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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
6th January 1866.*

No. 92.

Read the following papers :—

From the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government,
Department Public Works, dated Tanjore, 5th December 1865, No. 1,518.

1. I have the honor to inform you that under the present system of appropriation of funds for all sanctioned works it is not permitted to sanction works in excess of the allotment; this, as far as new works are concerned, matters but little, inasmuch as new works which are incomplete in one year are carried on during the following year, and are provided for from the Reserve if not in the Budget, while the publication of the Budget some months before the close of the year ensures the sanction of a number of new works, which may, if the season permits, be commenced on the 1st May. With repairs this is not the case, and while, as a rule, new works may be postponed for some months without material injury, repairs cannot be so postponed, and if sanctions to the amount of the allotment only are permitted, when the official year closes, as it does in the very middle of the working season, there are, or should be, no works in progress, and half the working season is lost; even if estimates are sanctioned on the 1st of May arrangements for the execution of the works have to be made, and there is so short a period left in which to execute them, that it is absolutely necessary to postpone all masonry works till the commencement of the following working season, or for some eight months, and in the meantime they are exposed to another monsoon, and if not altogether destroyed are so much injured that a far larger outlay is often required than the estimate provided for. As a case in point, I would call attention to the Rutnagoodi dam. An estimate of Rupees 300 was passed for this work in May last, it was found impracticable to carry out the repairs, and now an estimate of Rupees 3,750 is submitted for it.

2. Another disadvantage of the present system is, that as it is impossible to work out a given number of estimates by a fixed day, and that in the very middle of the working season, there must necessarily be a balance on some of the estimates at the close of the year, and this balance is lost to the Division. I would suggest, therefore, that estimates for irrigation repairs, to which my observations specially refer, should be sanctioned to the amount of 25 per cent. on the coming year's allotment in anticipation of appropriations in May. Were this done, works would not be brought to a stand still in the working season at the commencement of each official year, and the allotment for the year could be worked out fully, while it could not be exceeded as the sum placed at the disposal of the Department of Public Works by the Accountant General cannot be over-drawn.

Referred to the Controller of Public Works Accounts for report with reference to the recommendation in paragraph 2.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
9th December 1865.

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

Commenced on the 1st May

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
6th January 1866.*

No. 93. From the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 13th December 1865, No. 2,446.

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of the letter from the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, dated 5th December 1865, No. 1,518, referred for my report, I have the honor to observe that

Enclosure 1.

in my letter No. 2,127, dated the 9th January 1865, recorded in G. O. 26th idem, No. 251, is pointed out the manner in which appropriations may be made in cases where estimates exceed the grant or allotment for the year.

2. There is no objection, as far as I see, to estimates for repairs to be executed in the ensuing official year being made up and sanctioned three or four months before the 1st May, but omitted from the Appropriation Returns until the commencement of the official year. This permission should not, however, be construed into an authority for commencing the works thus sanctioned before the termination of the year without entry of such portion of estimates as may be intended to be spent in that year in the Appropriation Returns of it, leaving the balances to be brought over into those of the succeeding year.

No. 94. ORDER THEREON, 6th January 1866, No. 44.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 18.

A copy of the foregoing letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts will be forwarded to the Superintending Engineer of the 6th Division, and to all other Superintending Engineers, with an intimation that subject to the restrictions mentioned in paragraph 2, the Government have no objection to estimates for repairs to irrigation works being sanctioned previous to the commencement of the official year in which they are proposed to be carried out.

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

To the Accountant General.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.
„ Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.
To all other Superintending Engineers.

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No 1518

From,

Captain R. F. Baker R.E.

Superintending Engineer 6th Division

To,

Colonel. C. A. Orr R.E.

Secretary to Government
D. P. W.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that under the present system of appropriation of funds for all sanctioned works it is not permitted to sanction works in excess of the allotment this, as far as new works are concerned matters but little in as much as new works which are incomplete in one year are carried on during the following year & are provided for from the Reserve if not in the Budget, while the publication of the Budget some months before the close of the year ensures the sanction of a number of new works which may if the season permits be commenced on the 1st May: with repairs

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this is not the case and while, as a rule, new works may be postponed for some months without material injury, repairs cannot be so postponed & if sanctions to the amount of allotment only are permitted, when the official year closes, as it does in the very middle of the working season, there are or should be no works in progress and half the working season is lost; even if estimates are sanctioned on the 1st of May arrangements for the execution of the works have to be made, & there is so short a period left in which to execute them that it is absolutely necessary to postpone all masonry works till the commencement of the following working season or for some 8 months & in the meantime they are exposed to another monsoon & if not altogether destroyed are so much injured that a far larger outlay is often required than the estimate provided

provided for. As a case in point I would call attention to the Rutra-
-godi Dam. An estimate of Rs 300.
was passed for this work in May last, it was found impracticable to carry out the repairs & now an estimate of Rupees 3750. is submitted for it.
2. Another disadvantage of the present system is that as it is impossible to work out a given number of estimates by a fixed day & that in the very middle of the working season, there must necessarily be a balance on some of the estimates at the close of the year, & this balance is lost to the Division. I would suggest therefore that estimates for Irrigation repairs, to which my observations specially refer, should be sanctioned to the amount of 25 per cent. on the coming year's allotment in anticipation of

of appropriations in May. Were this
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to a stand still in the working season
at the commencement of each offi-
cial year & the allotment for the
year could be worked out fully,
while it could not be exceeded as
the sum placed at the disposal
of the Department of Public Works
by the Accountant General cannot
be overdrawn.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most Obedt Servt

J. Gates Captain R.E.
Supr Engineer C.D.

Office of the Controller of
1881

Dec 8th 1881

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts.
Madras 13th December 1865.

No. 2446.
From, Captain J. F. Frischer, P.E.
Controller of P.W. Accounts.
Colonel L. R. Carr, P.E.
Secretary to Government, D.P.W.

Sir,
With reference to para. 2 of the letter from the Superintending Engineer 6th Division dated 5th December 1865 No. 1518 referred for my report, I have the honor to observe that in my letter No. 2127 dated the 2nd of January 1865 recorded in G.O. 26th Division No. 251 is pointed out the instances in which appropriations may be made in cases where Estimates exceed the grant or allotment for the year.

2. There is no objection as far as I see to Estimates for repairs to be executed in the running Official year being made up and sanctioned three or four months before the 1st May, but omitted from the Appropriation Returns until the commencement of the Official year. This permission should not however be construed into any authority for commencing the works thus sanctioned before the termination of the year without entry of such portion of Estimates as may be introduced to be spent in that year in the Appropriation Returns of it, leaving the balances to be brought over into

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13th Dec 1865
DEPT. OF P.W. ACCOUNTS
No. 4872
Super Engineer
D.P.W.

Referred to the Controller
of Pub. Works Accounts for report
with reference to the recom-
mendation in para 2.

Charles A. M. Col. R.E.
Secretary to Government
Public W. Depart.

Fort St George
9th Decemr 1865

The Secretary to
Government
D.P.W.
Dated 5th

Received 8th December

Letter No. 1518.
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Stating the disad-
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I have the honor to be

^{Sir,}
Your most obedt. servant.

Captn. R. E.

Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
January 1866
Under date the 6th December 1865
Read the following.

From the Supg Engineer of the
6th Division.

Stating the disadvantages of the
present system of appropriation
of funds for sanctioned works
suggesting measures for remedying
the same.

(Here enter 5th December 1865
No. 1518)

From the Controller of P.W. Accounts.

Reports on the proposal to sanction
before the termination
of the official year and on the way in
which appropriations are to be shown
for them.

(Here enter 15th — — — No. 2446)

A copy of the foregoing letter
from the Controller of P.W. Accounts
will be forwarded to the Supg
Engineer of the 6th Division and
to all other Dept Engineers
with an intimation that subject
to the restrictions mentioned in
para 2, the Government have
no objection to estimates for
repairs to irrigation works being
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