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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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20th June 1865.*

No. 482. 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, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 9th June 1865, No. 394 :—

SIR,

1 Letter from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, dated 11th April 1865, No. 119.
1 Do. do. dated 5th June 1865, No. 8.
1 Do. do. „ 26th May „ „ 5.
Copies of correspondence to the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, dated 3rd and 30th May 1865, Nos. 46 and 288.
1 Letter to the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, dated 17th March 1865, No. 2,738.

1. I have the honor to forward herewith two original letters from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, dated the 26th May 1865, No. 5, and 5th June 1865, No. 8, with copies of my letters to that Officer on the subject of the funds authorized by this Office to be drawn in the Malabar and Coimbatore Districts in consequence of the transfers authorized in G. O. No. 1,143, dated 28th April 1865.

2. Lieutenant-Colonel Walker complains of this Office not having attended to his letter to me, No. 119, dated the 11th April* 1865, in which he enclosed a supplemental estimate of funds required by him in the Coimbatore District, but the issuing of these funds were dependent on orders to be passed by Government on his application No. 311, dated the 11th April 1865 (only an extract of which was communicated to this Office), for the transfer of funds from numerous works, involving a correction of the allotment of no less than sixty works. Besides, this Lieutenant-Colonel Walker's application for a transfer of funds was based on a proposal for cancelling G. O. 16th March 1865, No. 737, which sanctioned other transfers proposed in consequence of an insufficiency of funds for the Malabar District, while his proposals of the 11th April showed that there would, on the contrary, be a large surplus in that District, to make use of which numerous transfers were suggested so late in the year

3. When the first mentioned transfer (viz., that in March 1865) was proposed to Government, this Office was at the same time applied to for the necessary issue of credits consequent upon these proposals, and this was attended to at once, viz., on the 17th March 1865, Government having in G. O. 16th March 1865 sanctioned the transfers; at the same time the Superintending Engineer was addressed by this

† Herewith forwarded.

Office specially in letter† No. 2,738, dated the 17th March 1865, pointing out that an excess had been applied for and was disallowed by this Office.

4. It has been very fully explained to Colonel Walker that this Office was not authorized to issue credits for more funds for the Coimbatore District, which had previously been allowed to draw in excess of the allotment, by orders for reductions of grants arriving after the issue of credits in full of such grants. The proposals of the 11th April 1865, it is true, involved large reductions to be made in the grants for the Malabar District, but this Office was not in a position to be aware at once as to whether these proposals would be sanctioned prior to the 30th April 1865, and it could not take upon itself to anticipate the orders of Government, and issue credits to certain Districts and make reductions from others, upon simply the application of the Superintending Engineer, when no special permission was accorded to this Office to deviate from the rules for the issuing of letters of credit and drawing of funds whenever Superintending Engineers may apply to it to do so.

5. I may also observe, that this Office could not be aware of what other transfers from Districts within other Divisions the Government may authorize in connection with the proposal to make up for a deficiency of funds in one District, and from G. O. 28th April 1865, it is noted that funds were given from the 1st, 4th, 5th, and 6th Divisions to supplement the wants of the 7th Division, and this Office could not certainly anticipate all these transfers. The responsibility for the delay in making the necessary transfer of funds should therefore be held as owing to the lateness of the

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Madras 9th June 1865.

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James Esq. J. H. Esq. M.R.
Controller of Public Works Accounts
To the Secy. to Govt. M.R.
Secretary to Government.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th May 1865, in relation to the transfer of the Public Works Accounts from the 7th Division to the 11th Division. I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th April 1865, in relation to the transfer of the Public Works Accounts from the 7th Division to the 11th Division. I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th April 1865, in relation to the transfer of the Public Works Accounts from the 7th Division to the 11th Division.

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application made by Lieutenant-Colonel Walker, viz., on the 11th April 1865, and to the numerous works involved in the transfers recommended, which made it impossible to pass any orders till the 28th April 1865, and I beg that the Government will be pleased to notify the same to that Officer.

No. 483.

ORDER THEREON, 20th June 1865, No. 1,708.

ACCOUNT, No. 85.

1. The Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division will be informed that the Controller is restricted, in the issue of credits, to the sums actually allotted by Government for expenditure in each District.
2. The inconvenience complained of in the case under notice, and in others of a similar nature, are attributable solely to the late dates on which the Statements of savings and supplemental demands were received from the Superintending Engineers. These returns being voluminous, and requiring careful scrutiny in the Government Office, cannot be disposed of immediately on receipt, and when several such returns are submitted in the last month of the official year, it is impossible to pass orders on some of them until towards the end of April. The delay in the receipt of the orders of Government in these cases no doubt frustrates, to some extent, the intentions of the local Officers, and large sums of money, which it may have been possible to utilize, if allotted at an earlier date, are left unexpended and, under the rules, lapse at the close of the year.
3. To prevent similar inconveniences in future, and to enable the local Officers to utilize all available funds, the Superintending Engineers will be requested to submit to Government early in March, the final statements of savings and additional demands in connection with the works in progress in the Districts under their charge.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
To all other Superintending Engineers.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

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and to the numerous matters involved
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made it impossible to pass any votes
till the 28th April 1865, and I beg that
the Government will be pleased to notify
the same to that Officer.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Yours most ob^{ly} Servant.

John Lubbock Esq. Captain R.E.

Controller of Public Works Accounts.

To the Secretary to Government. S. M.

Capt. R. M.

Fort Saint George.

Account

Public Works Dept

No 1708

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Under date the 20th June 1865
Read the following

From the Controller of Public
Works Accounts

Submits correspondence
from the Superintending Engineer
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between Malabar and Coimbatore
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in anticipation of the sanction of Govt.

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To the Controller of P.W.
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The Secy. to Government.
D.M.
J. H. Smith George.

Dated at the 3rd June 1865.
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demands were received from
the Superintending Engineers.

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Government Office, can
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in progress in the dists
under their charge -

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" All other Supergrants
" Controller of P.W. acc'ts
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(and additional) losses
in connection with
the works in progress
in the West country can
then change only
in "Maiden".