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No. 40. Read the following Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 9th May 1866, No. 39.—

Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, North-Western Provinces, and Punjab.
Governor, Straits Settlements.
Chief Commissioners, Central Provinces, British Burmah, and Oudh.
Commissioner, Mysore
Resident, Hyderabad
Agents, Governor General, Central India, and Rajpootana.

Copy of the following extract of a Despatch from the Secretary of State regarding the distribution of the Public Works grant for 1866-67, is forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations noted on the margin, for information.

By Order,
(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Lieut.-Colonel, R. A.,
Secretary to Government of India, P.W.D.
(Signed) E. C. S. WILLIAMS, Captain R. E.,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India, P.W.D.

Extract of a Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council,—(No. 18, dated London, the 17th March 1866.)

1. I have had before me in Council your Excellency's Despatch No. 2 of 5th January last, with the enclosed Resolution fixing and apportioning the Public Works Budget grant for 1866-67.

2. It is very satisfactory to perceive that this Resolution was passed by your Excellency in Council, and communicated to the several Governments and Administrations concerned, before the end of October, whereby, for the first time since Budgets have been in use in the Public Works Department, positive bases for local Budget Estimates were furnished sufficiently early to allow of your carefully examining the Budget Estimates submitted in consequence, before the arrival of the period at which it would become necessary to pass orders upon them.

3. I observe that the whole amount appropriated to expenditure on Public Works during the ensuing official year, is considerably more than five and a half millions sterling, * * * *

This provision must be admitted to be in all respects very liberal, and leaves little more to be desired than that the useful progress made during the year should be commensurate. How far this will be the result will depend greatly on the Local Governments and Administrations, to whom belongs the detailed distribution of their respective assignments, and who cannot take too much pains to ensure the judicious application and the careful husbanding of the funds placed at their disposal.

No. 41. ORDER THEREON, 2nd June 1866, No. 1,746.

ACCOUNT, No. 4.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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