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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
4th March 1870.

No. 122. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Marine Department, dated 16th February 1870, No. 46 :—

Read the following letter from the Master Attendant, Madras, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 24th January 1870, No. 308.

[Administrative Department.]

I HAVE the honour respectfully to submit, for the favourable consideration of Government, the following suggestions, in view to prevent confusion in the Port Fund Accounts kept in this Office.

2. It was the general rule, prior to the introduction of the Port Fund Budget (Public Works), which was first submitted in the year 1868, when a Marine work was to be executed, either at the request of this department or of the Collector of the district, for the District Superintending Engineer concerned to forward to this Office a detailed estimate, which was submitted with the views of the head of the Marine Department to Government for orders, if approved of by him. On these being sanctioned the Accountant-General was requested to transfer to the Public Works Department the amount required, it being at the same time debited in the Port Fund Accounts kept by this (the Marine) department.

3. But since the adoption of the Budge-system, as soon as the annual estimate is sanctioned by the Government in the Department of Public Works, the several amounts therein inserted are held at the credit of the Public Works Department by the Accountant-General; and this being the case, although the practice of submitting detailed estimates to this Office is continued, it has been found that in some cases charges have been incurred by the Public Works Department without previous reference to this Office. The result has been that the sums thus expended have not been adjusted in this Office Accounts, and the supervision which this department ought to exercise over expenditure connectedwith it has been rendered impracticable.

4. It does not always happen that the full sum inserted in the Budget-Estimate for a work is required when the cost is calculated at the time the work is to be executed, nor are the whole of the projects provided for in the Budget put in hand in the same year, and consequently no debits on account of Marine work are made in this Office books until they are actually to be executed with my approval.

5. Under the foregoing circumstances I have to solicit that the Government will be pleased to issue instructions that no Marine works or repairs of any description shall be executed by the Public Works Department without previously forwarding to the head of the Marine Department to be passed detailed estimates with plans, if necessary, and that on completion of the works a report of the fact shall be made to the same authority, stating likewise the *actual* expenditure incurred. Unless this rule is enforced I respectfully submit that the Port Fund Accounts of this Office cannot be kept up in a satisfactory manner.

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RESOLVED that a copy of the foregoing letter be forwarded to the Public Works Department with a view, should there be no objection, to instructions being issued

to the several Superintending Engineers as solicited by the Master Attendant in paragraph 5 of the letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. I. MINCHIN,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 123. ORDER THEREON, 4th March 1870, No. 702.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 13.

As the commencement of any work without an allotment of funds, on plans and estimate duly sanctioned by competent authority, is strictly prohibited by the Public Works Code as well as by the special orders of Government, no further instructions appear to be necessary; but on the completion of a work from Port Funds the information required by the Master Attendant should be furnished to that officer.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Master Attendant, Madras.
To Superintending Engineers.
The Officer in charge of Public Works Operations at Cochin.
To the Marine Department.

Exd. F. R. Bardwell.

No. 15. Read the following letter from the Master Attendant, Madras, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 24th January 1870, No. 308.

Administrative Department.]

I have the honour respectfully to submit, for the favourable consideration of Government, the following suggestions, in view to prevent confusion in the Port Fund Accounts kept in this office.

2. It was the general rule, prior to the introduction of the Port Fund Budget, (Public Works,) which was first submitted in the year 1868, when a Marine work was to be executed, either at the request of this department or of the Collector of the district, for the District Superintending Engineer concerned to forward to this office a detailed estimate, which was submitted with the views of the Head of the Marine Department to Government for orders, if approved of by him. On these being sanctioned, the Accountant-General was requested to transfer to the Public Works Department the amount required, it being at the same time debited in the Port Fund Accounts kept by this (the Marine) department.

3. But since the adoption of the Budget system, as soon as the annual estimate is sanctioned by the Government, in the Department of Public Works, the several amounts therein inserted are held at the credit of the Public Works Department by the Accountant-General, and this being the case, although the practice of submitting detailed estimates to this office is continued, it has been found that in some cases charges have been incurred by the Public Works Department without previous reference to this office. The result has been that the sums thus expended have not been adjusted in this office accounts, and the supervision, which this department ought to exercise over expenditure connected with it, has been rendered impracticable.

4. It does not always happen that the full sum inserted in the Budget Estimate for a work is required when the cost is calculated at the time the work is to be executed, nor are the whole of the projects provided for in the Budget put in hand in the same year, and consequently no debits on account of Marine works are made in this office books, until they are actually to be executed with my approval.

5. Under the foregoing circumstances, I have to solicit that the Government will be pleased to issue instructions that no Marine works, or repairs, of any description shall be executed by the Public Works Department, without previously forwarding to the Head of the Marine Department to be passed detailed estimates with plans, if necessary, and that, on completion of the works, a report of the fact shall be made to the same authority, stating likewise the *actual* expenditure incurred. Unless this rule is enforced, I respectfully submit that the Port Fund Accounts of this office cannot be kept up in a satisfactory manner.

No. 16. ORDER THEREON, 16th February 1870, No. 46.

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing letter be forwarded to the Public Works Department, with a view, should there be no objection, to instructions being issued to the several Superintending Engineers as solicited by the Master Attendant in paragraph 5 of the letter.

(True Extract.)

J. I. Minchin
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
,, Master Attendant, Madras.

Exd. J. Wright.

P.W. Department.

№ 702

Proceedings of the Madras Govt.

Under date the 1st March 1870

Read the following

Ltr: of the Madras Government Marine Department, M.E. № 105 of 10th February 1870

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Officer -

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To The Master Attendant
Madras. ✓
" Supg: Engrs ✓
" Marine Deptt ✓
" Offr in Chge of Dockyard, Cocanada ✓

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Sec. 713

Govt. of Tamil Nadu.

PUBLIC WORKS.

The Master Attendant

Madras

Sec. 122-123

Channel marks at Ennore Creek

In the Port Trustees Letter from the Secretary to the Government of Madras enclosing their representation for the placing of the Channel marks at Ennore Creek by the Port Trustees, Madras, and requesting the Government to sanction the expenditure of Rs. 1,000 for the same.

Fort St. George, the 14th January 1913.

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Port Trustees, Madras, dated the 30th December 1912:

Expenditure sanctioned.