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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 29th October 1866.

No. 667. Read the following Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Accounts), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 4th October 1866, No. 81 :—

Date of submission of Provincial Public Works Budget Estimates.

Read again Public Works Department Circular No. 55 of 1866, altering the date of submission of the above estimates.

Read also the following papers :—

Public Works Department Resolution No. 704A, dated 7th August 1866, forwarding to Financial Department, note by Accountant General, Public Works Department, regarding the dates on which the Imperial Public Works Budget Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure should be rendered to that Department.

Financial Department Resolution No. 2,410, dated 18th September 1866, fixing dates for the transmission of these estimates.

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1. Resolution.—His Excellency the Governor General in Council observes that since the issue of Public Works Department Circular No. 55 of 1866, altering the date of submission of the Provincial Public Works Budget Estimates from 1st February to 15th January, it has become necessary to require that the Imperial Budget Estimate of Public Works Revenue and of Public Works Expenditure should be transmitted from this to the Financial Department by the 15th January and 10th February respectively, which dates are earlier than those had in view when Circular No. 55 was issued. In order to admit of this being done an alteration of the dates for submission of the Provincial Public Works Budget Estimates is absolutely necessary, and it is therefore hereby prescribed that these estimates should be transmitted on such a date as to be received in this Department by the 1st January instead of the 15th, as laid down by the previous orders.

2. It should be clearly understood that the date now fixed for the submission of the estimates, is the *latest* date on which they are to *reach* the Government of India at Calcutta. The Act of Parliament on the subject requires that the Indian Budget Estimates should be laid before the House of Commons on a certain day, and the Secretary of State, in lately drawing attention to this point, laid great stress on the necessity for a careful observance of the Act. Any delay in this Department in rendering the Public Works Estimates to the Financial Department would tend to retard the transmission of the consolidated estimate to England, and be productive of extreme inconvenience. The Governor General in Council therefore requests particular attention to this matter, and desires that complete punctuality in the submission of Provincial Estimates may be observed. Measures should be taken by all Local Governments and Administrations to ensure this object being gained, and the Chief Engineers should be held strictly responsible that no delay is allowed to occur. Should difficulty be experienced in any places in printing the estimates quickly, it may be obviated by despatching them in manuscript so as to reach Calcutta by the 15th December, when they can be printed in the Press attached to this Department.

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ORDER.—Ordered that the foregoing Resolution be forwarded to all Local Governments and Administrations for information and guidance, and to the Financial Department for information.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Lieut.-Colonel, R. A.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 668. ORDER THEREON, 29th October 1866, No. 3,443.

ACCOUNT, No. 89. Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Accounts.

To

CIRCULAR No. 81 PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated Simla, 4th October 1866.

Received

Date of submission of Provincial Public Works Budget Estimates.