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To

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

ACCOUNT, No. 42.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge your letter, No. 120-A.G., of the 2nd March 1870, in which you convey the Orders of the Government of India on the Budget Estimates of this Presidency for the ensuing year, and, with reference to paragraphs 3 to 5 and 26, I am desired to express the concern of His Excellency the Governor in Council at the action taken by the Government of India in striking out of those estimates the large sum of two lacs of rupees from the provision therein entered for establishments, notwithstanding the strong representations which were made in my letters of the 15th and 28th December 1869, Nos. 3,920 and 4,014, of the inability of the Madras Government to reduce those establishments without crippling the Public Works Department, and preventing its being able to carry on the duties hitherto required of it in an efficient manner.

2. The peculiar circumstances of the Public Works of this Presidency have been frequently explained to the Government of India. They are of such a nature as to demand for their proper supervision a relatively much larger number of Officers than is required in any other part of India, and an establishment constituted on a footing that can be comparatively little affected by changes in the amount of money annually placed at its disposal. The effect of a reduction of the Public Works Budget grant is to put a stop to the commencement and prosecution of certain important new works of urgent public improvement on which the expenditure, although large, is concentrated, and therefore entails little supervision, but does not affect the maintenance of the countless small works scattered over the face of the country, and which need so much careful attention, nor in any material degree does it interfere with the prosecution of those of an ordinary character. It is consequently not possible in this Presidency, whatever it may be elsewhere, suddenly to accommodate the strength of permanent establishments to the variable amounts assigned year by year for works in the Budget, and, therefore, to carry out the orders of the Government of India, His Excellency in Council has had no option but to direct the curtailment or dispersion of several of the organized parties of Engineers and Surveyors which are now actively employed on the investigation and preparation of large irrigation schemes.

3. By this measure a number of Officers and subordinates of the permanent establishment will be set free for employment on the regular duties of the depart-

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.. C. B. Target, do.	tion, posted by the Government of India to this Presidency. The services of those

gentlemen have accordingly been replaced at the disposal of the Government of India, and I am to state that they have been directed to proceed to Calcutta, and there to report themselves at your office.

4. The transfer of these seven gentlemen, and the absorption into the sanctioned establishment of three young Officers of Engineers who have hitherto been borne on its rolls as supernumeraries, have enabled the Government to make, with the reductions detailed in the accompanying copy of their Proceedings, No. 813, of the 18th March 1870, such a direct diminution of prospective expenditure on establishments as will effect a saving of Rupees 1,66,030, and, as all items of charge have been fully entered in the estimate, this Government have no doubt of being able to bring the outlay under Part IV. of the Budget within the amount passed by the Government of India.

5. There will still remain on the nominal list of the Public Works Establishment of this Presidency eight young Covenanted Engineers on probation in the 3rd Grade of Assistants. These gentlemen are being trained for their duties on the lowest possible scale of salary, and as the Government must look to them for the material with which the ranks of the department will hereafter, sooner or later, have to be recruited or strengthened, their services cannot with any regard to future requirements be spared. Little saving moreover is to be effected by their reduction even if that were practicable under their agreements with the Secretary of State.

6. With these explanations His Excellency the Governor in Council trusts that the Proceedings of this Government will meet with the approval of the Government of India, and, as nothing will be wanting on the part of the Madras Government to enforce the strictest economy, I am directed to request that His Excellency the Governor-General in Council will not press for further specific reductions.

7. Adverting to paragraph 7 I am to state that His Excellency the Governor in Council agrees with the Government of India that there is no immediate necessity for proceeding with the construction of the proposed Snider Ammunition Factory at St. Thomas' Mount, but, as the Mechanical Engineer who has been engaged for setting up and managing the machinery has arrived, and three Assistant Overseers, specially trained at Woolwich, are being sent out by the Secretary of State and are shortly expected, His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that it will be more judicious, in an economical point of view, to carry out the work than to defer it, unless the Government of India can find employment for the men in either of the other factories.

8. His Excellency the Governor in Council fears that no exact estimate of the cost of such measures as may be necessary for the complete restoration of Teroomalay Naick's Palace at Madura can at present be prepared. For the first year, at least, the undertaking must unavoidably be of an experi-

mental character; but an estimate for a limited but important portion of the work will be called for, and, with the experience which the operations of the year will afford, His Excellency hopes to be able to address the Government of India with greater confidence by and bye.

9. The question of providing for the maintenance of Station roads at Ootacamund, Coonoor, and Kotagerry by local rates, alluded to in paragraph 25, will be taken into consideration in the Public Department.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

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[Signature]

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6. 27th March 1886

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Budget Estimates of the Dept. of Public Works as
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Estimates of the Andromeda Principality
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Further Order of 1878
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