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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
14th February 1871.*

No. 307. Read the following circular of the Government of India, Public Works Department (Account-General), dated Fort William, 23rd January 1871, No. 2 —

Appropriations from the grant for Minor Works and Repairs.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor-General in Council observes that whereas under the Government regulations many officers possess the power of sanctioning estimates for various sorts of minor works and repairs, the power of appropriating the necessary funds, which is essential to admit of the expenditure being actually incurred, is directly assigned by the Government of India only to the local Governments and Administrations, and, unless delegated by them to the officers above alluded to, cannot be exercised by those officers. When this power of appropriation is not delegated, it follows, as a matter of necessity, that every estimate sanctioned by those officers must be referred to the local Government or Administration for appropriation to admit of the work concerned being commenced. This involves delay, but no other course is legitimate so long as the power of appropriation is not delegated.

2. But the Governor-General in Council has reason to believe that the trouble and delay involved in this procedure are occasionally avoided by allowing the introduction of some laxity or irregularity, such as the granting officers permission to commence work on sanctioned estimates, so long as lists of such sanctions are periodically submitted for subsequent appropriation. The mischief that may result from such a course is obvious, when it is considered that expenditure may be thus sanctioned and started, of which the aggregate is in excess of the unappropriated balance of the grant.

3. But the Governor-General in Council observes that there is a perfectly legitimate course open by which the delay and other unsatisfactory results above referred to may be avoided. This course is to allot to the different officers, to whom powers to sanction estimates have been given, certain reasonable portions of the grants for minor works and repairs, and to delegate to them the power to appropriate within the limits of those allotments. Such an arrangement is not only a reasonable convenience to officers possessing the privilege of sanctioning works but it also affords a wholesome restraint on the exercise of that privilege, as officers thus know beforehand the limit to which they must confine the aggregates of their sanctions.

4. The Governor-General in Council, therefore, recommends the adoption of this course. But, wherever it may not be thought expedient to delegate the power of appropriation, no irregular expedient to avoid the difficulties or delays that may result is to be permitted. It must be distinctly understood that it is absolutely necessary to adhere strictly to the rule, and that expenditure must not be incurred until the necessary provision has been appropriated as well as the estimate sanctioned.

ORDER — Ordered that this Resolution be communicated to the several local Governments and Administrations for information and guidance.

(Signed) R. STRACHEY, Colonel, R. E.,

Officiating Secretary to the Government of India.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department

*Major W. H. ...
Desd 15/2/71*

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No. 308. ORDER THEREON, 14th February 1871, No. 447.

ACCOUNT, No 26.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineers and to the Controller of Public Works Accounts

2 It is observed that the course prescribed in this Resolution is that followed by the Government of this Presidency.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R E,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers
" Controller of Public Works Accounts

Major R. B. Kennedy

Exd A S Rodgers

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136 Controller P. W. Accts ✓
137 Major R. B. Kennedy ✓
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