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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th July 1865.*

No. 412. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Revenue Department :—

Requesting the Controller of Public Works
Accounts to explain on what principles
or under what rule he claims as Public
Works revenue the sale proceeds of the
old Taluq Cutcherry at Coimbatore. } (Here enter 10th July 1865, No. 1,571.)

No. 413. ORDER THEREON, 17th July 1865, No. 2,031.

ACCOUNT, No. 65.

Communicated to the Controller of Public
Works Accounts for report.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th July, 1865.*

No. 144. 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, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 27th June 1865, No. 517 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to G. O. No. 1,396, dated 23rd May last, and to the orders in the Revenue Department, communicated therewith, I have the honor to observe

* Letter dated 23rd July 1864, from Colonel Strachey, and Financial Resolution, dated 19th July 1864.

that the authority* quoted in my letter of the 5th May 1865, No. 74, is of a more recent date than the Financial Resolution of the Government of India,

dated 30th June 1862, and that the course sanctioned in this Resolution is no where allowed in the orders now in force. I have reason to believe that the principles which then governed the financial system have now been greatly changed, for example : In February 1863 the Government sanctioned the construction of cer-

G. O. No. 385, dated 14th February 1863, Estimate Rupees 1,190.

tain works for the benefit of the Principal Civil Engineering College, the expenditure to be covered by the sale proceeds of two out-buildings, and this sanction was given under the

authority of the Financial Resolution of the 30th June 1862 then in force. In April 1864 it comes to the notice of the Secretary to Government of India, Public Works Department, that the expenditure in putting up iron rails and gates from England for the Government House was partly met from the sale proceeds of material appertaining to certain old buildings in the Chopauk compound, in objecting to which proceeding, Colonel Strachey remarks, "that the direct application of the proceeds of sales of Government property to cover expenditure is contrary to Financial rule, and should not be permitted hereafter. All receipts must be credited in full in the public accounts as income without exception, and all charges appear in full without set off." Neither in these remarks, nor in the rules in the new code, do I find any exception made as to the proceeds of the sale of an old building being appropriated to the construction of a new one of precisely the same character. Further, there does not appear to have been any similarity between the character of the works sanctioned on the 14th February 1863 and the buildings from the sale proceeds of which that work was ordered to be executed, under the authority conveyed in the Financial Resolution of the 30th June 1862; and if this authority could have been made applicable to that case, it should also, in my opinion, have supported the proceeding of Government in the case of the iron gates and rails for the Government House, but I observe that the Government passed over the objections of the Government of India in this case unnoticed.

2. With these observations I have to state that under the new system of accounts, the sale proceeds of the old Talook Cutcherry at Coimbatore should be credited in the accounts as Public Works revenue, that the funds for the construction of the new Cutcherry should be obtained from the drawing account to the credit of the Executive Engineer in the treasury as for all other works, and that the appropriation of funds for this work should be noted in the Appropriation Return in the same manner as for other works.

Referred to the Revenue Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
29th June 1865.

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

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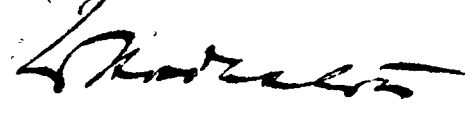
ORDER THEREON, 10th July 1865, No. 1,571.

Miscellaneous.

The Controller Public Works Accounts will be requested, through the Department Public Works, to explain on what principles or under what rule he claims as Public

Works revenue the sale proceeds of an old Native Palace converted into a Cutcherry at the assumption of the territory by the British Government.

(True Extract.)


Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.
Exd, S. T.-Augustin.

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