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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
22nd June 1871.*

No 387. Read the following letter from the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—General,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 1st June 1871, No. 364 A—G —

I AM directed to invite the attention of the Madras Government to Public Works Circular No 8, dated 13th March 1871, and now that the expenditure subsequent to that date is getting accounted for and coming under review, to reiterate the request of the Government of India for strict conformity to the rules laid down for the financial regularity of the department.

2. I am to say that the last Statements of Objectionable Items received from the Controller, those for March last show a considerable number of works in progress in which the requirements of these rules had not been satisfied. But the strictest conformity, I am to say, will be required from the beginning of the current year.

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4. The Governor-General in Council, I am to add, confidently relies on the support of the Madras Government in the same direction.

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		MADRAS	
		March 1871.	
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Constructing Road No 73, Mayaveram Range	Appropriation		18,774
	Outlay		20,376
Do do No 69, do	Appropriation		4,589
	Outlay		6,841
NUNDIAL DIVISION			
Repairing the bund revetment of caln-gulih and sluice of Pedda Deevalapoor tank	Appropriation		36
	Outlay for the year ..		853
Do the Bailcoonttah tank ..	Appropriation		Nil
	Outlay for the year ..		1,231
Do. Karoocuttancolum tank ...	Appropriation		690
	Outlay for the year ..		1,221
Do. the Pyavary large and small tanks	Appropriation		Nil
	Outlay for the year ..		1,841
Improving the Alungah channel	Grant		3,974
	Outlay for the year ..		4,155
Repaning Coorootagadda anicut	Grant		Nil
	Outlay ..		1,657
Do Coragul anicut ..	Grant		Nil
	Outlay ..		1,593
Constructing a canteen for Cavalry on the Race-course	Estimate		22,290
	Total outlay		23,158
	Allotment		Nil
	Outlay for the year		185
Constructing a Lunatic Asylum at Locock's Garden, Madras	Estimate		2,17,260
	Total outlay		2,28,668
Talook Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail with out-offices at Volpud	Estimate		Nil
	Total outlay ...		712

NOTE —It is stated that the grants made for Items Nos 4 to 9, during the current year, had been withdrawn by the Superintending Engineer

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No. 388. ORDER THEREON, 22nd June 1871, No 1,677.

ACCOUNT, No. 33

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineers in continuation of G. O., No 978, dated 3rd April 1871.

2 Specific orders will be passed on the irregularities noticed by the Government of India when the monthly "Statements of Objectionable Items" for March come under review.

(True Extract)
(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To Superintending Engineers
,, Major R. B Kennedy
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 22nd June 1871.

No. 389.

No. 1,678.

To

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

ACCOUNT, No. 34.

SIR,—With reference to the accompanying letter from the Accountant-General of the Public Works Department,

No. 9, dated 13th March 1871, requiring the Controller of Public Works Accounts to make a separate and special report by letter to the Government of Madras and to the Central Office of Account at Calcutta of every item of expenditure which is incurred without a sanctioned estimate and a specific allotment of funds, I am directed to invite the attention of the Government of India to the tendency of the orders contained therein to needlessly multiply work in the offices of this Presidency.

2 As the Government of India are aware, unauthorized outlay has hitherto been checked and controlled by means of the monthly statements of "Objectionable Items" which are furnished to Government within fourteen days after the despatch to the Accountant-General of the accounts in which the items appear. These statements include every item of expenditure to which exception can be taken, and, being regularly transmitted for orders, ample opportunity is, in the opinion of His Excellency in Council, thus afforded for taking cognizance of irregular expenditure of every description

3. In accordance with the terms of the Accountant-General's orders above referred to, the Controller furnished, from the 28th March to the 8th April last, in connection with the accounts for February, 33 separate reports* which included 84 different items, while by the

* 33 x 3 or 99 is the number of copies required to be prepared in the Controller's office

time the usual monthly statements were due, no more than 21 of these were found to be of an objectionable character.

4. Having in view the fact that the Controller's special reports must, in the absence of the explanations of the officers concerned, be necessarily incomplete, and looking to what has above been adduced, it seems clear that the additional work and scriptory labour involved in giving effect to the recent instructions are greatly disproportionate to the useful results attained, and I am, under these circumstances, to request that the matter may be laid before the Government of India with a view to the question of the continuance of the procedure introduced by the Accountant-General being considered

5 Since writing the above, the letter from the Government of India, under date the 1st June 1871, No 364 A—G, drawing attention to some of the most important of the items of irregular outlay in the accounts for March, has been received, and, I am to say that, while admitting the irregularities pointed out,

this Government are still of opinion, for the reasons adduced, that the special reports referred to may with advantage be dispensed with, the class of items noticed by the Government of India being again brought forward in the *regular* statements of "Objectionable Items," in connection with which the irregularities will be disposed of with due regard to the intentions of the Government of India as expressed in the Resolution of which the communication under notice is a reiteration.

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

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd S. T. Augustin.

Enclosure to letter to Government of India, No. 1,678.

Circular from the Accountant-General of the Public Works Department, to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, Madras, dated Fort William, 13th March 1871, No 9

In forwarding, for your information and guidance, the documents noted in the margin, I have the honour to request that, except in those cases which you may receive orders hereafter to treat exceptionally, you will make to the Government of Madras and to this Office a separate and special report by letter of every item of expenditure which is incurred, either without an estimate having been sanctioned, or without funds having been specifically provided or appropriated.

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All communications
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
ACCOUNT
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Public Works Department
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W. S. S. James
Secretary to Govt of India

Madras. — March 1877.

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Constructing Road No 69 Mayasaram Range	} appropriation — 4589 outlay — 6,841

Mundial Division.

Repairing the Bund and outlet of Cutingullah and sluices of Piddah Aicualapoor Tank	} appropriation — 36 outlay for the year — 853
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Repairing the Bund and outlet of Piddah Aicualapoor Tank	} appropriation — Nil outlay for the year — 1231
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Repairing Baroo cuttan column Tank	} appropriation — 600 outlay for the year — 1,221
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Repairing the Pannary large and small tanks	} appropriation — Nil outlay for the year — 1841
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Note. It is stated that the grants made for items Nos 1 to 9 during the current year had been withdrawn by the Superintending Engineer.

Madras. — March 1871. —

Improving the Alungah Channel — grant — 3,954
outlay for the year — 11,455

Repairing Coorootagadda Ament — grant — Nil
outlay — 1687

Coragal Ament — grant — Nil
outlay — 1593

Constructing a Canteen for } — Estimate — 22,240
Cavalry on the Race Course } Total outlay — 23,458
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outlay for the year — 185

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J. B. Kennedy
Secy. to Govt. Desd 23/6/71.

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From
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From Government of India / B.O. No 364 A.G. dated 1st June 71

Dated 1st June 1871.
Recd 9th

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No 364 A.G.

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To Suptg Engrs:
Major R.B. Kennedy
The Comd. of P.W.D. / Recd 23/6/71. 13th

No 1678.

To The Secy to the
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the names of the
persons who were
present at the
meeting. The list
is as follows:

Govt of {1871} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

The Superintending Engineer
and
The Secretary to the Govt
of India

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