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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
14th August 1865.*

No. 343. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Revenue Department:—

Communicating to the Financial Department certain remarks relative to the question, as to whether the sale proceeds of an old Native Palace should be credited as *Public Works Revenue*. (Here enter 9th August 1865, No. 1,843.)

No. 344. ORDER THEREON, 14th August 1865, No. 2,353.

ACCOUNT, No. 55.

Communicated to the Controller of Public Works
Accounts.
(True Extract.)

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

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th August 1865.*

No. 136. 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, 24th July 1865, No. 790:—

SIR,

With reference to the Orders of Government in the Revenue Department, communicated in Public Works G. O. No. 2,031, of the 17th July 1865, I have the honor to state, first, that the objection to the appropriation of the net proceeds of the sale of the old Talook Cutcherry to the construction of a new Talook Cutcherry at Coimbatore is governed by the principle laid down by the Secretary to the Government of India, in the Public Works Department, and alluded to in my letter of the 27th June 1865, No. 517, viz., “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;” second, that under Chapter XX., Section 5, paragraph 11, of the new Bengal Code, “sales of buildings” are classed as Public Works Revenue, vide also Form of Estimate of Public Works Imperial Revenue furnished by the

Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Board of Revenue.

Accountant General.

Superintending Engineers.

* Vide Chapter XX., Section 2, paragraph 20, of the new Bengal Code.

Government of India, and communicated to the Departments marginally noted, in Public Works G. O. No. 1,277, dated 10th May 1865; and third, that as funds for the construction of all Public Works are solely provided* for by credits in the

various treasuries in favor of the Public Works Officers, all other extra receipts, such as the sale proceeds of old buildings, should be paid into the treasuries to the credit of Government.

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Referred to the Revenue Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
26th July 1865.

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

No. 137.

ORDER THEREON, 9th August 1865, No. 1,843.

Miscellaneous.

1. The question asked in G. O. dated 10th July 1865, No. 1,571, Revenue Department, was on what principle, or under what rule Captain Fischer claimed as *Public Works Revenue* the sale proceeds of an old Native Palace.

2. In Captain Fischer's answer, his first point is irrelevant; his second point proves nothing, for on reference to paragraph 11, Section 5, Chapter 20 of the Account Manual, it is found merely to prescribe a distinct heading in account for sale proceeds of buildings and tools, as distinguished from other possible items of receipt; his third point also proves nothing in regard to the question asked, as the Government have no intention to question the propriety of crediting to Government the sale proceeds of public buildings.

3. As already observed, the question is whether such proceeds are, as a rule, to be credited as *Public Works Revenue*; and on this point it is to be observed that the

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Order in the Finance Department is that all such sale proceeds are to be credited to the "Debt" Account. It does not appear to Government that the mere provision in a Manual of Account for a possible item of receipt can be accepted as setting aside a deliberate G. O. on a finance question.

4. These remarks will be communicated to the Finance Department for such further consideration as may be deemed necessary.

(True Extract.)

G. J. Chantuit
Chief Secretary.

To the Department Public Works.
to the Financial Department.

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