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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
18th June 1869.*

No. 411. Read the following Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account,) dated Simla, 11th May 1869, No. 32 :—

Expenditure to be kept strictly within the limit of the Budget Grant.

Read the following :—

RESOLUTION by the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 31st March 1869,
No. 1,772.

Read—

The several Budget Estimates received from the Departments of the Government of India, the Local Governments and Administrations, and Heads of Departments, with the orders upon them, and the Budget Statement presented by the Financial Member to the Council of the Governor General of India in Council for making Laws and Regulations.

RESOLUTION.—Now that the arrangements have been made for carrying out the Financial Budget for 1869-70, and that specific orders regarding the allotments for each head of service have been issued to each Local Government and Administration, and to each Imperial Department, the Government of India desires to impress on all concerned, in general terms, the importance of strictly restraining all expenditure within the limits of the Budget allotments.

It will have been apparent to all executive authorities that the Government of India is determined to have at least an equilibrium between income and ordinary expenditure: that this equilibrium has been obtained in the present Budget with some difficulty, and only with the aid of an Income Tax. It will hence be further manifest that the equilibrium can only be preserved by means of the restriction of expenditure according to the limitation laid down. If the allotment shall be at all exceeded, the consequent inconvenience will be grave indeed. The Government of India will, of course, do all in its power to prevent any such excess occurring, but it confidently relies on the zealous exertions of all executive authorities for the same end. It believes that such reliance cannot be misplaced, remembering the comparatively close correspondence during the present year, and the past year, between the amounts budgetted for, and the amounts ultimately audited and adjusted, for all Civil and Military Departments. The attention heretofore bestowed on this important matter should not only be sustained, but if possible increased. Whatever degree of discretion may be properly left to the local authorities in respect to details, there should be the most complete understanding that the *totals* of the Budget allotments must not on any account be exceeded. On the contrary, there should rather be savings under each Budget head by the rigid enforcement of economy. For all this the departmental or other authorities are really responsible. The Departments of Audit and Account will do their best to check irregularity of expenditure, but real economy and substantive check must mainly depend on the efforts of those who are in administrative charge.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor-General in Council, in circulating to the Public Works Department the foregoing Resolution, desires to direct the earnest attention of all Officers concerned to the absolute necessity of keeping the expenditure

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strictly within the limit of the Budget Grant; and at the same time to point out that the main divisions of the grant being virtually separate grants, excess over one cannot be compensated by a saving on the other.

2. It will be the special duty of the Controllers of Public Works Accounts to watch the expenditure of the year, and to bring to the notice of the Accountant-General of the Department any deviations from the established practice in the allotment of funds to works in excess of the grants.

3. The Governor-General in Council further deems it necessary to add that, in case of any excess outlay on Public Works taking place in any year without the special sanction of the Government of India, such excess will be viewed by His Excellency in Council as evincing a direct and wilful disregard of the distinct orders of the Supreme Government, and this Government will in every such case consider the propriety of making a retrenchment equal to the amount of the excess expenditure from the grant of the succeeding year in which the excess may be brought to light.

ORDER.—Ordered, that this Resolution be communicated to all Local Governments and Administrations, and to the Accountant-General, Department Public Works, for information and guidance.

(Signed) R. STRACHEY, Colonel, R. E.,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 412.

ORDER THEREON, 18th June 1869, No. 1,992.

ACCOUNT, No. 22.

COMMUNICATED to the Controller of
Public Works Accounts.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd S. T. Augustin.

CIRCULAR No. 32 PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Account.

SIMLA, 11TH MAY 1869.

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RESOLUTION.—Now that the arrangements have been made for carrying out the Financial Budget for 1869-70, and that specific orders regarding the allotments for each head of service have been issued to each Local Government and Administration, and to each Imperial Department, the Government of India desires to impress on all concerned, in general terms, the importance of strictly restraining all expenditure within the limits of the Budget allotments.

It will have been apparent to all executive authorities that the Government of India is determined to have at least an equilibrium between income and ordinary expenditure: that this equilibrium has been obtained in the present Budget with some difficulty, and only with the aid of an Income Tax. It will hence be further manifest that the equilibrium can only be preserved by means of the restriction of expenditure according to the limitation laid down. If the allotments shall be at all exceeded, the consequent inconvenience will be grave indeed. The Government of India will, of course, do all in its power to prevent any such excess occurring, but it confidently relies on the zealous exertions of all executive authorities for the same end. It believes that such reliance cannot be misplaced, remembering the comparatively close correspondence during the present year, and the past year, between the amounts budgeted for, and the amounts ultimately audited and adjusted, for all Civil and Military Departments. The attention heretofore bestowed on this important matter should not only be sustained, but if possible increased. Whatever degree of discretion may be properly left to the local authorities in respect to details, there should be the most complete understanding that the totals of the Budget allotments must not on any account be exceeded. On the contrary, there should rather be savings under each Budget head by the rigid enforcement of economy. For all this the departmental or other authorities are really responsible. The Departments of Audit and Account will do their best to check irregularity of expenditure, but real economy and substantive check must mainly depend on the efforts of those who are in administrative charge.

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R. Strachey Colonel, R. E.,
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PUBLIC WORKS.

To
The Controller of Public Works
Accounts

Dated

For

G. O. 18-June 1902, No. 1992

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Budget Grant Circular from the
Govt. of India on the subject of
expenditure being kept strictly
within the limit of the Budget
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