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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 592. Read the following letter from the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—Irrigation,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch, dated Simla, 26th May 1869, No. 99-A. I. :—

Proceedings Madras Government, No. 537 of 17th February 1868. Despatch from Government of Madras to Secretary of State, No. 137, dated 7th April 1869, with enclosures.

WITH reference to the papers as per margin, on the subject of certain advances made by the Government of Madras to the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company on account of the works in the fifth and sixth sections of their Main Canal, I am directed to request that a full explanation of the exact nature of, and the necessity for, these advances may be furnished as soon as possible; the papers at present before the Government of India do not afford any information on these points.

2. I am to add that the Governor-General in Council is decidedly opposed on principle to any advances of money being given for works, whether they are carried out by Government officers or others, the designs and estimates for which require the previous sanction of the Government. To make such advances and authorize the commencement of work before proper designs and estimates are submitted and approved, would appear to defeat the whole object for which the sanction is required.

No. 593. ORDER THEREON, 28th June 1869, No. 2,083.

IRRIGATION, No. 23.

ORDERED that the following letter be sent :—

(Here enter No. 2,084, dated 28th June 1869.)

(True Extract.)

Major, R. E.,
Acting Joint-Secy. to Govt., Irrigation Branch.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

Govt. of {1869} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated June, 28th.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 28th June 1869, No. 2,083.

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Nos. 592-593

Advances (Madras Irrigation and Canal Company).—Passing orders on the letter from the Government of India, requesting to be furnished with certain information in connection with the advances made to the Company on account of the works in the fifth and sixth sections of the Madras Canal; and objecting to the principle of advancing money for works whether the works are carried out by Government Officers or others, the designs and estimates for which require the previous sanction of Government.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 28*th June* 1869.

No. 594.

No. 2,084.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

IRRIGATION, No. 24.

IN reply to your letter No. 99-A. I. of the 26th ultimo, I am directed to state for the information of the Government of India that the effect of the sanction of an advance to the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company is to permit their Chief Engineer to proceed with the construction of works and to exceed the amount of the regular estimates sanctioned by an amount equal to the advance.

2. The terms used in conveying the sanction are more particularly applicable to the arrangements formerly in force when the Company's Agent drew funds for the works in India. Their drafts were passed against the amounts of sanctioned estimates, and could not be so passed unless covered by a Government sanction which, in the absence of regular estimates, had to be given, when necessary, to an advance. Now the Agent obtains whatever funds he requires almost entirely from England through the Board of Directors, and the terms, in which expenditure in excess of sanctioned estimates has hitherto been permitted, may, with advantage, be modified.

3. With regard to the necessity for such advances, I am to point out that practically the Government of Madras have no option in the matter of their grant or refusal. The Company are bound by the supplemental Contract to complete the works therein referred to by the 1st July 1871. Were this Government to refuse sanctions of this kind, until the supplemental or revised estimates had been duly submitted and sanctioned, the Company would throw the onus of any failure of their engagements upon the Government; and, as the Company's Officers would either disregard the refusal of sanction, which they can do without difficulty as funds are entirely at their own disposal, or stop the works and represent that they were forced to do so by the action of the Government, it has been thought better, whenever reasonable grounds could be shown for a relaxation of the rules, requiring the pre-sanction of estimates as a preliminary to expenditure, to avoid the embarrassments which might, and probably would, arise were the Company to be required to conform strictly to the terms of the original Contract.

4. Except in cases of emergency advances are not sanctioned in anticipation of the receipt and approval of original estimates. It is only when the character of the works and their arrangements generally have been approved, and when the original estimates prove insufficient, that the prosecution of the works, pending the

submission of revised estimates, is authorized. The Company's officers ought to take care that such estimates are prepared directly the necessity for further sanction has been made clear; but, if they fail to do so, the Government cannot enforce attention to the duty except at the risk of affording the Company plausible grounds of objection to the carrying out of the terms of the supplemental Contract.

5. I am further directed to point out, that the course adopted by this Government appears to be in accordance with the wishes of the Secretary of State for India; and, in support of this view, I am to refer you to the Despatch No. 14 of the 25th June 1868 to this Government. The sanction of the estimates therein alluded to would not have been unreservedly accorded, but for the circumstance that the Company had entered into a time Contract; and, though it was of great importance that all expenditure should be properly accounted for, it was deemed to be of still greater importance that the progress of the works should not be retarded by the exercise of even what might be most fairly considered a proper application of the powers of the Government, as regards their control over the operations of the Company.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Major, R. E.,
Acting Joint-Secy. to Govt. Irrigation Branch.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No 99 A.I

Government of India
Public Works Department
Account
Irrigation

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras
Public Works Department
Irrigation Branch

Simla 26th May 1869.

Sir,

With reference to the papers as per margin on the subject of certain advances made by the Government of Madras to the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company on account of the works in the fifth and sixth sections of their main Canal, I am directed to request that a full explanation of the exact nature of, and the necessity for, these advances may be furnished as soon as possible; the papers at present before the Government of India do not afford any information on these points.

2. I am to add that the Governor General in Council is decidedly opposed on principle to any advances of money being given for works, whether they are carried out by Government officers or others, the designs and estimates for which require the previous sanction of the Government. So much

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× Pro: Madras Government No 537 of 17th February 1868 Despatch from Government of Madras to Secretary of State No 137 dated 7th April 1869 with enclosures

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I have the honour to be
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Your most obedt. servt.

R. Thackeray Colr R.E.
Offg Secy to the Govt of India

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From
The Govt of India
Dy 26th May
Rd 5th June 1869

No 99 A.J.

Secretary
No 2083 & 2084 - 25th June 69.
Requesting to be furnished with certain information in connection with the advances made to the Madras P.W.D. on account of the works in the 5th & 6th Sections of the Main Canal; and explaining the principle of advancing money for works, whether they are carried out by Govt. Offrs or others the designs & estimates for which require

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 25th June 69.

Read the following

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From The Govt of India / M.E. No 99 A.J. of 26th May 1869

Ordered that

the following letter be

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No 2084.

To The Secretary to the

Government of India.

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Govt. of {1869} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Secretary to the Govt of India

Dated

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G. O. 25 June 1869, No 2083 & 2084

Nos. 592-593-&594

Advances (Mr. J & Co.) Papers ordered on the letter from the Govt of India requesting they be furnished with certain information in connection with the advances made thro' Co. on account of the Works in the 5 & 6 Sections of the main Canal; and objecting to the principle of advancing money for works whether they are carried out by Govt Officers or others, the designs & estimates for which require the previous sanction of Govt.

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Mr J. & Co.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Secretary to the Govt of India

Dated

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Mr. J. Blackburn