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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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

No. 325. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel C. H. DICKENS, R. A., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Civil Works—Communications), to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, in the Public Works Department, dated Simla, 7th August 1865, No. 794C:—

SIR,

1. With reference to entries Nos. 192-3 and 192-3, in the Civil Works portion of the Proceedings of the Government of Fort Saint George, for the month of May last, transferring the repairs of certain roads from Local to Imperial Funds, I am directed to invite attention to paragraph 18 of Public Works Department, Circular No. 2, dated the 6th January 1865, and to state that the proposed transfer would be a move in a direction contrary to that which the Government of India is most desirous of encouraging all over India. The Governor General in Council trusts that the Madras Government will use its best endeavours to carry out the policy inculcated in the above quoted Circular.

2. It is observed that the manner in which the repairs of these roads are to be provided for, is by a fixed allowance per mile for maintenance, and that the sums are given apparently without detailed estimates being asked for. Should this supposition be correct, I am directed to request that His Excellency the Governor in Council may be moved to re-consider the system under which such grants are made in the Madras Presidency, as it is liable to abuse, Executive Engineers being apt to look upon a fixed allowance for repairs as a sum placed at their disposal to maintain and improve the road; and so works of all kinds are undertaken without the regular check from the controlling authorities.

3. In the Provinces more directly under the control of the Government of India, a precise specification and detailed measurements of the work to be done, with a regular estimate of the cost, are insisted on in all cases where the charge per mile exceeds 50 Rupees annually, and the result seems to show that some reduction of the outlay of this class might be expected in the Madras Presidency if a similar procedure were adopted.

4. The repairs under the head Communications in the Public Works Budgets of 1865-66 are in Madras £120,062; Bengal, £73,000; the North-Western Provinces, £70,513; the Punjab, £65,188. In Bombay also the charges in the Budget under this head are only £37,676 from Imperial Funds, £58,000 having been provided by the Bombay Government from Local Funds.

No. 326. ORDER THEREON, 14th September 1865, No. 2,705.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 36.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineers, who will be requested, with reference to paragraph 3, to submit with future applications for annual grants for the maintenance of imperial roads a precise specification of the work to be done, together with a detailed estimate of the cost in all cases where the allowance recommended may exceed Rupees 50 per mile. Traffic returns, &c., required under paragraphs 68 and 69, Chapter V. of the Code, should also be furnished.

Ordered that the following letter be sent:—

(Here enter No. 2,706, dated 14th September 1865.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
14th September 1865.

No. 2,706.

No. 327.

From

MAJOR J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R. E.,
Under Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, P. W. D.,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

CIVIL WORKS, No. 37.

With reference to your letter No. 794C, dated 7th August 1865, I am directed to state that the Madras Government have not lost sight of the views which the Government of India expressed in paragraph 18 of their Circular No. 2, of the 6th January 1865, regarding the maintenance of lines of communication constructed at the expense of the State; but, I am to observe, that in the cases cited by you, the transfers from the list of local to that of imperial lines of road were made in accordance with the spirit of the orders of the Secretary of State, as communicated in Lieutenant-Colonel Beadle's letter No. 4,875, dated 19th November 1863, which directed that all roads leading to Railway stations should be made by Government, or in other words, that they should be classed as *Imperial*.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 7940 -3-
From The Secretary to the Govt of India
To The Secretary to the Govt of Fort St. George
in the Public Works Department

Public Works Department
Simla, 7th August 1865.

Civil Works Sir,
Communications.

With reference to entries No. 132/3
and 192/3 in the Civil Works portion of the
Proceedings of the Government of Fort St.
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trusts that the Madras Government will use its best endeavours to carry out the policy inculcated in the above quoted Circular.

2. It is observed that the manner in which the repairs of these roads are to be provided for, is by a fixed allowance per mile for maintenance, and that the sums are given apparently without detailed estimates being asked for. Should this supposition be correct, I am directed to request that His Excellency the Governor in Council may be moved to reconsider the system under which such grants are made in the Madras Presidency as it is liable to abuse, Executive Engineers being apt to look upon a fixed allowance for repairs as a sum placed at their disposal to maintain and improve the roads, and so works of all kinds are undertaken without the regular check from the controlling authorities.

3. In the provinces more directly under the control of the Government of India a precise specification and detailed measurements

of the work to be done, with a regular estimate of the cost, are insisted on in all cases where the charge per mile exceeds 50 Rupees annually, and the result seems to show that some reduction of the outlay of this class might be expected in the Madras Presidency if a similar procedure were adopted.

4. The repairs under the head Communications in the Public Works Budgets of 1865/66 are in Madras, £120,062; Bengal, £73,000; the North Western Provinces, £70,513; the Punjab, £65,188. In Bombay also the charges in the Budget under this ^{head} are only £37,676 from Imperial Funds, £58,000 having been provided by the Bombay Government from Local Funds.

Yours truly,
J. M. L. S. S. S.

(W. H. S. S. S.)
Secretary to the Govt of India

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No 27087/705
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 14th September 1865.
Read the following

From the Secretary to the
Government of India

Making certain observations
the proceedings of the Govt of
Madras transferring the repairs
of certain roads in the 4th and 7th
Divisions from Local to Imperial
funds.

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Communicated to the Supr
Engineers, who will be requested,
with reference to para 3, to
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of the work to be done,
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recommended may exceed

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to the Govt of India
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to Imperial funds.

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Rs 50 per mile - Traffic returns
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and 69, Chap V of the Code should
also be furnished -

Ordered that the fol-
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To the Secretary to the
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To the Secy^r of the Gov^t

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Letter from the
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with certain instructions

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