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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 31st March 1865.

No. 644. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel F. H. SCOTT, Quarter Master General, to Colonel H. MARSHALL, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort Saint George, 8th March 1865, No. 2,907 :—

SIR,

1. Referring to the Proceedings of Government, Department Public Works, dated 7th ultimo, No. 361, forwarded for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, I have the honor by order to state that he has been particularly struck with that part of the order in which the Madras Government is pleased to rule that, notwithstanding the Supreme Government has sanctioned Rupees 16,00,000 for expenditure on Military works in 1865 6's, no more than Rupees 5,81,477 shall be allowed for that purpose. The Government of India, moreover, say that the amount so given shall be considered "fixed."

2. It is a matter of great disappointment to the Commander-in-Chief to find that this Presidency is to be thus debarred the benefit of the sanction. Year after year the want of money has continually postponed a number of works of importance, the execution of which would have been otherwise perfectly feasible. Even sanitary wants of immediate consequence have been put off for this reason. Moreover, the Sanitary Commission has no doubt recommendations that will involve a large prospective outlay, not even contemplated in the Budget framed by this Department.

3. His Excellency shares to some extent the opinion of Government that it may be impossible for some reasons to spend all the sixteen lacs, but nevertheless that result has at least to be tried, and as much of the money as can be spent should, the Commander-in-Chief thinks, be placed at the disposal of the Military branch of the Public Works Department.

4. Should, however, the Government continue of the same opinion as is held at present, Sir Hope Grant requests that a copy of this communication may be forwarded for the consideration of the Supreme Government.

Transferred to the Department Public Works.

(Signed) R. HAMILTON, Lieut.-Colonel,
Under Secretary to Government.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
14*th March* 1865.

No. 645. ORDER THEREON, 31st March 1865, No. 886.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing letter be forwarded to the Government of India, agreeably to the request of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief :—

(Here enter No. 887, dated 31st March 1865.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Quarter Master General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Public.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
31*st March* 1865.

No. 887.

No. 646.
From

COLONEL C. A. ORR, R. E.,
Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, P. W. D.,

To

The Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department.

SIR,

1. I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to forward copy of a letter from the Quarter Master General, representing the inadequacy of a grant of Rupees 5,81,477 to meet the wants of the Military branch of the Public Works Department during the ensuing official year.

2. The amount (Rupees sixteen lacs) allotted in the Circular of the Government of India, No. 2 of 1865, for Military works in this Presidency was intended to provide—

First.—For New works.
Second.—For Minor works.
Third.—For Repairs.

3. The sum of Rupees 5,81,477, mentioned in the Quarter Master General's letter, represents the allotment proposed under the first of these heads only. To this amount, however, Rupees 2,84,556, the aggregate of the grants proposed under the second and third heads, should be added, and this will give a total of Rupees 8,66,033, which is the amount provided for Military Works in the Budget submitted to the Government of India on the 7th February 1865, and which this Government are of opinion is as large a sum as can be advantageously expended.

4. The current year's allotment for Military Works is Rupees 11,39,081. Notwithstanding the necessity of pushing on works having from time to time been impressed, in the strongest manner, on the Superintending Engineers, the difficulty of procuring labor and proper supplies of materials has been so great as to have made it impracticable to expend the whole amount, and no less than Rupees 2,40,000 have already been transferred to "Civil Buildings" and "Works of Public Improvement," leaving but Rupees 9,00,000 for Military Works, and even this sum, it is feared, will not be fully expended by the 30th April next.

5. It has been already explained in paragraph 11 of my letter No 362, dated 7th February 1865, that the Madras Government see no reason to believe that similar difficulty in properly laying out an unusually large assignment solely on Military Works will not be met with again. Indeed, looking to the full occupation that will be given to labor and carriage by the great demand which has sprung up for produce of all kinds, but more especially cotton, the Governor in Council is of opinion that these difficulties will be greatly increased during the ensuing year, and he remains of opinion that it would be useless to provide a larger grant in the Budget for 1865-66 than it has been found practicable to expend in any one year since the 1st May 1860.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Memorandum

Circulated for the orders of Government

The amount (Rupees 1600,000) allotted by the Government of India for Military Works in this Presidency for 1865/66 were intended to provide -

1st For New Works
2d For Repairs.
3d For Revenue, or Minor Works.

The sum of Rupees 581,477 mentioned in Para 1 of the Quarter-Master General's letter re the Budget allotment for 1865/66 under the first of these heads only. To this amount, however, (Rs. 2,84,556), the aggregate of the allotments under the 2nd and 3d heads, should be added, and this will give a total of Rupees 866,033 to be dealt

Repairs. 132,856
Revenue - 151,700

which is the amount provided by this Government for Military work in the ensuing year's Budget, and which the undersigned thinks is as large a sum as can be advantageously expended.

The Current year's allotment for Military Works is Rs. 1139081, but, notwithstanding the necessity of pushing on works being from time to time impressed in the strongest manner on the Superintending Engineers, the difficulty of procuring labor and proper supplies of materials has been so great as to have made it impracticable to expend the whole amount, and no less than Rupees 240,000 have already been transferred to Civil Works, leaving but Rupees 900,000 for Military

Works and even of this a considerable balance it is feared will not be spent

The actual expenditure on Military Works in the years 1858/59 to 1862/63 is given in the enclosed letter to the Government of India No. 362, dated 7th Ultimo, and the circumstances under which the outlay in 1859/60 amounted to so large a sum as Rs. 1090,114 are explained in Para 10 of that letter.

Cherra Punjee
16th March/65

Chas. St. Mr. Colr. RE.

Secy to Govt NWP.

There can be no objection, I conclude, to the submission of the Chief's letter to the Govt of India, but I have the amount expended & a comparative statement showing the observations made in this Memo.
23, 3, 65

CSM

Quarter Master General's Office
Fort St. George 8th March 1865.

No 2907.

From

Lieut. Colonel F. H. Scott
Quarter Master General

Colonel N. Marshall
Secretary to Government
Military Department

Sir,

Referring to the Proceedings of Government, Department Public Works, dated 7th Ultimo, No 361, forwarded for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, I have the honor by order to state that he has been particularly struck with that part of the order in which the Madras Government is pleased to rule that, notwithstanding the Supreme Government has sanctioned 16,00,000 Rs for expenditure on military works in 1865/66, no more than Rs 5,81,477 shall be allowed for that purpose. The Government of India moreover say that the Amount so given shall be considered fixed.

2. It is a matter of great disappointment to the Commander in Chief to find that this Presidency is to be thus debarred the

c. 17th June to 1865 Pa. 21m

the benefit of the Sanction. Year after year the want of money has continually postponed a number of works of importance, the execution of which would have been otherwise perfectly feasible. Even Sanitary wants of immediate consequence have been put off for this reason. Moreover the Sanitary Commission has no doubt recommendations that will involve a large prospective outlay, not even contemplated in the Budget framed by this Department.

3. His Excellency shares to some extent the opinion of Government that it may be impossible for some reasons to spend all the 16 lacs, but nevertheless that result has at least to be tried, and as much of the money as can be spent. Should the Commander in Chief think, be placed at the disposal of the Military branch of the Public Works Department.

4. Should however the Government continue of the same opinion as is held at present, Sir Hope Grant requests that a Copy of this Communication may be forwarded for the Consideration of the Supreme Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obed[t] Servant

E[d] Scott St. Col:
Quarter Master General

No 886

To

The Secretary to the
Government of India
Military Department

Sir,

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His Excellency the Governor
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of Rupees 581,477 to
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Public Works Department
during the ensuing Official
year.

2. The amount (Rupees 581,477) allotted
in the Circular of the

Fort St George
31st March 1865

F.D.

Rd 28 February 1865 No 648-9
" 16 January " " 329/32.

Transferred to the Dept.
Public Works.

Memorandum
Under Secy to Govt.

The letter can be forwarded
if more than much money
will be spent as can
advantageously be done

WP.

The letter may be sent
with explanation
contained in it Secy's
Memo. JP

Sent
No 644-646
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No 1865
From the Secy to Govt
Military Department
To the Dir General
No 1231

Dated 8th March
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No 2907.

Offers Observations regarding
the amount allotted for
Military works in the Budget
for 1865/66.

No 886-887-

Written Order

No 886

Ordered that a copy
of the foregoing letter be forwarded
to the Government of India agreeably
to the request of His Excellency
the Commander in Chief.

Chepauk
31st March 1865

To The Quarter Master Genl

Dated 31st March

Government of India

No. 2 of 1865 for Military Works in this Presidency over which intended to provide.

1st. For New Works.

2d. For Minor Works.

3d. For Repairs.

The sum of Rs. 81,477 mentioned in the Quarter Master General's letter represents the allotment proposed under the first of these heads only. To This amount however, Rs. 284,556, the aggregate of the grant proposed under the second and third heads, should be added,

and

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the 1st May 1860.

Chesham
31st March/65

Desp. 31st March

per Mail 1865 Depatch
Pol & Govt Genl Marsh

No 587

To
The Secy. to the Govt.
of India P.W.D.
Dated 21st August 1865

The Government of India furnished with a Copy of the above Letter

No 646

Rec'd 28th March 1865 - No 203