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Government of Madras.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th November 1866.*

No. 293. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 3rd November 1866, No. 2,900 :—

1. Paid to Municipal Commissioners for the repair of roads in the Town of Madras—G. O. No. 1,930, dated 23rd June 1866...	RS. 6,564	1. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Controller's letter, No. 2,060, dated 2nd October 1866, embodied in G. O. No. 3,147, dated 4th October 1866, I have the honor to state that the items, as per margin,* are included in the sum, Rupees 95,010, shown as expended in the Southern Range, Presidency. These items should perhaps have been entered in the Progress Reports as "Advances to Civil Officers, &c."
2. Do. for repair of Esplanade roads, &c.—G. O. No. 1,347, dated 28th April 1866 ...	9,983	2. The Order of Government on the grant of additional sums to meet the further demands made by the Executive Engineer, Southern Range, Presidency, have since been passed in No. 3,328, dated 18th October 1866.
3. Do. for roads in Chepauk compound, &c.—G. O. No. 1,509, dated 9th May 1866...	895	3. The Appropriation Returns from July to August were sent to the Controller on the 3rd and 12th October 1866, and those for September are ready for despatch.
4. Do. for roads over Government bridges, &c. ...	8,500	4. The want of an Account Department, (while still there are many Account papers to be dealt with,) is one cause of the delay in forwarding these returns, and the late receipt in this Office of the return of sanctions by local officers is another. Captain Rogers, for instance, sent in his return of sanctions for August only on the 9th October, Officers however have been cautioned on this head.
5. Paid Mr. Chisholm, C. E., Executive Engineer for Presidency College ...	30,000	5. From the expression in the Controller's letter, viz., "The Returns for May and June 1866 had to be very much revised," it would appear that those returns were very incorrectly prepared in this Office; but this is not the case. There were a few clerical errors, which were so palpable, that they might have been very easily remedied in the Controller's Office, without the subject being made one of special reference. The chief revision called for was a change in the form of the return, which the Controller thought proper to make in this year's returns, and which of course not being known to this Office, and not being in accordance with the form sanctioned by Government, was not attended to at first.
Total...	55,942	

No. 294. ORDER THEREON, 15th November 1866, No. 3,627.

ACCOUNT, No. 23.

1. Communicated to the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

2. Adverting to paragraph 5, the Government desire to be informed of the nature of the change which is stated to have been made by the Controller in the form of Appropriation Return rendered by Superintending Engineers.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

N^o 2900. Supg. Engineer's Office & D^o.
Madras 3rd November 1866

From Colonel. A. J. M. Boileau Esq.
Supg. Engineer & Division

To Colonel. C. A. Orr. Esq.
Secretary to Government. D. O.

Sir,
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Controller's letter N^o 2060 dated 2nd October
1866 embodied in G.O. N^o 3147 dated 4th
October 1866. I have the honor to state

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2. do — for repair of Capital made Roads &c. G.O. N ^o 1347 d/28 th April 1866. —————	" 9,983		
3. do — for Roads in the Pak Compound &c. G.O. N ^o 1509 d/9 th May 1866. —————	" 895		
4. do — for Roads over Government Bridges &c. —————	" 8,500	2.	The Order of Government on the grant of additional funds to meet the further demands made by the Executive Engineer Southern Range Presidency
5. Paid Mr. Fishburn Ch. Eng ^r for Presidency College. —————	30,000		
<u>Total Rs. 55,942.</u>			

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Sir

Your most Obedient Servant.
A. B. Vileau Colonel R.E.
Chief Engineer's Division

