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Government of Madras.

Fortification. **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 17-10- 1871.

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No. 267. Read the following docket from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—Irrigation,) dated Simla, 21st September 1871, No. 192-A.I.:—

Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—Railway,) dated Fort William, 18th March 1871, No. 212-25-A.R.

General principles to be observed in incurring expenditure, or commencing work on State Railways and other projects.

Read—

Note by the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, No. 188, dated 27th Jan. 1871.

Note by the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, No. 12-R., dated 7th Feb. 1871.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor-General in Council having lately had occasion to notice serious irregularity in the prosecution of works, particularly in connection with State Railways, the irregularities in most instances consisting in works being carried on without sanctioned estimates or appropriation of funds, is pleased to prescribe the following rules, with a view to these matters being brought within the required condition of financial regularity:—

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2*nd.*—On a project being considered worthy of enquiry and survey, a distinct grant must be made by the Government of India, and apportioned off under definite heads before the survey is commenced or expenditure incurred. These heads are as follow:—

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2.—Tools and Plant.

3.—Survey Operations.

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6*th*.—All expenditure not specifically authorized in the above, or some other way, is to be treated as irregular and objectionable, and will be on the personal responsibility of the officer who undertakes it, or permits it to continue. Every Superintending Officer will, at the earliest possible opportunity, trace out and specifically report on any violation of these orders.

ORDER.—Ordered that this Resolution be forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations noted in the margin for information and guidance, with the remark that the orders herein given will have immediate effect.

Madras.
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Bengal.
North-Western Provinces.
Punjab.
Central Provinces.
Oudh.
British Burmah.
Mysore.
Hyderabad.
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Rajpootana.
Port Blair and Nicobars.

Ordered also that a copy be forwarded to the Accountant-General, Public Works Department.

(Signed) J. J. McLEOD INNES,
Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

COPY forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Irrigation branch, for information, with a request that the general principles herein laid down may be considered applicable to Irrigation projects.

By Order,
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No. 268. ORDER THEREON, 17th October 1871, No. 2,636.

IRRIGATION, No. 14.

COMMUNICATED to the under-mentioned Officers for information and guidance :—

Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
Superintending Engineers.
Major R. B. Kennedy.
Controller of Public Works Accounts.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R.E.,
Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
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Exd. E. C. Shunker.

No. 217/2—A—R.

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Ordered also, that a copy be forwarded to the Accountant General, Public Works Department.

A. J. Lee Lees

Depy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

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ACCOUNT.
Railway.

To

No. A—R.

Dated March 18, 1871.

Received

Copy of G.O. No. 1192 A. of 17th March 1871 from Government of India Public Works Department Irrigation Branch

Copy forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras Public Works Department Irrigation Branch for information, with a request that the General Principles herein laid down may be considered applicable to Irrigation Projects.

By Order,
W. Berkeley
Secy to Govt for P. W. D.

General principles to be observed in incurring expenditure, or commencing w on State Railways and other projects.

P. W. D. Press— 20-3-71—112.

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Communicated to the undermentioned officers for information and guidance.

Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
Supty. Engineers.
Major R.B. Kennedy.
Contractors P.W.D.

Dept 18/10/71

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To H. Sch. Engineer for Irrigation

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G. O. 17 Petersburg, No. 2636

Nos 241-268

Communicating to the Officers concerned, for their guidance, a Copy of Circular No. 1 of the General principles to be observed in incurring expenditure on or commencing work on State Railways and other Projects requiring that the principles may be considered applicable to Irrigation Projects.