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No. 264. 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, 27th September 1865, No. 1,396 :—

SIR,

1 Statement.
1 Memorandum.

1. I have the honor to forward the Statement of unexpended balances of the grants for new works and repairs of the year 1864-65, as called for in G. O. No. 2,799, dated the 21st instant, paragraph 1, and to submit the following explanatory remarks on the items of savings shown in it.

2. The sum of Rupees 6,20,256 shown in paragraph 3 of my letter to Major Chesney, (recorded in the above G. O.,) as the balance of the grant for original works, does not represent the true saving or short outlay under that head, which amounted to only Rupees 4,07,969. Under repairs, on the other hand, the saving had really come up to Rupees 1,27,799, while paragraph 4 of the letter to Major Chesney shows it to have been only Rupees 28,141. The reason of these differences is that the annual Appropriation Account is required to compare the outlay with the original Budget grant after taking in only any actual additions to the grant, which comparison does not admit of the true results being arrived at, as explained in paragraph 2 of the same letter to Major Chesney. I have appended to the Statement I now forward a Memorandum explanatory of the differences between the original and modified grants, which will show that Rupees 2,21,915 were diverted in the course of the past year from the head Original

	RS.
Repairs	1,55,940
Tools and Plant	53,855
Establishment	9,628
Unappropriated Balance of Reserve	2,492
	Rupees ... 2,21,915

Paragraph 8, Section 6 Chapter XX. Bengal Code.

of the past year from the head Original Works to the heads noted in the margin; and by not taking these transfers into account, which were made under proper authority in each case, the comparison of the outlay with the original grant is made to show so different a result from the true one, though strictly in accordance with the instructions for the preparation of the account, which requires the comparison of the outlay to be made with the original grant in order to "record clearly how far the original Budget Estimate has been kept to."

3. The correct amounts which lapsed under the heads "New Works" and "Repairs" amounts to Rupees 5,35,768, and this had been reduced to Rupees 5,02,363 by excesses under the heads "Tools and Plant," as will be seen from the Memorandum appended to the Statement now forwarded. The modified allotment entered in this Return is also shown in the Memorandum from this Office, dated 15th June 1865, No. 437, as well as in the abstracts of the Progress Report for April 1865, forwarded to Government on the 6th instant, in which the outlay in each District on New Works and Repairs is compared with the modified grants for each.

4. The lapsed balance of the past year, compared with the modified grant for new works and repairs, is contrasted in the following table with the balances of the

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three preceding years, as given in G. O. 16th December 1864, No. 3,601 :—

Years.	Allotment.	Outlay.	Balance.	Per-centage.
1861-62	45,72,235	43,99,910	1,72,325	3.9
1862-63	46,72,343	45,77,711	74,632	1.6
1863-64	51,29,172	48,62,310	2,68,683	5.2
1864-65	59,01,709	53,65,941	5,35,768	9.

By omitting the sum of Rupees 2,20,000, included in the allotment on account of the grant for compensation for land in the Godavery District not disbursed in the Civil Department from the unexpended balance, the per-centage is reduced to 5.5, a little above that of 1863-64; no explanation has yet been furnished either by the Collector or Superintending Engineer why this sum of above two lacs of Rupees for compensation for land in the Godavery District remained unexpended in the last official year, but if the Government are satisfied from other sources of information that it was unavoidable, the lapsed balance for the year amounts to Rupees 5,35,768 as before stated.

5. This result, as compared in the last year, shows a small falling off in the expenditure, by making the comparison with allotments by per-centages of lapsed balances, but with nearly the same strength of establishment there has really been an increase of expenditure incurred and therefore of work done.

6. Still the result cannot be considered satisfactory, and I take it the chief causes which have led to this are (1) the excessive cash balances allowed to be kept by Range Officers, far above their requirements, (2) so much work being left unpaid for till towards the close of the year; on the 1st March last there remained nearly 20 lacs unexpended out of a total allotment of 59 lacs; this is a state of affairs which, I do not think, ought to be allowed to exist; the working season; generally for this part of India begins in November, and by the end of February the progress of expenditure should be such as not to necessitate the greater portion being incurred in perhaps the two worst months of the year.

7. I have already proposed to Government in my letter No. 1,277, dated 18th September 1865, paragraph 4, that quarterly allotment returns should be submitted to them, showing the progress of expenditure in each District by Ranges under the five Budget heads, and that these returns should be so timed that the last one for the year should reach Government before 1st March, and thus afford time made out so as to exhibit quarterly the balance remaining unemployed in any Division, Superintending Engineers will be able to judge far more correctly from their Range Officers' Progress Reports whether they are likely to have sufficient funds to meet all requirements, or a deficiency, than by the present system of asking each Officer if he can expend all he has; not only is much time lost in making these enquiries and receiving the replies, but it is also quite apparent from the large cash balances with Range Officers that they do not exercise much judgment in making their requisitions.

8. The Appropriation Returns as now sent in are quite useless as they are always in arrears, and therefore defeat the very object for which they were called for, but by showing the actual expenditure for two months, and the probable outlay for the last month of the quarter under the five Budget heads, I respectfully submit some definite idea of the progress in the year will be more readily obtained, and a check maintained throughout the Presidency sufficient to enable the Government to make what transfers they consider advisable.

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STATEMENT of the Expenditure on New Works and Repairs in 1861-65, compared with the allotments.

Districts.	NEW WORKS.			REPAIRS.			Total allotment.	Total expenditure.	Total balance.
	Allotment.	Expenditure.	Balance.	Allotment.	Expenditure.	Balance.			
Ganjam...	Rs. 59,230	Rs. 51,878	Rs. 7,351	Rs. 69,913	Rs. 67,725	Rs. 2,188	Rs. 1,29,152	Rs. 1,19,603	Rs. 9,549
Vizagapatam	1,54,191	1,25,809	28,382	62,650	52,381	10,269	2,16,841	1,78,190	38,651
Godavery	4,83,946	2,50,012	2,33,934	2,42,025	2,19,267	22,758	7,25,971	4,69,309	2,56,662
Kistna	2,24,210	2,08,097	20,113	2,10,850	2,12,623	1,773	4,39,060	4,20,720	18,340
Nelore	1,05,792	98,147	7,645	69,530	71,088	1,558	1,75,322	1,69,235	6,087
Cuddapah	78,173	68,235	9,938	1,18,801	1,13,300	5,501	1,96,974	1,81,625	15,349
Kurnool	22,862	20,304	2,558	57,628	53,120	4,508	80,490	73,424	7,066
Belary	78,135	93,863	15,728	1,43,905	1,24,873	19,032	2,22,040	2,18,726	3,314
Presidency	3,48,716	3,46,758	1,958	80,059	78,751	1,305	4,28,775	4,25,512	3,263
Madras	2,20,465	2,09,990	19,475	2,63,747	2,65,516	1,799	4,93,212	4,75,536	17,676
North Arcot	1,54,444	1,36,005	18,439	1,37,310	1,26,047	11,263	2,91,784	2,62,052	29,732
South Arcot	93,098	81,407	11,691	1,36,189	1,92,918	3,241	2,89,987	2,74,355	14,632
Salem	58,523	54,861	3,662	95,008	87,473	7,535	1,53,531	1,42,334	11,197
Bangalore	1,61,859	1,60,161	1,698	18,180	18,457	277	1,80,039	1,78,618	1,421
Tanjore	53,975	54,102	127	2,19,559	1,92,423	27,136	2,73,534	2,46,525	27,009
Trichinopoly	1,24,067	1,10,506	13,561	1,62,711	1,57,199	5,512	2,86,778	2,67,705	19,073
Coimbatore	2,86,145	2,76,358	9,787	1,13,829	1,14,093	264	3,99,974	3,90,651	9,323
Malabar	3,30,357	3,15,194	15,163	79,933	81,080	1,147	4,10,290	3,86,274	24,016
South Canara	60,209	61,251	1,042	50,620	47,236	3,384	1,10,829	1,08,487	2,342
Madura	35,377	25,669	9,708	55,205	89,230	5,975	1,30,582	1,14,809	15,683
Tinnevely	52,185	39,908	12,277	1,31,927	1,21,777	10,150	1,84,112	1,61,685	22,427
Municipal Commissioners	.....	.....	.....	35,897	35,897	.....	35,897	35,897	.....
Total...	31,98,968	27,88,745	4,10,223	26,55,506	25,22,627	1,32,879	58,54,474	53,11,372	5,43,102
Expenditure by Civil Officers	.....	49,055	.....	.....	5,514	.....	.....	54,569	.....
Transfer from Postal Budget	.....	.....	.....	434	.....	.....	434	.....	.....
Private contributions received and spent	46,801	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46,801	.....	.....
Grand Total...	32,45,769	28,37,800	4,07,969	26,55,940	25,28,141	1,27,799	59,01,709	53,65,941	5,35,768

(Signed) J. F. FISCHER, Captain, R. E.,
Controller of Public Works Accounts.

MADRAS,
21th September 1865.

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12th October 1865.*

No. 265. ORDER THEREON, 12th October 1865, No. 3025.

ACCOUNT, No. 36.

1. From the papers submitted with the foregoing letter, the Government observe that the total unexpended balance of the grant for Public Works in this Presidency for 1864-65 was Rupees 5,35,768.

2. The unexpended balances were the largest in the 1st Division, where they amounted to more than one-half of the lapsed grant. This is due, in a great measure, to the allotment specially sanctioned by the Government of India to meet demands on account of compensation for lands taken up for Public Works in the Godavery District not having been appropriated before the 30th April 1865. The Government have had before them a report upon this subject from the Board of Revenue; and orders have been separately passed thereon.

3. In the 4th, 6th, and 8th Divisions the unappropriated balances on the 30th April last amounted in the aggregate to about one and a quarter lacs of Rupees, while in the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 7th Divisions the sum which has lapsed exceeds Rupees one lac.

4. These results are very unsatisfactory, and especially so, when it is remembered that towards the close of the past official year, some of the Superintending Engineers applied for large additional grants when the funds already at their disposal were considerably in excess of actual requirements.

5. The Government are satisfied from the facts now brought to notice, that the Superintending Engineers do not give proper consideration to the subject of utilizing, to the fullest extent, the funds allotted for the Districts under their charge, and that they do not watch the monthly expenditure of their Executive Officers with sufficient closeness to enable them to propose transfers of funds not required in some Ranges to others where additional assignments can be advantageously laid out.

6. The Government must look to the Superintending Engineers, as the local Heads of the Public Works Department, for the efficient administration of their charges, and they will rely upon those Officers taking the necessary measures to ensure the judicious expenditure in the current and succeeding years of the whole of the funds placed at their disposal; or, if this be found to be impracticable, to surrender, in proper time, such portions of their allotments as cannot be expended on the works for which the money is granted.

7. Adverting to paragraphs 7 and 8 of the letter above recorded, the Government observe that the monthly Appropriation Returns rendered by the Controller are intended for transmission to the Government of India, by whom they have been called for. The submission to Government of quarterly allotment Returns, as suggested by Captain Fischer, will answer no useful purpose. It will be impossible to gather from the Returns for the first two quarters whether the funds allotted for each Range are likely to be fully utilized, and in many Districts the largest expenditure is incurred between January and April. The Government think that it is for many reasons preferable to leave the distribution of funds in the hands of the Superintending Engineers, who are in possession of full information regarding the allotment and expenditure in each of the Ranges under their charge; and the Government are satisfied that, with the exercise of proper care and foresight on the part of those Officers, all complaints of short outlay will be at an end.

8. The particular attention of the Superintending Engineers will be drawn to the remarks in paragraph 6 of the Controller's letter, and they will be requested to impress upon their Executive Officers the necessity for the early settlement of all claims on account of work executed under their orders. Superintending Engineers will also be requested to take measures for preventing the accumulation, in the local

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treasuries, of unnecessarily large balances to the credit of their Range Officers. These balances should be taken into account by Superintending Engineers when disposing of the monthly requisitions for funds.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers.
Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustia.

No 1396.

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts.
Madras 27th September 1865.

Sir,

Captain J. P. Frisier, R.E.

Controller of P.W. Accounts.

To

Colonel G. A. Orr, R.E.

Secretary to Government, S.W.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward to the statement
of unexpended balances of the grants for new
works and repairs of the year 1864/65 as called
for in G.O. No. 2799 dated the 21st instant
pursuant to and to submit the following expla-
natory remarks on the items of which shown
in it.

2. The sum of Rs. 620,256 shown in
the statement of the above G.O. for the balance
of the grant for Original works does not
represent the true sum or what ought
under that head which pointed to only
Rs. 497,969. Under Repairs on the other
hand the sum, had really, come up to Rs.
1,247,779 while (pursuant to the letter to Major
O'Connor) shows it to have been only Rs. 284,479. The reason of these differences is that
the Annual Appropriation Account is requir-
ed to compare the actual with the original
Budget grant after deducting in only any
actual additions to the grant, which com-
parison does not admit of the true result
being arrived at as explained in para. 2
of the same letter to Major O'Connor.

have appended to the Statement I now forward in Memo: explanatory of the differences between the original and modified grants which will show that Rs. 221915 has shifted in the course of the past years from the head Original works to the head stated Repairs—155,940. in the margin, and by not balancing Tools and Plant—53,855. these transfers into account which have established—9628. made under proper authority in each inappropriate—2492. case the comparison of the outlay with the Original Grant is made to show so different as to result from the true one, though strictly in accordance with the instructions for the preparation of the Account which requires the comparison of the outlay to be made with the original grant in order to "record clearly how far the original budget Estimate has been kept to."

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3. The correct amounts which lapsed under the heads "New Works" and "Repairs" amounts to Rs. 535,768 and this had been reduced to Rs. 532,363 by excesses under the heads "Tools and Plant" as will be seen from the memorandum appended to the Statement now forwarded. The modified allotment entered in this Return is also shown in the Memo: from this Office dated 15th June 1865 No: 437 as well as in the Abstracts of the Progress Report for April 1865 forwarded to Government on the 6th instant in which the outlay in each District as New Works and Repairs is compared with the modified grants for each.

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4. The lapsed balance of the past year compared with the modified grant for new works and repairs is contrasted in the following table with the balances of the three preceding years as given in G.O. 16th December 1864 No: 3601.

years.	Allotment.	Outlay.	Balance.	Percentage.
1861/62.	457,2235.	439,9910.	17,2325.	3.9
1862/63.	467,2343.	45,77711.	74,632.	1.6
1863/64.	51,29,172.	48,62,310.	2,68,683.	5.2
1864/65.	59,01,709.	53,65,941.	5,35,768.	9

By omitting the sum of Rs. 22,000 included in the allotment on account of the grant for compensation for land in the Godavery District not disbursed in the Civil Department from the unexpended balance, the percentage is reduced to 5.5, a little above that of 1863/64; no explanation has yet been furnished either by the Collector or Superintending Engineer why this sum of above 2 lacs of Rs. for compensation for land in the Godavery District remained unexpended in the last official year, but if the Government are satisfied from other sources of information that it was unavoidable the lapsed balance for the year amounts to Rs. 535,768 as before stated.

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of the year.

7. I have already proposed to Govern-
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Heads and that these returns should
be so timed that the last one for the
year should reach Government before
1st March and thus afford time to

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make the necessary transfers from one
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Have the honor to be

^{Sir,}
Your most obedient servant.

Captain A.R.

Controller of Public Works Accounts.

To the Secretary to Government D.M.
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To the Secretary
of the Board of Directors
of the Bank of New York
New York

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

J. M. Smith.

Dated 29th Decr. 1885
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29 March 1865

Memo. Explanatory of the variation between the Original Budget Grant & the modified grant for the year 1867

Main heads	Original Budget grant	Additions to Grant	Total of Original Grant with additions	Modified Grant after taking in all transfers	Difference Less than Original Grant	More than Original Grant	Remarks
<u>Imperial</u>							
New Works	29,69,531	4,90,153	34,67,684	32,45,769	2,21,915	.	
Balance of Reserve Grant	.	.	.	2,492	.	2,492	
Repairs	25,00,000	.	25,00,000	26,55,940	.	1,55,940	
Tools and Plant	1,00,000	.	1,00,000	1,53,855	.	53,855	
Establishment	12,30,469	43,535	12,74,004	12,03,632	.	70,372	
<u>Local</u>							
Establishment	60,00,000	5,41,600	73,41,600	73,41,600	2,21,915	2,21,915	
Repairs	1,50,000	.	1,50,000	1,06,465	.	43,535	
Total Repairs	69,50,000	4,90,153	74,40,153	74,40,153	.	.	

Main heads	Modified Grant	Expenditure	Less than Grant	More than Grant	Net Saving
New Works	32,45,769	20,37,000	4,07,969	.	
Repairs	26,55,940	25,20,141	1,27,799	.	
Balance of Reserve Grant	59,01,709	53,65,940	5,35,769	.	
Tools and Plant	2,492	.	2,492	.	
Establishment	1,53,855	1,79,603	.	25,748	
	12,03,632	12,93,701	.	90,069	
Decrease in Stock Balance	73,41,600	60,39,325	5,30,260	35,097	5,02,363
Written off to Profit & Loss	1,30,000	.	1,30,000	60,964	69,917
	.	60,964	.	.	
Total Repairs	74,20,569	69,00,209	677,140	1,04,061	5,72,200

Captain B. C.

Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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Statement of the Expenditure on New Works and Repairs in 1864-65 compared with the Allotments

Districts	New Works			Repairs			Total		
	Allotment	Expenditure	Balance	Allotment	Expenditure	Balance	Allotment	Expenditure	Balance
Ganjam	59,239	51,070	7,361	69,913	67,725	2,188	1,29,152	1,19,603	9,549
Vizagapatam	1,54,191	1,25,009	29,382	62,650	52,301	10,269	2,16,841	1,77,190	39,651
Godavary	4,03,946	2,50,042	2,33,904	2,42,025	2,19,267	22,758	7,25,971	4,69,309	2,56,662
Kistnah	2,20,210	2,00,097	20,113	2,10,050	2,12,623	11,111	4,29,060	4,20,720	8,340
Nellore	1,05,792	90,147	15,645	69,530	71,000	1,470	1,75,322	1,69,235	6,087
Eddapah	70,173	60,235	9,938	1,10,000	1,13,390	3,390	1,96,974	1,81,625	15,349
Kurnool	22,062	20,304	1,758	57,620	53,120	4,500	80,490	73,424	7,066
Bellary	70,135	93,063	15,728	1,43,905	1,24,073	19,832	2,22,040	2,10,736	11,304
Presidency	3,40,716	3,46,750	1,950	00,059	70,754	1,305	4,20,775	4,25,512	4,737
Madras	2,29,465	2,09,990	19,475	2,62,747	2,65,546	2,799	4,92,212	4,75,536	16,676
North Arcot	1,54,444	1,36,005	18,439	1,37,340	1,26,047	11,293	2,91,784	2,62,052	29,732
South Arcot	93,090	81,407	11,683	1,96,109	1,92,940	3,169	2,89,207	2,74,355	14,852
Salem	50,523	54,061	3,538	95,000	87,473	7,527	1,55,523	1,42,334	13,189
Bangalore	1,61,059	1,60,161	898	10,100	10,457	357	1,71,159	1,70,618	541
Tanjore	53,975	54,102	127	2,19,539	1,92,423	27,116	2,73,514	2,46,525	26,989
Trichinopoly	1,24,067	1,10,526	13,541	1,62,711	1,57,199	5,512	2,86,778	2,67,705	19,073
Coimbatore	2,06,145	2,76,550	70,405	1,13,029	2,14,093	1,01,064	3,99,974	3,90,651	9,323
Malabar	2,30,357	3,15,194	84,837	79,933	82,000	2,167	4,10,290	3,96,274	14,016
South Canara	60,209	61,251	1,042	50,620	47,236	3,384	1,10,829	1,08,407	2,422
Madurai	35,377	25,669	9,708	95,285	89,230	6,055	1,30,662	1,14,899	15,763
Tinnevely	52,105	39,900	12,205	1,21,927	1,21,777	150	1,74,032	1,61,605	12,427
Municipal Commissioners				35,097	35,097		35,097	35,097	
Total	31,90,960	27,00,745	4,90,215	26,55,506	25,22,627	1,32,879	58,54,474	53,11,372	5,43,102
Grand Total	32,45,769	27,27,200	5,18,569	26,55,900	25,22,100	1,33,800	59,01,709	53,65,941	5,35,768

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To
The Secretary to Government
P. W. C.

Respectfully,
Captain B. C.
Controller of Public Works &c.

1864	1865	1866	1867	1868	1869
1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875
1876	1877	1878	1879	1880	1881
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1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929
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1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001

Public Works Department
 3025
 Proceedings of the Madras Government
 Under date the 12th October 1865
 Read the following

From The Controller of P.W. Accounts

Submits a statement of
 allotments compared with outlay
 with an explanatory Memorandum
 remarks upon the variation
 between the grants & outlay
 on new works and repairs.

H.E. 27th September 1865
 No 1396

From the papers
 submitted with the fore-
 going letter, the Govern-
 ment observe that the
 total unexpended balance
 of the grant for Public
 Works in this Presidency
 for 1864/65 was Rs. 535,768

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2. The unexpended balances were the largest in the 1st Div., where they amounted to more than one half of the lapsed grant. This is due, in a great measure, to the allotment specially sanctioned by the Govt of India to meet demands on account of compensation for lands taken up for Public Works in the Godaverry District not having been appropriated before the 30th April 1865. The Govt. have had before them a report upon this subject from the Board of Revenue, and orders ^{have been} ~~will~~ ^{have been} separately passed thereon.

3. In the 4th 6th and 8th Divs the unappropriated balances

balances on the 30th April last amounted in the aggregate to ~~nearly~~ ^{about} one and a quarter lacs of Rs., while in the 2nd 3rd 5th and 7th Divs the sum which has lapsed exceeds Rupees one lac.

4. These results are very unsatisfactory, and especially so, when it is remembered that towards the close of the past Official year some of the Superintending Engineers applied for large additional grants when the funds already at their disposal were considerably in excess of actual requirements.

5. The Government are satisfied from the facts now brought to notice

notice, that the Superintending
Engineers do not give proper
consideration to the subject
of utilizing, to the fullest
extent, the funds allotted
for the Districts under their
charge, and that they do
not ~~carefully~~ watch
the monthly expenditure
of their Executive Officers
with sufficient closeness
to enable them to ^{dispose} of
funds not required in some
ranges to others where
additional requirements
can be advantageously
laid out.

6 ~~As the local heads~~
~~of the P.W. Deptt.~~, The
Govt.

Government must look
to the Superintending Engrs.
as the local heads of the P.W. Deptt.
for the efficient adminis-
tration of their charges,
and they will rely upon
those Officers taking
~~such steps as may be ne-~~
cessary ^{measures} to ensure the
judicious expenditure in
the current and succeed-
ing years of the whole
the funds placed at
their disposal; or, if that
be found to be imprac-
ticable, to surrender in
proper time such portion
of their allotments as can
not be expended on the
works for which the money
is granted.

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7. Adverting to paras
7 and 8 of the letter above
recorded, the Government
observe that the monthly
Appropriation Returns pre-
pared by the Controller
are intended for transmission
to the Government of India,
by whom they have been
called for. The submission
to Government of quarterly
Allotment Returns, as sug-
gested by Captain Treacher,
will answer no useful
purpose. It will be im-
possible to gather from the
Returns for the first two
quarters whether the funds
allotted for each range are
likely to be fully utilized,
and

not in many Districts
~~the~~ the largest expenditure
is incurred between
January and April. The
Government think that
it is for many reasons
unfavourable to leave the dis-
tribution of funds in the
hands of the Superintending
Engineers, who are in pos-
session of full information
regarding the allotments and
expenditure in each of the
ranges under their charge;
and therefore satisfied
that, with the exercise of
proper care and foresight
on the part of those Of-
ficers, all complaints of
short outlay will be at an
end.

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8- The particular attention
of the Superintending En-
gineers will be drawn to the
remarks in para 6 of
the Controller's letter, and
they will be requested to
impress upon their Executive
Officers the necessity for
the early settlement of all
claims on account of work
executed under their orders.
Superintending Engineers will
also be requested to take
measures for preventing the
accumulation in the local
treasuries of unnecessarily
large balances to the
credit of their Range
Officers. These balances

should be taken into
account by Superintend-
ing Engineers when dis-
posing of the monthly
~~balance of credit~~ requisition
funds.

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Pres. of the M. Gov.
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John J. ...

10/12/65

To inspect balance of the
grant for Public works in the
Presidency for 1864-65. Passing
orders on letter from the Controller
submitting a statement showing

No. 264. 265