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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
1st May 1868.*

No. 9. Read the following letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 17th April 1868, No. 155 :—

1. I have the honor to lay before you a precis of correspondence regarding the outlay on famine works in 1866-67 by officers of the Revenue Department, for the consideration and disposal of Government.

In his letter to me, No. 3,778, dated 11th October 1867.

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Ganjam	15,000	0	0
North Arcot	1,00,000	0	0
South Arcot	15,883	8	11
Trichinopoly	875	0	0
Madura	12,508	2	0
Coimbatore	18,124	1	1
Bellary	3,59,543	6	0
Kurnool	22,000	0	0
Malabar	4,000	0	0
Salem	8,497	13	1
	5,56,431	15	1

2. The Accountant General, Madras, informed me that, under instructions from the Comptroller General of Accounts, dated 21st September 1867, No. 628, a sum of Rupees 5,56,431-15-1, advanced by Collectors on public works for the relief of the poor in 1866-67, had been adjusted in the accounts of his office for March 1867 to the debit of the Public Works Department, and that he wished to know whether I was prepared to audit the expenditure on that account.

3. A copy of the letter above referred to was sent by me to the Accountant General, Public Works Department, pointing out that, as the rules for audit in the Public Works Department are stringent as to estimates, sanctions, and vouchers, they could not be followed in the audit suggested by the Accountant General, Madras, and that any audit at all would be but superficial; and asking for information as to how the expenditure was to be adjusted in the books of this office.

4. In reply, the Accountant General, Public Works Department, states that the expenditure incurred by Civil Officers on famine relief works should be debited to the Public Works Budget grant, just as expenditure incurred on ordinary Imperial Public Works; that in case the audit cannot be effected in strict accordance with the rules of the department for want of properly sanctioned estimates and detailed vouchers, the matter should be reported to the Government in the statement of objectionable items, as in the case of objectionable expenditure incurred by officers of the Public Works Department, and that the outlay under discussion should be adjusted in the accounts of 1867-68, under the prescribed Budget heads of service, and debited to the Public Works Imperial Budget grant assigned to Madras for that year.

5. I have, therefore, to request the orders of Government as to whether I am to undertake the audit of the bills of expenditure on the famine relief works by Civil Officers in 1866-67, submitting, for the disposal of Government, each case in which the audit cannot be effected in accordance with the rules of the department in the usual objectionable item statement. But I would recom-

The accounts for 1866-67 were closed and despatched in July 1867.

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N^o 155

Office of the Controller of Public
Works Accounts.
Madras, 17th April 1868. 13

From, The Controller of Public Works Accounts.
To, The Secretary to Government.
Department Public Works.

Sir,
I have the honor to lay before
you a precis of correspondence regarding
the Outlay on famine works in 1866 by
Officers of the Revenue Department
for the consideration and disposal of
Government.

In his letter to me, N^o 3448
dated 11th October
1867.
The Accountant General
Madras informed me that under
instructions from the Controller General
of Accounts dated 21st September 1867 N^o
128, a sum of Rupees 5,56,431.15.1 advanced
by collectors on Public Works for the relief
of the poor in 1866 by had been
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his Office for March 1867 to
the debit of the Public Works
Department and that he
wished to know whether
I was prepared to audit
the expenditure on that
account.

Gangam.	15000	"	"
North Arcot.	100,000	"	"
South Arcot.	15883	8	"
Tichinopoly.	875	"	"
Madurai.	12508	2	"
Tamil Nadu.	18124	1	"
Vellore.	359543	6	"
Sivakasi.	22000	"	"
Madurai.	4000	"	"
Salem.	8497	13	1
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3. A copy of the letter
above

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mend that I be permitted some latitude in the audit, and that only very glaring
cases of irregularity should be sent up to Government.

6. I presume the Government will not object to the debit of the sum of
Rupees 5,56,431-15-1 to the Public Works Department grant of 1867-68, under
the ruling of the Government of India in the Financial Department, No. 1,546A,
dated 23rd July 1867, published with G. O., No. 2,662, dated 30th August 1867.
This proceeding will result in causing an excess over the grant of the year.

7. On the receipt of a reply from you, I shall call in the bills from the
Accountant General, if it be decided that they are to be audited by me, and I shall
then be able to report the heads of service under which the sum of Rupees
5,56,431-15-1 should be debited.

No. 10. ORDER THREEON, 1st May 1868, No. 1,350.

ACCOUNT, No. 1.

1. The Controller of Public Works
Accounts will undertake the audit of
the expenditure on famine relief works
during 1866-67 by Officers of the Revenue Department, and report in due course
the heads of service to which the outlay should be debited.

2. The suggestion in paragraph 5 is approved
---(True Extract.)

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

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Accountant General.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

above referred to was sent by me to the Accountant General Public Works Department pointing out that as the rules for audit in the Public Works Department are stringent as to Estimates, sanctions and vouchers, they could not be followed in the audit suggested by the Accountant General Madras, and that any audit at all would be but superficial; and asking for information as to how the expenditure was to be adjusted in the books of this Office.

My letter to the Accountant General N^o 2735 dated 14th October 1867, and reminded N^o 4695 dated 18th March 1868.

In reply the Accountant General Public Works Department states that the expenditure incurred by Civil Officers on famine relief works should be debited to the Public Works Budget grant, just as expenditure incurred on ordinary public works. That in case the audit cannot be effected in strict accordance with the rules of the Department for want of properly sanctioned Estimates and detailed vouchers, the matter should be reported to the Government in the Statement of objectionable items, as in the case of objectionable expenditure incurred by Officers of the Public Works Department, and that the entry under discussion should be adjusted in the Accounts of 1867-68 under the prescribed Budget heads of service and debited to the Public Works Imperial Budget grant assigned to Madras for that year.

Accountant General N^o 308 dated 27th April 1868.

The Accounts for 1866-67 were closed and despatched in July 1867.

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5. I have, therefore, to request the orders of Government as to whether I am to undertake the audit of the bills of expenditure on the famine relief works by Civil Officers in 1866, by submitting for the disposal of Government each case in which the audit cannot be effected in accordance with the rules of the Department in the usual objectionable items Statement. But I would recommend that, I be permitted some latitude in the audit, and that only very glaring cases of irregularity should be sent up to Government.

6. I presume, the Government will not object to the debit of the sum of Rs. 55,643.15.1 to the Public Works Department grant of 1867-68, under the ruling of the Government of India in the Financial Department N^o 1546A dated 23rd July 1867, published with G. O. N^o 2662 dated 30th August 1867. This proceeding will result in causing an excess over the grant of the year.

On the receipt of a reply from you, I shall call in the Bills from the Accountant General if it be decided that they are to be audited by me, and I shall then be able to report the heads of service under which the sum of Rupees 55,643.15.1

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should be deleted.

Have the honor to be
Your most obed^t Servant.

Samuel Holl R.
Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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The Controller of P.W.
Accounts will undertake
the credit of the expenditure
in pecunie value counts
during 1886/87 by Officers
of the Rev. Dept, and
report in due course the
heads of pecunie counts
the outlay should be deleted.

2. The suggestion of
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From,
The Controller of
P.W. Accounts

To,
The Secretary
to Government.
D.L.W.

Dated 17th
Recd 18th April 1868
No 1350-1st May 1868
N. 155

Enquiring if
Bills for expenditure on
Public works are to be debited
to P.W.D. under the audit
of the Controller.

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