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No. 475. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—Irrigation,) dated Fort William, 4th February 1870, No. 28-A—I:—

Charges on account of Establishments debitable to the grant for Extraordinary Irrigation Works.

Read—

Accountant-General, Public Works Department's Circular, No. 29, of 1869, paragraph 8, and Circular, No. 33, of 1869, explaining the principles upon which the charges for Establishment and Tools and Plant should be made against Loan Funds on account of Extraordinary Irrigation Works.

Read also—

Letter No. 3,784, dated 30th November 1869, from the Government of Madras, submitting the Regular Estimate of the Province.

Observations.—From the papers read it appears that of the establishments employed during 1869-70 on Irrigation Works in Madras it is estimated that the share of their cost properly debitable to Extraordinary Works will probably amount to Rupees 2,85,000. But the outlay on those works being Rupees 12,00,000, only ten per cent. of that expenditure, or Rupees 1,20,000, would be debited on this account to Loan Funds according to the rules at present in force for the apportionment of establishment and other charges between the Ordinary and Extraordinary grants, and the balance would have to be borne by the general revenues, and it is represented that by this arrangement an undue burden is thrown upon the Ordinary grant, to remedy which a different mode of dividing the establishment charges seems called for.

2. It has to be observed that the duties of Divisional Irrigation Officers in Madras and in the other provinces where Irrigation Works have been carried out are in one respect very different. In the latter, the Irrigation Officers, in addition to engineering business, have considerable administrative and revenue duties, whereas in the Madras Presidency such officers have little, if anything, to do with the collection of the revenues. This being the case, it would appear that the general rules already laid down for the apportionment of establishment charges (which were framed with reference particularly to the requirements of the North-Western Provinces and Punjab) are not suitable to the Madras Presidency, and the Governor-General in Council considers that the charges for Extraordinary establishment may, as regards Madras, be more properly calculated on the following principles:—

I.—In a Range in which Extraordinary works alone are in progress, the entire cost of the establishment of the Range to be charged to the Extraordinary grant.

II.—In a Range in which both Ordinary and Extraordinary works are in progress, the establishment charges to be apportioned each month between the Ordinary and Extraordinary grants in proportion to the outlay on each head.

III.—No additional charge should be made to the Extraordinary grant on account of Direction or Account establishments, unless some specific portion of these establishments are employed solely in connexion with Extraordinary works.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 24th February 1870.

ORDER.—Ordered that this Resolution be communicated to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, for information and an early expression of opinion on these proposals, it being understood that they should be acted on in the current year at any rate as a provisional arrangement, and to the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, for information and guidance.

2. It is requested that any re-appropriation of grants which this arrangement renders necessary may be carried out at once by the Government of Madras, or proposed to the Government of India for sanction, as the case may be.

(Signed) G. CHESNEY,
Depy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department.

No. 476. ORDER THEREON 24th February 1870, No. 621.

ACCOUNT, No. 49.

COMMUNICATED to the Controller of Public Works Accounts for report with reference to paragraph 1 of the order.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

No. 28 A—I.

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Depy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

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