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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
27th May 1865.*

No. 543. Read the following letter from Captain J. F. FISCHER, R. E.,
Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 13th
May 1865, No. 135.—

SIR:

1 Letter from the Accountant General, P. W.
D., dated 28th March 1865, No. 285.
6 Letters from and to the Superintending Engi-
neer, 6th Division.

1. I have the honor to forward
herewith, for the orders of Government,
the letter noted in the margin, from the
Accountant General Public Works De-
partment, which affect the entries in the
Appropriation Returns of this Office for
August and September 1864.

2. The transfer of appropriations, alluded to in paragraph 2 of the letter, have
been already made in November's return, but with reference to paragraph 3 of the
same letter, I would observe that the reason why savings or reductions from appro-
priations for repairs are made by Superintending Engineers, is in order to the sums
thus obtained being re-appropriated to other works which require funds. If such
transfers are not made several works will appear in the Progress Reports of Super-
intending Engineers as undertaken without any appropriations, though the esti-
mates for them were sanctioned by the local authorities. From paragraph 31,
Section 2, Chapter XX. of the revised Bengal Code, it appears that it is not necessary
to make re-appropriations of items of excesses within 500 Rupees, in such case large
surplus or savings will appear to be unapplied, while excesses of grants for sanc-
tioned works and, in some cases, works without any grant at all, will appear as under-
taken from the savings thus obtained, without a specific sanction for the transfer of
funds

3. Paragraph 4 of Major Chesney's letter alludes to several irrigation works
which are held by him to be applicable to new works, but were included in the ap-
propriations to repairs. From the correspondence noted in the margin now forwarded,

From Superintending Engineer, 6th Division,
5th November 1864, No. 1,891.
8th do " " 1,919.
15th February 1865, " 1,847.
To Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, 3rd
November 1864, No. 1,513
15th " " 1,656.
23rd February 1865, " 2,578.

it will be seen that this Office had taken
exception to like works being charged to
repairs but the objection raised has been
over-ruled on the explanation given, viz,
that Modasils or Vanganies, hurdle groynes,
&c., constructed in the Tanjore District,
are all of the nature of temporary em-
bankments peculiar to that District. The

planting of fence works to channel banks, alluded to in G. O. 24th August 1864,
No. 2,433, are also of this description, and have been admitted under the head
Repairs. Paragraph 50, Chapter V. of the Public Works Code defines the kind of work
which should be classed as repairs of irrigation works, and this allows of restorations
and indispensable masonry additions to decayed works being so classed, all such
repairs to irrigation works should therefore be held as special, and coming within
the powers of Superintending Engineers to appropriate funds for them from the grant
for repairs, or otherwise the Budget allotments will have to be revised, and a larger
sum set apart for minor new works by reduction from the grant for repairs to
meet such kinds of works.

of the Board of Revenue
quoted

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4. The G. O. dated 23rd August 1864, No. 2,415, does not state the reason for which the Enfield Rifle and Percussion Caps, alluded to in paragraph 5 of Major Chesney's letter, have been allowed, but G. O. 7th September 1864, No. 2,582, shows that these articles will be obtained from the Ordnance Department without payment.

5 The work tunnel on Ankapillay branch road was allowed by this Office as it was sanctioned by the Superintending Engineer from the discretionary allowance of the District, but under G. O. 13th March 1865, No. 685, no improvements are to be allowed to District roads from discretionary allowances, which will be attended to in future.

From Major G CHESNEY, Accountant General Public Works Department, to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, Madras, dated Fort William, 28th March 1865, No. 285.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Madras Appropriation Returns for August and September 1864, and to draw your attention to the following remarks thereon.

2 Numerous appropriations for works estimated to cost under Rupees 2,500 each, have been brought forward under the heading "Major works." These exhibits apparently represent assignments made under the authority of the Government of India from specific items of the Budget-grant for major works. If this is the case the re-appropriations should be adjusted as a transfer of credits from Major to Minor works, and not as grants for the former head of service.

3 I observe that savings accruing from expenditure, being less than items of appropriation for repairs, have been written back as a re-credit to the grant for the head of Service. In many instances these savings are as small as 4 Rupees, and it does not appear necessary in such cases to write them back, as it is never intended that the assignments and outlay against them should exactly agree. A reasonable adherence being only expected.

Repairs Agricultural, September 1864.
Constructing Modasilla, &c, in the north bank of Vettar
Nador, Rupees 1,110
Constructing a bank in rear of the corroded bank of the
Coleroon, Rupees 334
Constructing fences work of cross revetment in the left
bank of Corayaur, Rupees 820.
Do do south bank of Arichundra, Rupees 780.
Do do on east bank of Vettar, Rupees 240.
Do Modasill on north bank of Mudicondanar, Rupees 170.
Communications
Tunnel on the Ankapillay branch road, Rupees 450.

4 The appropriations detailed in the margin* have been entered under repairs. The objects for which these allotments have been made appear to be more properly chargeable to the grant for original works, and if so, should consequently have been brought forward under this heading.

5. I remark that an appropriation of Rupees 293 has been made during August 1864, from the grant for tools and plant for "Enfield Rifle Percussion Caps, and Tent," Coimbatore; I beg to be informed of the circumstances necessitating this appropriation, and the departmental purposes to which the Percussion Caps are to be applied, as the allotment made does not appear to be a proper charge against the imperial assignment for Public Works.

No. 544.

ORDER THEREON, 27th May 1865, No. 1,435.

ACCOUNT, No. 83.

1. The explanations afforded in paragraphs 2, 3, and 5 of the Controller's letter should be furnished to the Accountant General, Public Works Department.

2. With reference to paragraph 4, Captain Fischer will be furnished with a copy of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, quoted in the margin of paragraph

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1 of the letter from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, recorded in the Proceedings of Government, No. 2,415, dated 23rd August 1864.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts,
With 7 enclosures, and copy of Board's Proceedings No. 4,765 of 1864.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

of the Board of Revenue
quoted

Office of the Controller
of Public Works Accounts
Madras 13th May 1865

No 135

From

Captain J. F. Fischer R.E.
Controller of Public Works Accounts

To

Colonel C. A. O. R.E.
Secretary to Government P. W. D.
Fort Saint George

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith
for the orders of Government the letter noted
in the margin from the Accountant General
Public Works Department which affects the
entries in the Appropriation Returns of this
Office for August and September 1864.

The transfer of Appropriations al-
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or reductions from Appropriations for repairs
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as undertaken without any Appropriations
though the Estimates for them were sanctioned
by the Local Authorities. From para 31 -

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of the Board of Revenue
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Enclosure.
Letter from the
Accountant General
Public Works
Dated 28th
March 1865 No 285.

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1865 No 285.

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in future.

Office of the Controller
of P. & Accounts
Madras 13th May
1865

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

Captain A.

Controller of P. & Accounts

To Colonel C. A. App R. E.
Secretary to Government P. & A.
Fort Saint George

No. 1165 Department
Pro: of Govt for May
From
Captain J. F. Fisher R. E.
Controller of P. & Accounts
To Colonel C. A. App R. E.
Secretary to Government
P. & A.
Fort Saint George

Dated 13th May 1865
Recd. 15th May 1865
No. 135.
Ca: 7.

Submits letter from
the Accountant General P. & A.
relative to items on the
Appropriation Returns
for August & September
1864 with observations
thereon.

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Public Works Dept

No 1435

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 27th May 1865
Read the following.

From the Controller of
P.W. Accounts.

Submits letter from the
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No 135)
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1864 with observations thereon.

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Public Works Department.

2. With reference to
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a copy of the Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue
quoted

quoted in the margin of
para 1 of the letter from
the Superintendent in
charge 7th Dec recorded
in the Proceedings of
Govt No 2415 dated
23rd August 1864

*W. B.
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To
The Controller, Madras
with 7 Encls: & copy
of Board's Pro:
No 4765 of 6/4

Def: 30th May

P. W. 1865 Dept

Pro: of Govt for May

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Pro: of the Madras Govt

D^y 24th May 1865

Letter from the Controller
of Accounts forwarding one
from the Accountant General
regarding certain items in the
Appropriation Returns for
August and September 1864
with orders thereon.

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