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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No 30. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—General,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 15th June 1871, No. 402 A—G —

I AM directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter No 914, dated 28th March 1871, furnishing explanation on certain points noticed by the Government of India in the orders on the Madras Budget Estimate for 1871-72, and, in reply, to state as follows.

2 The Governor-General in Council sees no objection to the proposals contained in paragraph 9 of your letter, for carrying out the reduction of Rupees 90,000 in the grant for Establishment. But before according definite sanction to those proposals, a list of the Survey establishments employed in the investigation of projects likely to be classed as Extraordinary, as also the Provincial Public Works Budget Estimate for 1871-72, will be awaited.

3 The Governor-General in Council approves of the decision of the Government of Madras, conveyed in paragraph 10 of your letter, to charge Local Funds with their proper share of the charges for Public Works Establishment.

4 With reference to the grade of the Controller of Public Works Accounts, Madras, I am to explain that the arrangement by which he occupies a position below that of 1st grade has been quite unavoidable, and also that it will not, it is hoped, bear hardly on Mr. Brock. Under the old arrangement there were four officers of the 1st class, rising from 1,200 to 1,600 in the Civil rates. In the assimilation, this one incremental class was divided into two grades on fixed salaries of 1,600 and 1,350 respectively. The new average of pay is, clearly, better than the old average, and the officers, therefore, belonging to these four posts will have, on the whole, benefited by the change, though present incumbents may temporarily suffer. Remembering that there was to be, on the whole, no increase of cost beyond the fifty additional to certain grades, it was quite out of the question to grade all the four senior officers on the 1,600 or first grade. It would have told unjustly on the junior grades, as their emoluments would have had to be reduced to compensate for the increased cost of the four senior appointments. It being therefore decided that the four senior appointments (Madras, Bombay, Bengal, and North-Western Provinces) should be divided between the first and second grades, it remained to allot the present incumbents according to seniority and present pay. Mr Martin of the North-Western Provinces and Lieutenant-Colonel Davidson of Bombay were unquestionably the two senior, and also were already drawing the highest salary. They were therefore posted to the higher grade, and Mr. Boyce of Bengal and Mr Brock to the second. The Governor-General in Council, I am to say, quite admits that it may tell hardly on the two latter gentlemen that they do not continue to draw the annual increments as before, but, on the other hand, it is quite possible that, as would happen in the cases of vacancies arising, they may be promoted to the 1,600 before such advance would have been possible under the old arrangement by the mere lapse of time.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
; 3rd July 1871.

No 31. ORDER THEREON, 3rd July 1871, No. 1,764.

ACCOUNT, No. 2.

COMMUNICATED to the Controller of
Public Works Accounts.

(True Extract)

Colonel, R E,
Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Ex d. S. T. Augustin]

All communications
should be addressed to
the Secretary

No. 402A. G.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

ACCOUNT.

General.

The Secretary to the Government of
Madras, Public Works Dept.

15th June 1871

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 15th dated 15th March 1871, furnishing explanation on certain points noticed by the Government of India in the order on the Madras Budget Estimates for 1871-72, and in reply to it as follows:-

The Governor General and Council does no objection to the proposal contained in para 9 of your letter for carrying out the redemption of Rs. 90,000 in the grant for establishment. But before acceding definite sanction to the

those proposals, a list of the survey establish-
ments employed in the investigation of projects
likely to be classed as Extraordinary, as also
the Provincial Public Works Budget Esti-
mate for 1871/72 will be awaited.

3. The Governor General in Council
approved the decision of the Government
of Madras conveyed in para 10 of your
letter to charge local funds with their
proper share of the charges for Public
Works Establishment.

4. With reference to the matter of the
classification of Public Works. I am, I
trust, enabled to explain that the arrange-
ment in which he occupies a position
below that of 1st Grade has been quite
unavoidable, and also that it will not
I hope, bear hard on Mr. Martin.
Under the old arrangement there were
4 Officers of the 1st Class, rising from 1200/-
to 1600/- in the Civil rates. In the assimila-
tion, the one incremental class was divided
into two grades on fixed salaries of 1500/- and
1350/- respectively. The new average of pay
is

is clearly better than the old average, and
the Officers, therefore, retiring to their re-
tirement will have on the whole, some 10%
by the change, though present incumbents
may temporarily suffer. It was, however,
that there was to be an increase, and
I feel anxious to be satisfied to certain
grades it was quite out of the question to
raise all the 1st Grade Officers to the 1st
or 2nd Grade. I would have been very
anxious to have raised the 1st Grade Officers
to the 2nd Grade, but I am afraid
that the increase of the 1st Grade
appointments. I have, therefore, decided
that the 1st Grade appointments Madras,
Bombay, Bengal, and North Western
Provinces should be divided between the
paid 2nd Grades, I remained to all the
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to the higher grade, and Mr. Boyce of
Bengal and Mr. Brock to the 2nd. The
Governor General in Council, I am to
say, quite admits that it may still hardly
be the case in the future that they do
not continue to draw the annual in-
crements as before, but on the other hand
it is quite possible that, as would happen
in the case of a concave rising, they
may be promoted to the 1st of before such
advances would have been probable under
the old arrangement by the mere lapse
of time.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servt.,

W. Dickson Colonel, R.A.

Secy to the Govt of India.

[Signature]

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, possibly a list or correspondence, with some words like 'Bengal' and 'Brock' visible.]

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From.

The Govt of India

Dated 15th Decr/71

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For pering orders

on the explanations
furnished on the points
noted by the Govt of
India in their orders
on the Madras P. H.
Budget Estimate for
1871-72 -

A: 1764 - 3rd July 71

With an order

To
Comptroller

Dept 4/71

For J. S. George
3rd July 71

Public Works - Revenue.

Communicated to the Controller of

29th June 1871 A: 302

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Govt. of 1871 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

*The Controller of Public
Works Accounts*

July 11 No 1764

Dec. 1871

*to the
Honble Secy to Govt
Public Works
Madras*