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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. <i>1417</i>	Press Mis.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
30th April 1869.*

No. 743. Read the following letter from the Acting Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 13th March 1869, No. 5,197 :—

1. Adverting to the Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, No. 3,016, dated 18th December 1867, referred to in G. O. of the Public Works Department, No. 3,955, dated 21st December 1867, I have the honour to state that neither the receipts, as contributions, nor the outlay from those receipts, on account of the Streeviguntam Aicut in the Tinnevelly District, appear in the Accounts of the Public Works Department.

2. This work, as estimated for, *The Imperial grant for 1868-69 is Rs. 1,28,100. is, I believe, under execution from Imperial* Funds and Local contributions, and in order to the entire outlay upon it, both by Public Works Officers and the Revenue authorities of the district, being recorded in the Public Works Accounts, it is absolutely necessary, that in accordance with rule, the contributions should be credited, as received, to this Department, and the outlay from that source debited to the work.

3. This procedure will in no way interfere with the arrangement proposed by the Collector in his letter† to the Board of Revenue, No. 626, dated 13th November 1867, as the whole of the contributions received may be placed at his disposal through the Superintending Engineer in the usual way.

4. Should the Government determine upon adopting the course suggested in paragraph 2, I request that, to enable me to embody the transactions in my annual Accounts for 1868-69, the Collector of Tinnevelly may be instructed to furnish me with a statement of the contributions received on account of the aicut from the commencement up to the 31st March 1869, and of the outlay thereon from that source for the same period. Any balance which may remain in the hands of the Collector on the 31st instant, from private contributions, should be made over to the Public Works Department, which will arrange for supplying the Collector with funds for the ensuing year.

5. The early orders of Government are respectfully solicited upon this reference.

No. 744. ORDER THEREON, 30th April 1869, No. 1,417.

IRRIGATION, No. 23.

1. The Government are of opinion that, under the circumstances explained by the Controller of Public Works Accounts, it is necessary that contributions in aid of the Streeviguntam Aicut works and all disbursements therefrom should be brought into the accounts of the Public Works Department, and the Controller will accordingly take the requisite measures for so dealing with them.

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30th April 1869.*

2. The Collector of Tinnevelly will furnish the Controller with the Statements referred to in paragraph 4.
(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
.. Controller of Public Works Accounts.
.. Accountant General.
.. Collector of Tinnevelly.
.. Revenue Department.
.. Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts
Madras 13th March 1869

N^o 5197

From,

The Ag. Controller of P. W. Accounts
To,

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George

Sir,

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I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

S. Koch

Ag. Controller of P. & W. Accounts.

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My Lord
I return the manuscript
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panying sketch shows the chan-
nel where it will be applied to
the account. If the money is expended
it might advantageously be laid out in
some other scheme connected with the
solution of irrigation in the locality
where it was intended, or if expended
through me when I return to my duties
good use can doubtless be made of it.

In circulation letter for
Buckle to Lord Napier.

Memorandum.

1. Section I, Clause 17-
Section II, Clause 51, and
Section V, Clause 16 of Chapter
XX. of the Public Works Code
of the Government of India
prescribe that all receipts
and expenditure from private
contributions in aid of public
works shall appear in the
Accounts of the P. W. Depart-
ment, and detailed instruc-
tions upon this subject were
communicated for the
Controller's guidance in the
enclosed Circular of the
Public Works Accountant
General.

2. In para 5 of their
Proceedings of the 25th September
1867, No 2987, the Government,

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in reference to the Sreeygoontum
Ancient Project, remark that
"the people are reported to be
so impressed with the advan-
tages of the undertaking,
that they have subscribed,
and paid into the Treasury
Rupees 20,000 as a donation
towards its cost". Further,
the Chief Engineer for
Irrigation, in submitting the
last revised Estimate for this
scheme, says that the people
"take so great an interest in
the work as to contribute
both funds and labor for
carting material, building
a head sluice, and opening out
a channel sufficient to provide
a supply for the wants of the
current season."

3. It seems clear from the
above

above that the amount paid
by the local inhabitants was
regarded by Government as
a contribution in aid of the
Sreeygoontum Ancient project.
4. If this be granted, it
appears to me that it would
be irregular to exclude from
the Public Works Accounts
the receipts and payments
from the contribution in
question. In support of this
statement, I would observe
that the Accountant General
of Madras, regarding the
sums paid by the cultivators
as a bonafide contribution in
aid of a public work, entered
that contribution in his
Statements of P. W. Receipts
for the months of April to
July and October to December
1867, although he subsequently
under Revenue Proceedings

in the accounts of the P. W.
Department

in the letter
with the

N^o 3016. dated 18 December 1867,
wrote back the entire amount,
viz Rupees 32,249, to the Credit
of the Revenue Department.
The write back entry was
made, as Mr. Puckle thought
that the people, who subscribed
the money would be disappointed
if it were sunk in a general
fund at the disposal of
the P. W. Department. Mr.
Puckle's opinion was, I believe,
formed under a misappre-
hension, since there is
nothing in the rules of the
P. W. Department to prevent
private contributions being
laid out by Collectors under
their own arrangements, all
that is required being that
the receipts shall be recorded
in the P. W. Books as realized,
and the outlay debited
against

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against those receipts upon
monthly Abstracts of Expen-
diture to be furnished by
the Revenue Authorities to
the Controller of P. W. Accounts.
5. The Government of
India have been informed, in
the most distinct manner,
of the Acheerygooniam people
having contributed a large
sum towards the carrying
out of the project under
notice, and it is likely
that a question will arise
if, when the Annual P. W.
Accounts of this Presidency
for the current Official Year
are laid before that Govern-
ment, it be found that
they contain no record of the
transaction.

16 April 1867-

S. Hoell-
Controller of P. W. Accts.

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17. Sept.
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No. 1117
Proc. of the Madras Government
Under date the 30. Apr. 1869
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Mr. Secty - (D.R. No 597 of 13 March 69)

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PUBLIC WORKS.

The Superintending Engr.
8th Division

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Dated

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30 April 1869

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Superintendent Ancient Works

Sanitation provided for the ad-
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Rev Dep't