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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 158. 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 Simla, 13th July 1865, No. 633 A :—

SIR,

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1,319, dated 15th May 1865, expressing the disappointment with which the Government of Madras received the intimation from the Government of India that the previous orders, under which the total Public Works grant originally assigned to the Madras Presidency for 1865-66 was reduced by Rupees 7,33,937, could not, for reasons stated, be modified ; and remarking that the works, to which this sum had been allotted, will be carried on as far as possible from savings or reductions on other original works, but that it is not expected that any portion of the grants for Repairs, Establishments or Minor Works can, as suggested by the Government of India, be made available for this purpose.

2. In reply, I am directed to state that His Excellency the Governor General in Council is satisfied that the Government of Madras will do their best to work to the greatest advantage the allotment to which the Government of India has with much regret been compelled to restrict them.

3. With reference to the opinion expressed in the 2nd paragraph of your letter under acknowledgment, that the aggregate grant to each Government having been made, the distribution of that grant among the different services should be left to the Local Government, I am desired to refer again to the previous remarks in Circular No. 2 of 1865, regarding the special nature of the Military portion of the Public Works grant for 1865-66, and the necessity for limiting the application of it strictly to Military works. And I am also to remark that the Government of India cannot altogether concur in the view expressed by the Government of Madras as a general principle. To do so would be, in effect, to deny to the Government of India any power to direct a general policy for guiding the operations of the Department, a power which the Governor General in Council considers it essential to retain.

4. In your 4th paragraph it is remarked, that the excess in the Establishment Estimate of 1865-66, over that of 1864-65 is Rupees 2,22,903, not Rupees 3,23,000, as stated in the letter of this Department, No. 333½ A, dated 12th April last. This difference, I am to observe, arises from a different mode of treating the items. The Government of India compared the charges of the two years made against the Imperial grant, and found the increase in 1865-66 to be Rupees 3,23,000. The Madras Government compared the total charges including the portions to be paid from Local Funds, and thus produced the different amount Rupees 2,22,903. The latter may certainly be admitted to be the most practical comparison of the two.

No. 159. ORDER THEREON, 5th August 1865, No. 2,261.

ACCOUNT, No. 23.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

From *N/* 633 A
The Secretary to the Government of India
Public Works Department.

To *N/* The Secretary to the Government of Madras
Public Works Department.

Public Works Department.
Simla 13th July 1865.

Account Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter N/1319 dated 15th May 1865, expressing the disappointment with which the Government of Madras received the intimation from the Government of India that the previous orders, under which the total Public Works grant originally assigned to the Madras Presidency for 1865/66 was reduced by Rs 7,33,937, could not, for reasons stated, be modified, and remarking that the works, to which this sum had been allotted, will be carried on as far as possible from savings or reductions on other

original

original works; but that it is not expected that any portion of the grants for Repairs, Establishments or minor works can, as suggested by the Government of India, be made available for this purpose.

2. In reply I am directed to state that His Excellency the Governor General in Council is satisfied that the Government of Madras will do their best to work to the greatest advantage the allotment to which the Government of India has with much regret been compelled to restrict them.

3. With reference to the opinion expressed in the 2nd para: of your letter under acknowledgment, that the aggregate grant to each Government having been made, the distribution of that grant among the different services should be left to the Local Government, I am ^{directed} to refer again to the previous remarks in Circular No. 2 of 1865, regarding the special nature of the military portion of the public works grant for

for 1865/6, and the necessity for limiting the application of it strictly to military works. And I am also to remark that the Government of India cannot altogether concur in the view expressed by the Government of Madras as a general principle. To do so would be, in effect, to deny to the Government of India any power to direct a general policy for guiding the operations of the department, a power which the Governor General in Council considers it essential to retain.

4. In your 4th paragraph it is remarked that the excess in the Establishment Estimate of 1865/66, over that of 1864/65 is Rs. 2,22,903 not Rs. 3,23,000 as stated in the letter of this department No. 333/A dated 12th April last. This difference I am to observe, arises from a different mode of treating the items. The Government of India compared the charges of the two years made against the imperial grant, and found the increase in 1865/66 to be Rs. 3,23,000. The Madras Government

1864/65	704	Charges for Madras	12,10,000
1865/66	13,32,903	Charges for Madras	15,52,903
			3,22,903

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the portions to be paid from Local Funds, and
thus produced the different amount Rs 2,22,903.
The latter may certainly be admitted to be the most
practical comparison of the two.-

I have the honour to be
^{Sir}
Your most Obedt. Servt.

W. D. Chisholm, Lt. Col. R.A.
Secy to the Govt. of India P.W.D.

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From
The Govt of India
P N D

Dated 13 }
Recd 28 } July /65

No 633 Q

no 2261 - 5th Aug 1/65

Paying orders on
the representations
of this Govt relative
to the reduction
of Rs 73,39.34 in
the Budget Grants
for P Works in this
Presidency for the
current financial year
With an Order

Mr
Will
Recorded

Spoken & signed
5th August 1/65

Order to C.D.

No. 158. 159.

C. 245 July 1865. On 3rd Aug

From
The Govt of India
P. No.

Dated 73 }
Recd 28 } July 1/65

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Paying orders on
the representations
of this Govt relative
to the redemption
of Rs 73,39,37 in
the Budget Grants
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Presidency for the
current financial year
With an Order

No. 158. 159.

C. 29th July 1865. On 3rd Aug