance of not arresting the progress of these works, this Government will not fail to endeavour to find funds, as far as possible, for their prosecution from savings, or reductions in the allotments provided for other works in the Budget, but His Excellency in Council has little hope of being able to provide, in this manner, for more than a few of the most urgent of them.

4. As regards Establishments, I am to state that the Budget provision under this head for the current year exceeds the grant for 1864-65, by Rupees 2,22,903,* and not by Rupees 3,23,000 as observed in paragraph 6 of your letter.

* See paragraph 19 of letter No 362, dated 7th February, 1865

Of this excess, Rupees 52,467 are due solely to the increased cost of the Account Establishments rendered necessary by the introduction of the new system; Rupees 1,00,000 to the inclusion in the Budget of the estimated cost of the petty Establishments which have heretofore found no place therein, but have been debited to works; Rupees 33,802 to the additional grant required to meet, in full, the Military pay of the officers and subordinates employed in the Department, a charge which is annually increasing with the rank of the officers, especially those of the Staff Corps, leaving only Rupees 36,634 attributable to the augmentation of Establishments sanctioned in the orders of the Government of India noted in the margin, and to charges of a temporary or special character, which, having been found necessary after the closure of the Budget of 1864-65, were not included in it, but have nevertheless been debited to the head of Establishments, and have this year been regularly entered in Part IV. The peculiar circumstances of the Madras territories necessitating a larger expenditure on Public Works Establishments than is required for the other Presidencies, have been so repeatedly explained that they need not now be dwelt on.

5. With reference to the suggestion in paragraph 8 of your letter, I am to state 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 for carrying on such works as 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 stoppage 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 fear that little of the sum assigned for Minor Works will be available for those under suspension.

6. With reference to the reduction in the allotment for repairs suggested in paragraph 7 of your letter, I am to remind the Government of India that a large portion of the land revenue of this Presidency is derived from irrigation by tanks and channels. These have been constructed, and are maintained at the expense of the State, and their construction and maintenance properly constitute a charge upon the Nunjah revenue, which for last year was Rupees 151 Lacs, but under no circumstances can they be permitted to fall into disrepair without endangering that large revenue and bringing ruin upon the people. I

† Rupees 25,00,000.

am, moreover, to observe that the amount† assigned for repairs in the current year's Budget is the same as that granted for the past official year, and, although large, has been found inadequate to meet the wants of all Departments. It was explained in paragraphs 17 and 18 of my letter of the 7th February last, No. 361, that the demands for the repair of irrigation works alone in the several Districts of this Presidency, those marginally noted excepted, from which no returns had then been

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received, amounted to Rupees 16,92,542. Adding to this sum Rupees 3,00,000 for the Districts just mentioned, the total requirements for repairs under "Agricultural" fell little short of Rupees 20,00,000, of which this Government were unable to allot more than one-half, although they were aware that, in consequence of the very limited funds assigned to each District, numerous works requiring early attention would be neglected. Similarly, the demands for repairs under other heads were cut down to the lowest possible figures, so that, from this source too, it does not seem likely that funds can be found for the desired transfer to New Works.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

Exd S. T. Augustin.

From, No 334 A 68
The Secretary to the Government of India,
Public Works Department,
To, The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department.
Public Works Department,
Fort William, 12th April 1865.

Account. Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt
of your letter No 334 of the 24th February last convey-
ing 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 agree
with the Madras Government that it is very
much to be regretted that any reduction should
be necessary. The same inconvenience as is felt
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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 taxation 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.

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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 principle 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 & 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. I trust 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.

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To

The Secretary to the
Government of India
S. R. D.

Sir.

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acknowledge the receipt
of your letter No. 334 A,
dated 12th April 1865, where-
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of the Governor General
in Council that it is
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the total grant for Pub-
lic Works in this Pre-
sidency for the current
year has been reduced
by Rs. 7,33,967, you
convey the hope that

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Copy in a letter to the
Secy to Govt of India
27th Dec 1865

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to the Secy to Govt of India

from the Secy
to the Govt of India
27th Dec 1865

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Observing that
it is not possible to modify
the orders under which
the Budget Grant for 1865
is reduced by Rs. 7,33,967,
but that this amount may
be made available for
expenditure on Public Works
by reductions in the ex-
penditure proposed for
Police and Establishment
and by savings from the
Revenue Fund.

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on further consideration,
it will be found that
these orders will not ne-
cessarily involve the
stoppage of works of
Public Improvement now
in progress, and suggest
the continuance of operations
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of extensive public incon-
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increased outlay - This
Providence must suffer,
in common with the other
Governments and Adminis-
trations from such
restrictions

restrictions on expenditure
upon its Public Works
as the financial con-
dition of the Empire
may make it necessary
for the Government of India
to impose; but, when its
share of the general assign-
ment for the year has
been definitively fixed, its
distribution, according to
the requirements of the
Country, should be in the
discretion of the Governor
in Council he left to
the local Government.
Seeing how moderate were
the demands of this Presidency,
and how strictly this

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Government had refrained
from proposing expenditure,
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carry on works in actual
progress, His Excellency in
Council has received with
much disappointment the
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letter conveys of the final
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of which the welfare of the
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Yours

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but have been debited to
works; Rs. 33,802 to the
additional grant required
to meet, in full, the Military
pay of the Officers and

Subordinates employed
in the Department, a
charge which is annually
increasing with the rank
of the Officers, especially
those of the Staff Corps,
~~being in it~~ leaving only
Rs. 36,634 attributable
to the augmentation of Es-
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debited to the head of

N^o 1667 - 27th March /65
Financial Dept.

Establishments, and have
this year been regularly
entered in Part IV.
The peculiar circumstances of the
~~It will thus be seen~~
Madras Territories, necessitating a large
~~that the P.W. Establishments~~
expenditure on P.W. Establishments
~~more than is required for the other~~
~~are still constituted on~~
Residencies, have been repeated-
~~ly mentioned as a special case~~
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provided

I don't think it is
an establishment but
for the work done in
the territories.
The expenditure in
the territories has been
very large.

from irrigation - by
tanks and channels.

There have been con-
structed, and are maintained

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~~be allowed~~ to fall into

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new works.

Wm. H. George
15th May 1865

W. H. G.

Recd. 16th May.

Copy in a Letter to England
of 19 June 1865.

J. W. 1865 Department
Pro: of Govt for May

To. A 1319.

The Secretary to the
Government of
India

Of 15 May 1865.

Letter to the Govt of
India containing certain
observations relative to the
reduction by £733,964 of the
Current year's total grant
for J. W. in the Treasury.

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