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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 13th July 1869.

No. 312. Read the following letter from the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 9th June 1869, No. 449-A. :—

* Under cover of your Endorsement No. 1,043D, of 31st March 1869.

I AM directed to acknowledge receipt* of the Proceedings of the Government of Madras, No. 1,043-C., dated 31st March 1869, in which a detail is given of the items that have been reduced from the Madras Budget grant for 1868-69 on account of stores from England, showing that of the sum so reduced Rupees 59,079 is from the additional grant of Rupees five lacs for Jails, sanctioned in Public Works Department letter No. 754-A., dated 9th October 1868.

2. I am to observe that this grant was given for a specific purpose, and on the special representation of the Government of Madras that the money was urgently required for that purpose, and the Governor-General in Council therefore considers that any sum that could not have been spent on Jail should have been allowed to lapse. As the case now stands, the result is that the Government of Madras have virtually obtained an additional grant of Rupees 59,079 for other works, which of course was not intended, and which would not have been given directly. The Governor-General in Council of course does not for a moment suggest that such a conclusion could have been contemplated beforehand, but it adds another to many instances that have come under the notice of the Government of India where demands have been made and granted for additional funds on the plea of great urgency, which it subsequently appeared could not be applied to the objects for which it was stated they were essentially necessary. The Government of India is thus confirmed in the conclusions arrived at by all former experience, that it is undesirable to make additions to the regular Budget grant for Public Works unless under circumstances of altogether exceptional character.

No. 313. ORDER THEREON, 13th July 1869, No. 2,287.

ACCOUNT, No. 20.

ORDERED that the Government of India be addressed upon the subject of this letter :—

(Here enter No. 2,288, dated 13th July 1869.)

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. S.T. Augustin.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 13*th July* 1869.

No. 314.

No. 2,288.

To

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

SIR,

ACCOUNT, No. 21.

I AM directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th June 1869, No. 449-A., in which you communicate the orders of the Government of India upon the proposals submitted by this Government for giving effect to the reduction of Rupees 1,00,000 from the Budget assignment to Madras for 1868-69 on account of stores expected from England, and remark that, as some of the grants surrendered to make up the amount withdrawn form portions of the extra allotment of five lacs of Rupees which was specially given for expenditure on Jails, but could not be applied to that object, the Government of India are confirmed in the opinion that it is undesirable to make additions to the regular Public Works Budget grant unless under circumstances of a very exceptional character.

2. In reply, I am to remind the Government of India that the application of this Government in the Judicial Department for a special grant of five lacs of Rupees is dated the 26th June 1868, being within the first quarter of the official year. The orders of the Financial Department, however, according sanction to the additional allotment were not received here till the 21st November 1868, or nearly five months after the date of Mr. Chief Secretary Ellis's application, and when little more than four months of the year remained for the utilization of the money which was only then made available.

3. The Government of India are aware that the Budget assignment to Madras on account of Jails of all descriptions for the year 1868-69 was Rupees 5,46,560. This was increased to Rupees 10,46,560 by the extra assignment above mentioned, and, notwithstanding the difficulties attendant on the construction of buildings in outlying stations, and the late date at which the supplemental assignment was granted, this Government have the satisfaction of reporting that, of the total amount sanctioned for Jails, no less a sum than Rupees 9,58,210 was advantageously employed by the Officers of the Department. This fact, in the opinion of His Excellency in Council, affords ample testimony of the urgent need which existed for the special grant applied for, and furnishes fair reasons for concluding that, if that grant had been made earlier in the year, the whole of the available funds would have been applied to the specific object for which they had been allotted.

4. With regard to the diversion of a portion of the special grant of five lacs to make up the amount withdrawn on account of English stores, I am to explain that immediately on the receipt of the orders of the Government of India of the

10th November 1868, No. 855-A., this Government called upon all Superintending Engineers for a statement of the sums which, in their opinion, could be advantageously laid out on Jail works in the several districts.

1st Division. 22nd January 1869.
2nd do. No reply, statements of requirements on account of Jails having been previously submitted.
3rd do. 10th February.
4th do. 5th December 1868, 23rd January and 3rd February 1869.
5th do. 23rd December 1868.
6th do. 18th do. do. and 15th February 1869.
7th do. 24th December 1868.
8th do. 25th January 1869.

5. These statements were submitted on the dates noted in the margin, and upon the demands therein made His Excellency in Council appropriated *the whole* of the additional assignment to Jail buildings. Subsequently, however, some of the Superintending Engineers brought to notice that, notwithstanding the efforts which had been made, portions of the grants placed at their disposal could not be utilized during the short working season which remained, and they accordingly replaced those balances at the disposal of this Government. It was then too late to transfer the money thus surrendered to other districts where it might have been possible to spend on Jails larger grants than had been allotted, and there was, therefore, no other way of employing the money thus set free than by applying it to the adjustment of expenditure incurred in anticipation of specific allotments, and to the equalization of outlay with the reduced grant of the year.

6. The Government of India will remember that before six months of the past official year had expired, no less a sum than Rupees 1,00,000 was most unexpectedly withdrawn* from the comparatively small grant to this Presidency for New Works under "Communications." The particular allotment from which the reduction was made was that for the Madras and Calcutta road, for which a provision of three lacs of Rupees had been made. In ordering this withdrawal, the Government of India, foreseeing the probability of the reduced assignment of two lacs of Rupees being insufficient to cover the expenditure on the road in question, promised to reconsider the reduction in the event of it being found practicable to arrange for the expenditure of the whole of the original grant. Notwithstanding, however, the promise thus held out, and the representations contained in my letter of the 25th February 1869, No. 609, of the inadequacy of the modified assignment for the road and of the very difficult position in which this Government would be placed if the withdrawal of one lac of Rupees were regarded as absolute, no portion of the amount withdrawn was re-allotted to this Presidency. The difficulties experienced by this Government in finding money with which to carry on works of great importance and emergency were, moreover, considerably increased by the orders† of the Government of India issued very shortly after your letter of the 29th September 1868, No. 727-A., in which a further reduction of one lac of Rupees in the Public Works grant to Madras for 1868-69 was made on account of English‡ stores. In the preceding official year, no less than Rs. 77,723 were diverted to works from the assignment in Part V. of the Budget, and this Government hoped for a large saving from the same source in 1868-69 to effect, in part at least, the adjustments referred to above. The withdrawal of one lac of Rupees having, however, been unconditionally ordered, and the previous reduction of an equivalent amount from the grant for Communications having been made

* See letter No. 727-A., dated 29th Sept. 1868.

† Circular No. 89, dated 17th October 1868.

‡ Part V. of Budget.

absolute, this Government were compelled, in order to set free a part of the sum by which the Budget allotment for stores had been curtailed, to employ for that purpose the whole of the balances so unwillingly surrendered by Superintending Engineers without reference to the sources from which they were derived.

7. His Excellency in Council trusts that, giving due weight to the circumstances now explained, and making full allowance for the great embarrassment which was produced by the operation of the orders of the Government of India of the 29th September and 17th October 1868, already quoted, the Right Honorable the Governor-General in Council will be satisfied that no effort was wanting on the part of this Government or its Officers to utilize the special funds which were made available, and will confirm the proceedings reported in my endorsement of the 31st March 1869, No. 1,043-D.

8. While upon this subject, I am to request the orders of the Government of India as to whether the expression "main divisions of the grant" employed in paragraph 1 of their Circular of the 11th May 1869, No. 32, refers only to the heads "Original Works,"* "Repairs,"* "Establishments,"* "Tools* and Plant," and State outlay* on Guaranteed Companies," or also to allotments made in Parts II. and III. under the five heads marginally noted. In either case, I am to request that this Government may be informed whether it is intended, in the event of savings accruing on allotments under one head, that such savings shall absolutely lapse, or, subject to the conditions prescribed in paragraph 13 of Circular of the 24th October 1868, No. 90, that the power of transferring funds from one part of the Budget Estimate, or from one Division of Parts II. and III. to another shall rest entirely with the Government of India.

* Parts II. to VI. of Budget.

Military.
Civil Buildings.
Agricultural.
Communications.
Miscellaneous Public Improvement.

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

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Govt. of {1869} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT

OF INDIA

Dated July, 13*th*.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 13*th July* 1869, *No.* 2,288.

JULY.

No. 314

Budget Grant for 1868-69.—The Go ernment of India informed of the circu stances under which portions of the extr allotment of five lacs of Rupees on accou of Jail works were surrendered to mak up the reduction of Rupees 1,00,000 whic was ordered to be made from the Budg grant for 1868-69 on account of stores e pected from England; and certain info mation called for regarding the dispos of savings on allotments from either th main or Budget heads.

No 449 A

Government of India.

Public Works Department.

Account.

To, The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Public Works Department.

Simla, 9th June 1869.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of the Government of Madras No 1043 L, dated 31st March 1869, in which a detail is given of the items that have been reduced from the Madras Budget Grant for 1868/69 on account of Stores from England, shewing that of the sum so reduced, Rs 59,079 is from the additional grant of Rs 5 Lakhs for Jails sanctioned in Public Works Department Letter No 754 A dated 9th October 1868.

2. I am to observe that this grant was given for a specific purpose, and on the special representation of the Government of Madras, that the money was urgently required for that purpose, and the Governor General in Council therefore considers that any sum that could not have been spent on Jail should have been allowed to lapse. As the case now stands, the result is that the Government of Madras have virtually obtained an additional grant

× Under cover of your endorsement No 1043 L of 31st March 1869.

grant of Rs 59,079 for other works, which of course was not intended, and which would not have been given directly. The Governor General in Council of course does not for a moment suggest that such a conclusion could have been contemplated before hand, but it adds another to many instances that have come under the notice of the Government of India where demands have been made and granted for additional funds on the plea of great urgency, which it subsequently appeared could not be applied to the objects for which it was stated they were essentially necessary. The Government of India is thus confirmed in the conclusions arrived at by all former experience, that it is undesirable to make additions to the regular Budget grant for Public Works useless under circumstances of altogether exceptional character.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obed't Servt,
D Thackeray Lieut R.E.,
Off'g Secy to the Govt of India.

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Fin. Dept. Pay. Dept.

No. 2287.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 13th July 1869.

Read the following

From the Secy. to the Govt. of India

(Fin. Dept. No. 449 A. 9th June 1869)

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed upon the subject of this letter

No. 2288.

To The Secretary to the Government of India

Fin. Dept.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th June 1869

Fin. Dept. Pay. Dept. July 69.
No. 2558

From
The Govt. of India.

Dated 9th June 1869
Recd. 19th " 1869

No. 449 A.

Passing orders on letter No. 10436 of 1869, giving the details of the items that have been reduced from the Madras Budget Grant for 1868/69 on account of Stores from England.

No. 312

No. 2287 & 2288 - 13th July 69.

1869. No. 249. A Bill which
you communicate the
orders of the Secretary of State
India upon the proposals which
submitted by this Govt
for giving effect to the
reduction of Rs. 100,000
from the Budget Assign
ment to Madras for
1868/69 on account of
stores expected from England,
and desire that ac
vance of the grant ex
pected to make up
the amount withdrawn
from portion of the res
idual allotment of 5 lacs
of Rs. which was
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expenditure on Jails that
could not be applied
to that object, the Go:
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are confirmed in the
opinion that it is un:
desirable to make add:
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Public Works Budget
grants unless under
circumstances of a very
exceptional character.
2. I am desired to remind the Govt of
India that the application
of this Govt in the
Judicial Deptt for a
special grant of 5 lacs
of Rs. is dated the 26
June 1868, being within
the first quarter of the

official year - The
order of the Financial
Department, however,
according sanction to the
additional allotment
were not received here
till the 21st November
1868, or nearly five
months after the date
of the Chief Secretary's
Ellis's application, and
when little more than
four months of the year
remained for the utilization
of the money which
was only then made
available.

3 The Govt of India
are aware that the

Budget assignment
to Madras in respect
of Jails of all descrip-
tions for the year 1868/69
was Rs. 5,46,560. This
was increased to Rs.
10,46,560 by the extra
assignment above men-
tioned, and notwith-
standing the difficulties
attendant on the con-
struction of buildings in
outlying stations, and
the late date at which
the supplemental as-
signment was granted,
they have the satisfaction of reporting
that of the total amount
sanctioned for Jails

had been allotted
for [illegible]

With regard to the
diversion of a portion of
the special grant of
Rs. [illegible] from other
purposes to which it was
entitled, with a view
to account of English stores
I am to explain that
immediately on the
receipt of the orders of the
Government of India
of the 5th November 1868
No. 865 Arthur Lovett
called upon all Superintending Engineers
for a statement of the
sums which, in their
opinion, could be advantageously laid out
on Rail roads in the
several Districts - [illegible]

[illegible] Sheets

Despatch from the Govt
of India in the Public Works
Department dated 21st March 1867
Paragraphs 6 & 7 Page 2 of
Abstract of Officers of the Depts
this fact in the opinion
of His Excellency in
Council affords ample
testimony of the urgent
need which exists for
the special grant applied
for, and furnishes
fair reasons for excluding that, if that
grant had been made
earlier in the year, the
whole of the available
funds would have been
applied to the specific
object for which they

These Statements were
submitted on the dates
mentioned in the margin
and upon the demands
thereupon made His
Excellency in Council
appropriated the whole
of the Subsidies asked for
pointing out to Council
however, how far the
Sisters thought it to
notice that notwithstanding
the efforts which had
been made portions of
the grants placed at
their disposal would
not be utilized during
the short working season
which

1st Dec 22nd Jany 69.
2d do. No reply, Statements
required, on account of Jails
having been previously
submitted.
3d do. 10th Feb
4th do. 5th Decr 68. 28th Jany
& 3d Feby.
5th do 23d Decr 68.
6th do. 18th — — — & 15 Feby
7th do. 24th — — —
8th do 25th Jany.

which, if realized, would
the Sisters accordingly replaced
that Parliament in the
Sisters' appeal in favour
transfer the moneys they
surrendered for other Dio
which thought
have been available to
special larger grants
than had been allotted
for all the
there was one, no
other way of employing
alternative but to allow
the unexpended balances
of the 5 Lacs granted to
Lacs or to
manner
than by applying it to
until free the adjustment of

of these surveys is divided
in anticipation of specific
allotments and forms
the equalization of salary
with the reduced grants
of the year.

The Govt of India
will remember that before
the six months of the last
official year had expired
no less a sum than Rs
100,000 was restored
to the Estimates
from the comparatively
small grant to this Pre-
sidency for new Works
under communications.

The particular allotment
from which the reduction
was

See letter No 727 A dated 29th Sept 68.

was made was for
the Calpee and Calcutta
road for which a supervisor
of 3 Grades of the Civil
Service was made in the Budget
of the Pub Works Depart-
ment, in relieving this with
a standard the Govt of
India reserving the pro-
bability of the progress
of Railways
of Rs being sufficient
to cover the expenditure
on the Road in question
during 1868-69, promised
to reconsider the reduction
in the event of it being
found practicable to
arrange for the expenditure
of the whole of the original
Grant within that limit,
however the promise thus
held out, and the

representations contained
in my letter of the 25th
~~of~~ Feb 1869 No 609 of the
inadequacy of the modified
assignment for the road
and of the very difficult
position in which the
Govt would be placed
if ~~by regarding~~ the with-
drawal of the lacs of Rs were regarded
as absolute, ~~they were~~
left to devote monies
~~for the reinstatement~~
~~from savings on the~~
~~reduced grant of the~~
~~excess attach on the~~
~~road as well as of the~~
~~expenditure of other im-~~
~~portant and pressingly~~
~~required works which~~
~~had~~

~~had been referred to be~~
~~proceeded with in con-~~
~~sequence of the~~
~~allotment being~~ a portion of
the amount withdrawn
~~was~~ reallotted to the
Presidency the difficul-
ties experienced by
the Govt in finding
money with which
to carry on works
of pressing importance
and either serious ~~were~~
~~incurred~~ inconvenience
would be caused

Enclosure No 89 - 97
17th Feb/68.

In the orders of the
Govt of India issued
very shortly after your
letter of the 29 Septr

1868, No. 727 A. in
which a further reduction
of one lac of Rs. in the
Public Works grant to
Madras for 1868/69
was made on account
of English Stores. On
the preceding Official day,
no less than Rs. 77.723
were divided to works
still the assignment
in Part V of the Budget,
and this Govt. thought
for a large sum of the
same agency in 1868/69.
to effect the said abstract.
the said sentiment referred
to above. The withdrawal
of one lac of Rupees
having however been
unconditionally ordered

* Part V B Budget

and the previous re-
duction of an equivalent
amount from the grant
for Commissariat stations
having been made
absolute, the Govt.
were compelled in
order to set free a
sum of the same by
which the Budget al-
lotment for Stores
might be increased
to enable them to
purchase the balances
so unwillingly surrendered
without reference to the sources
from which they were derived
for last limit
Hon. Mr. His Excellency in
Council trusts that
giving due weight to

to the circumstances now be explained, and making full allowance for the great embarrassment which was produced by the operation of the orders of the Govt of India of the 29 Sept and 17 Oct 1868, already quoted, the Right Honble the Governor General in Council is satisfied that no effort were wanting on the part of this Govt or its Officers to utilize the special funds which were made available, will reconsider the remarks contained in

Govt of India
Financial Department
No 1 Budget

paras 2 of your letter under acknowledgment, and confirm the provisional Estimate reported with Memorandum of the 31st March 1869 No 103 Dated

While regretting this subject I have to request the orders of the Govt of India, as to whether the expression "Annual division of the grant" employed in para 1 of their Circular of the 11th May 1869 No 32 corresponds with the "Original Works" "Repairs" "Establishments" "Tools and Plant" and "Miscellaneous" Guaranteed

† Paras II to VI of Budget

companies, or also to allotments made in Parts II and III under the first heading mentioned in either case, I appeal to respect that this Government may be informed whether it is intended, with the object of avoiding delay, that all allotments made in either of those parts shall be absolutely exempt from the subject to the control prescribed in Section 23 of Cap. 61 of the 21st October 1865

Military
Civil Buildings
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No. 90, that the power of transferring funds from one Part of the Budget Estimate or from one Division of Parts II and III, to another shall rest entirely with the Govt. of India -

Sept. 15/74.

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Govt. of {1869} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Secretary to the Govt of India

Dated

Recd. Ans.

G. O. 13 July 1869, Nos 2287 & 2288

Nos. 312-313 & 314

Budget grant for 1868-69 Passing orders on the letter from the Govt of India communicating their orders on the proposals submitted by the Madras Govt for giving effect to the reduction of Rs 100,000 from the Budget grant for 1868-69 on account of Stores expected from England.

Budget grant for 1868-69 The Govt of India informed of the circumstances under which portions of the extra allotment of 5 lacs of Rupees on account of Jail works, were surrendered to make up the reduction of Rs 100,000 which was ordered to be made from the Budget grant for 1868-69 on account of Stores expected from England, and enclosing information called for regarding the disposal of savings from the allotments from either the main or Budget heads.