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ACCOUNT.

General.

SIMLA, OCTOBER 18, 1871.

Provision of Funds for the construction of Lighthouses.

READ again—

Financial Department Resolution No. 3334, dated 14th December 1870.

Read also the following:

Extract, paragraphs 17 *to* 20, *from a note by Chief Engineer on the British Burmah Imperial and Provincial Budgets for* 1871-72.

Para. 17. Under the head of *Miscellaneous Public Improvements* a provision is made for a Lighthouse on the Oyster Reef.

18. It will be necessary that definite orders be given regarding Lighthouses, whether they are to be Imperial or Provincial. Under previous orders the establishment was partly charged to Imperial and partly to Local, while, under present orders, repairs and construction will be chargeable to Provincial, while the Provincial Services will get no benefit from Light-house dues which are divided between Imperial and Local.

19. It is quite clear that the Cocos Lighthouse is mainly kept up for the Calcutta-China trade and for the Port Blair service, and is of little or no advantage to this Province, and should, therefore, be an Imperial charge.

20. But there would be no objection, I presume, on the part of the Chief Commissioner to provide for the construction and maintenance of all the Lighthouses as a Provincial Service, if the Government will grant the receipts by light dues to Provincial Funds. One of the following arrangements seems necessary:

(I.) To have the whole Imperial, the dues being credited to Imperial revenues.

(II.) To have the whole Provincial, granting the receipts to the Province, or

(III.) To divide the charges for Lighthouses into *Imperial, Provincial,* and *Local.*

In case (III.) the Oyster Reef, Alguada and Cocos Lighthouses might be considered *Imperial,* the Krishna Shoal and Double Island Lighthouses *Provincial,* and the Savage, China Bukeer and Eastern Grove Lighthouses as *Local.*

But as the dues are collected under one Act, and as the management is entirely Provincial, it would concentrate supervision and save trouble in accounts, if the second (II.) arrangement were adopted.

No. 3296, dated Simla, the 5th September 1871.

RESOLUTION—By the Government of India in the Financial Department.

READ the following papers relating to a proposal for dealing with expenditure on Light-houses as Provincial:

Public Works Department No. 118 A—G., dated 20th February 1871.
Financial Department Office Memorandum to Marine Department, No. 1224, dated 14th June 1871.
Marine Department Office Memorandum No. 17, dated 13th July 1871.
Financial Department Office Memorandum to Department of Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce, No. 2079, dated 10th August 1871.
Endorsement of the Department of Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce, No. 13, dated 25th August 1871.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor General in Council is pleased to decide that Lighthouses required wholly or chiefly for local trade shall be Provincial, while those essential to the general trade of a large portion of the empire shall be Imperial.

ORDER.—Ordered, that the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Public Works Department; the Marine Department; the Department of Agriculture, Revenue and Commerce; the Governments of Bengal, Bombay, and Madras; the Chief Commissioner of British Burmah; the Comptroller General; the Accountants General of Bengal, Bombay, and Madras; and the Deputy Accountant General, British Burmah.

ORDER.—Ordered, that the papers read be forwarded to the Governments of Madras, Bombay, and Bengal, and the Chief Commissioner of British Burmah for information and guidance, with the request that the Lighthouses, which should be classed as Imperial and Provincial, respectively, may be stated. The reasons determining the classification should likewise be given, and a memorandum of the outlay on each of the works for each year commencing from 1866-67, distinguishing between new works and repairs, and the precise sums from which such outlay has been met, *viz.*, whether from Imperial or Local funds, should also be furnished. The demands for next year, whether for new works or for repairs, might conveniently be reported at the same time.

W. Lee Jones

Depy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To
The Government of Madras,
P. W. Department

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Public Works Department
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called for by the Govern-
ment of India.

The Marine Supt
Controller P.W. Accts
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