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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public works **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 913-14 Press / Mis.

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Dated 28. 3 1871.

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No. 652. 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 Fort William, 11th March 1871, No. 172-A. G.:—

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 390, dated 8th February 1871, and, in reply, to forward herewith, for information and guidance, the orders passed on the Madras Public Works Budget Estimate for 1871-72.

MADRAS BUDGET ORDERS, 1871-72.

THE Madras Imperial Public Works Budget Estimate for 1871-72, excluding State outlay on Guaranteed Railways, has been prepared for a total sum of Rupees 49,95,000, namely:—

	RS.
Ordinary	32,00,000
Extraordinary	17,95,000
	49,95,000

2. The grant for Ordinary works is reduced to Rupees 30,10,000, and that for Extraordinary passed for the amount asked for. The total grant for 1871-72 for Public Works will thus be Rupees 48,35,000.

3. The following orders are passed on the details of the Budget Estimate.

MILITARY.

4. The provision for this head of service is reduced by Rupees 60,000 as follows:—

	RS.
Items Nos. 2 and 3.—Family quarters and guard-room for Royal Artillery at Bellary, Rupees 32,460. Reduced to Rupees 12,460, pending decision of the question of the strength of the Forces in India	20,000
Item No. 9.—Buildings for the accommodation of a Regiment of Native Infantry at Bangalore. Disallowed, pending decision on the question of the strength of the Forces in India...	40,000
Total...	60,000

These reductions leave the grant for Military Original works at Rupees 2,20,000, of which Rupees 25,000 (Item No. 10) for drinking-water scheme from the Ulsoor tank, and Dhobies' well, Bangalore, is only passed provisionally, pending submission of the revised estimate to Government of India. The grant of Rupees 30,000 for Lawrence Asylum buildings (Item No. 17) is likewise allowed to stand, subject

to the early submission of the estimates called for in Public Works Department letter, No. 16-B. M., dated 6th January 1871.

CIVIL BUILDINGS, IMPERIAL.

5. Of the grant of Rupees 1,36,000 for this head of service, Rupees one lakh is for a Telegraph Office at Madras, on which no expenditure should be incurred until the estimate for it has been sanctioned by competent authority.

AGRICULTURAL EXTRAORDINARY.

6. The grant for this head of service has been appropriated as follows:—

Item No	Works.	Amount of Estimate.	Computed outlay to end of 1870-71.	Grant, 1871-72.	Grant for Establishment, 1871-73.	Grant for Tools and Plant, 1871-72.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	* Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
24	Rooshkoolia Project	.....	.....	50,000	14,000	1,000	65,000
25	Extension of irrigation in Western Delta of Godavery	.....	2,45,014	3,00,000	49,000	10,000	5,59,000
26	Extension of irrigation in Eastern Delta of Godavery	9,45,400	55,128	2,00,000			
27,29 and 80	Irrigation Works in the delta of the Kistna, for which estimates have been sanctioned	8,73,693	4,66,374	1,15,000	19,000	2,000	2,11,000
28	Widening the head of the Masulipatam Canal from the anicut to head of Ellore Branch	20,080	13,068	25,000			
32	Extension of Commamoor Channel...	1,95,770	1,75,716	50,000			
33	Improvements to Survapally „ ...	4,20,060	2,88,822	1,00,000	14,000	1,000	1,15,000
34	Madras Water-supply Project ...	6,11,759	9,43,872	1,00,000	14,000	1,000	1,15,000
38	Anicut across the Vellaur river ...	1,98,235	98,235	1,00,000	14,000	1,000	1,15,000
40	Regulating works for the improvement of the River Cauvery ...	1,37,790	97,439	10,000	29,000	2,000	2,91,000
41	Regulating works for the branches of the Vennaur river	1,97,240	97,240	1,00,000			
42	Cauvery and Vennaur Head-works...	5,20,260	.....	1,50,000			
44	Perryaur Project	.....	.....	1,00,000	23,500	1,000	1,24,500
45	Sreeviguntum Anicut Project ...	8,31,600	6,56,600	1,75,000	23,500	1,000	1,99,500
	Total...	.....	.....	15,75,000	2,00,000	20,000	17,95,000

7. No expenditure is to be incurred on Items Nos. 24, 42, and 44 until estimates for them have been sanctioned by competent authority. The complete estimate for Item No. 25, and the revised estimates for Nos. 28, 32, and 34 should be sent forward as early as possible, and until this is done and sanctioned, no expenditure whatever is to be incurred on Item No. 34 from the Loan grant.

AGRICULTURAL ORDINARY.

8. Of the grant for this head of service, Rupees 66,550 is for the Chembrumbaukum Tank Project, the revised estimate for which work has yet to be submitted to the Government of India. On receipt of this estimate, the question of the refund of the expenditure incurred on the work from Loan Funds will have to be settled.

ESTABLISHMENT.

9. The Budget Estimate for this head of service is as follows, as compared with the grant for 1870-71:—

	1871-72.	1870-71.
	Rs.	Rs.
Direction	3,54,128	3,11,328
Construction	14,73,266	14,83,302

	Rs.	Rs.
Accounts	88,740	71,915
Conservancy..	94,590	90,604
	20,10,718	19,57,149
Deduct—		
Balance to make good retrenchment ordered by Government of India		31,749
	20,10,718	19,25,400

Thus divided—

	Rs.	Rs.	
Imperial Ordinary—			
Public Works	7,95,160		
Conservancy	94,590		
Civil Engineering College	40,250		
		9,30,000	16,25,400
		8,80,710	
Provincial and Local Funds		2,00,000	3,00,000
Extraordinary			

10. The reduced grant for works being Rupees 20,74,200, the charges for establishment, amounting to Rupees 7,95,160, form about 38 per cent. of that grant, which is very high, being nearly 12 per cent. in excess of the average cost of Public Works Establishments for all India. Even allowing for the cost of Survey Establishment the charge is high, and as it is necessary that the demand against Imperial Funds must be reduced, the Ordinary grant for establishment is passed for Rupees 8,40,000 only, namely:—

	Rs.
Public Works	7,05,160
Civil Engineering College	49,250
Conservancy	94,590
	8,40,000

11. In order to carry out the reduction of Rupees 90,000, the following sums are available:—

	Rs.
I.—Provision of Rupees 45,000 for privileged official postage which is in excess of the sum estimated by the Compiler of Post Office Accounts as likely to be required for the purpose by	15,000
II.—Pay proper of Seconded Officers. Officers of Royal Engineers employed in the Public Works Department are not generally seconded, so that the provision of ... ... will not be required to cover the cost of their Military pay.	9,000
III.—Increase in provision for travelling allowances and batta to Office Establishments from Rupees 1,61,884 in 1870-71 to Rupees 2,06,884 in 1871-72, being an increase of ... ... which has not been explained, and which may be reduced.	45,000
IV.—Provision for salary of Controller of Public Works Accounts, at the rate of Rupees 1,000 per mensem, for which there is no authority. It will suffice to provide for the Controller having the pay of Superintending Engineer, 3rd Grade, on Rupees 1,350 per mensem, which would admit of a reduction of ... ... being made in the Budget Estimate.	3,000

	Rs.
V.—These several reductions aggregate ... ... which divided proportionately between Imperial and Provincial Funds would, perhaps, admit of the demand against the former head being reduced by Rupees 40,000.	72,600

The further reduction required to make good the sum of Rupees 90,000 disallowed might be effected by charging Local Funds with their proper proportion of the charge for establishments, instead of only 10 per cent. as at present. The attention of the Government of Madras was already drawn to this point in Public Works Department letter, No. 142-A. I., dated 13th September 1870, and the Governor-General in Council would be glad if the Government of Madras could find it practicable to carry out the suggestion therein made, it being now more than ever necessary that Local Funds should meet all the charges necessarily incurred on their account.

12. The Governor-General in Council recognizes the difficulty that must be felt in reducing establishments to the limit required by the reduced grant, and is therefore willing to assist the Government of Madras in relieving the Ordinary grant of such charges as may be legitimately provided for from other sources. In this view the Government of India will be prepared to sanction the cost of Survey Establishments proved to be employed on maturing irrigation projects likely to be classed as Extraordinary being debited to Loan Funds, on the condition that, if the works are not eventually undertaken, the cost of the surveys will be hereafter refunded from the Ordinary grant. This should admit of nearly half a lac of the charges for establishment being debited to Extraordinary sources, and the necessary orders to this effect will be passed on receipt of the required details showing the establishments concerned, the particular survey work on which they are employed, and the grounds on which it is expected that the work will be undertaken as Extraordinary.

13. Further orders on the question of the adjustment of charges for Establishment will be passed on receipt of the Provincial Budget Estimate, but it has to be remarked that the establishments of the Madras Presidency will require complete revision. The report of the Committee on the re-organization of the establishments was promised to be submitted to the Government of India in February 1870, and has not yet been received; meanwhile, all questions of the strength of the establishment have been deferred. It is not desirable that this state of things should be allowed to continue, and the attention of the Madras Government should therefore be drawn to the necessity for submitting the report as soon as possible.

Tools and Plant.

14. The Budget Estimate for this head of service is Rupees 80,000, being nearly twice as much as is allowed for any other Province. Considering the large outlay already incurred on Tools and Plant in previous years, the Governor-General in Council considers that the time has arrived for reducing the annual grant for the purpose, in which view it is reduced from Rupees 80,000 to Rupees 70,000.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
28th March 1871.

Summary.

15. The following is an abstract of the Madras Budget Estimate for 1871-72, as modified by the foregoing orders:—

	Original Works.			Repairs.	Total.
	Major.	Minor.	Total.		
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Ordinary.					
Military	1,70,000	50,000	2,20,000	2,20,000	4,40,000
Civil Buildings	1,26,000	10,000	1,36,000	4,000	1,40,000
Agricultural	1,19,200	1,75,000	2,94,200	12,00,000	14,94,200
	4,15,200	2,35,000	6,50,200	14,24,000	20,74,200
Establishment					8,40,000
Tools and Plant					70,000
State outlay on Guaranteed Irrigation Works ...					55,800
Total, Ordinary...					30,40,000
Extraordinary.					
Irrigation Works				Rs. 15,75,000	
Establishments				,, 2,00,000	
Tools and Plant				,, 20,000	
					17,95,000
					48,35,000

16. In the Secretary of State's estimate for 1871-72, the sum provided for expenditure in England on stores for the Madras Public Works Department is £ 8,230, of which amount, the Government of Madras estimate that Rupees 30,000 will be chargeable to Provincial and Local Funds, so that the sum to be reduced from the Ordinary Imperial grant will thus be Rupees 52,300; leaving the sum available for expenditure in India out of the Ordinary grant at Rupees 29,87,700, to which amount the expenditure should be restricted.

Public Works Revenue.

17. The estimate for 1871-72 as originally submitted amounted to Rupees 1,16,000, but with reference to the actual receipts of previous years, the estimate may be increased to Rupees 1,50,000, of which Rupees 50,000 may be considered Imperial, and Rupees 1,00,000 Provincial. But these figures will be subject to such alteration as the orders in relation to the items to be credited to Provincial Revenue may involve.

18. For Irrigation Miscellaneous Revenue, the estimate for 1871-72 may be assumed at Rupees 45,000.

Fort William,
March 7th, 1871.

(Signed) R. STRACHEY, Colonel, R. E.,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 653. Order thereon, 28th March 1871, No. 913.

ACCOUNT, No. 83.

Communicated to the several departments of the Secretariat, and to the Superintending Engineers for information

and guidance with reference to the orders of the 15th December 1870, No. 3,044, and 8th February 1871, No. 389.

2. The special attention of the Superintending Engineers will be called to paragraphs 4, 5, and 7. Adverting to the reduction of Rupees 20,000 from the grants for Items 2 and 3 of Part II., revised estimates will have to be submitted before further expenditure is incurred. Having in view the orders communicated in paragraph 7, the Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation will ascertain and report what will be the probable outlay on the Madras Water Supply Project during the first quarter of the ensuing official year. The submission of the revised estimates for that work to the Government of India is delayed, pending the disposal, in the Revenue Department, of the question of the increase of revenue likely to be derived from the project.

3. The revised estimate for the Chembrambaukum Tank Project, alluded to in paragraph 8, was disposed of in Proceedings, No. 705, dated 9th instant, and the Revenue Department has been requested to obtain the required revenue information for submission to the Right Honourable the Governor-General in Council.

4. The Government of India will be addressed on the subject of paragraphs 10 and 11.

5. Paragraph 12 will be communicated to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, who will submit a statement of the details of the Survey Establishments proposed to be employed on maturing irrigation schemes which are likely to be classed as Extraordinary. The particular survey on which each establishment is engaged should be distinctly noted, and explanation afforded of the grounds on which it is expected that the projects will be undertaken from Loan Funds.

6. Adverting to paragraph 14, the General Superintendent of Public Works Stores will be requested to furnish at once a revised statement of the distribution of the amount (Rupees 70,000—52,300 = 17,700) allotted under "Ordinary" for charges on account of Tools and Plant to be incurred in India. Bearing in mind the orders of the Government of India, and looking to the very small amount that will be available in the ensuing year, Superintending Engineers will be careful to restrict the outlay on "Tools and Plant Ordinary" in their respective divisions to the assignments which will be made on the receipt of the General Superintendent's statement now called for.

7. The attention of the Controller of Public Works Accounts will be drawn to paragraphs 17 and 18 of the orders of the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Public, etc., Departments.
" Revenue Department.
" Military do.
To Superintending Engineers.
" Major R. B. Kennedy.
To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" General Superintendent of Public Works Stores and Workshops.

Exd. F. C. Shunker.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 28*th March* 1871.

No. 654.

No. 914.

To

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

ACCOUNT, No. 84.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of the "Madras Budget Orders" for 1871-72 and, in reply, to offer the following observations.

2. The orders communicated in paragraphs 4 to 7 will be attended to, and the remarks in paragraph 13 will receive the early consideration of this Government.

3. His Excellency in Council regrets that it has been found necessary to withdraw Rupees 1,60,000 from the previously small grant of 32 lacs provided for Public Works Ordinary in this Presidency, but, for the reasons hereinafter explained, he trusts that the Government of India will permit the reduction of Rupees 90,000 on Establishments to be carried out in a modified form.

4. The charges on account of official postage in each of the months of the current official year are noted in the margin, but, as the Compiler of Post Office Accounts estimates the amount that will be required under this head for 1871-72 at only Rupees 30,000, there is no objection to the proposed reduction of Rupees 15,000.

	RS.
April 1870	5,957
May ,, ...	2,438
June ,, ...	3,204
July ,, ...	2,726*
August ,, ...	3,561
September ,, ...	3,253
October ,, ...	2,820
November ,, ...	3,604
December ,, ...	3,222
January 1871.	1,080
Estimate for February and March ...	6,450
	39,315

5. As regards the "pay proper" of seconded officers, I am to explain that the officers referred to are those of the *British* Establishment, who, while employed in the Public Works Department, have their "pay proper" paid by that department. The following is a list of such officers *now* employed in the Public Works Department of this Presidency with the rate of "pay proper" to which each is entitled. These figures will show that the Budget provision is only a trifle above the present estimated* charges of the year.

* Rupees 9,630.

		RS.
*	Captain Scott ...	140
*	Lieut. Brockman ...	70
*	,, Shepherd ...	70
*	,, Dorward ...	70
*	,, Walker ...	70
*	,, Christie ...	70
*	,, Greer ...	70
*	,, Campbell ...	70
†	,, Goldie ...	70
†	,, Smart ..	70
		770 per mensem.
		9,240 per annum.

* These officers are entered as seconded in the *British Army List*.

† These officers have just been appointed to the department.

6. With respect to the increased provision of Rupees 45,000 on account of travelling allowances which the Government of India state has not been explained, I am directed to invite attention to paragraphs 35 and 36 of my letter of the 15th December last, No. 3,045. Annexed, in the margin, is a memorandum of the audits on account of travelling allowances during the past twelve months. The aggregate amount passed is, in round numbers, 2 lacs of rupees which, compared with the reduced* grant for the current year, shows an excess of Rupees 38,116. Contrasted with the actuals of 1868-69† and 1869-70‡ the audits on account of travelling allowances in 1870-71 are by no means excessive or unusual. The estimate for the ensuing year is Rupees 2,06,884, and the reason why this Government deem it absolutely necessary to make specific provision for the increased charge to the extent of Rupees 45,000 is that the Budget Estimate for 1871-72 in its present form being intended strictly to cover what are likely to be the actuals of the year, the savings formerly available under some heads cannot hereafter be relied upon to meet excesses under others.

	RS.
March 1870	18,335
April ,, ...	17,920
May ,, ...	17,651
June ,, ...	16,834
July ,, ...	15,777
August ,, ...	16,531
September ,, ...	17,642
October ,, ...	16,899
November ,, ...	15,565
December ,, ...	15,953
January 1871	14,970
February ,, ...	15,890
	1,99,967

* Rupees 1,61,884.
† ,, 2,04,655.
‡ ,, 2,12,709.

7. In reference to the Budget provision for the salary of the Controller of Public Works Accounts at the rate of Rupees 1,600 per mensem, I am directed to explain that on the receipt of the Orders of the Government of India, No. 1,438-E., dated 23rd August 1865, this Government adopted the scale of pay prescribed therein for the Accounts branch, so far as respects the salary of the Controller and his Deputy. On reference to the tables annexed to paragraphs 7 and 12 of Section 1, Chapter I., of the Public Works Code of the Government of India, it will be observed that, as regards staff* and maximum† salaries, the rates provided for a Superintending Engineer of the first class, first grade, and for a Controller of the first class are exactly similar. In the Civil rates, the only difference is that while an Uncovenanted Officer holding the position of a Superintending Engineer of the first class, first grade, was entitled at once to a salary of Rupees 1,600 per mensem, an officer of the same service, filling the appointment of Controller, commenced with a salary of Rupees 1,200, rising, by annual increments, to Rupees 1,600.

* Rupees 800.
† ,, 1,800.

8. The gentleman now filling the situation of Controller in this Presidency was appointed to the post in June 1868 on the conditions as to salary just mentioned, and has actually drawn the first two increments, which have raised his income to Rupees 1,350 per mensem. In June next, he will be entitled, in accordance with the rules under which he was appointed, to the third annual increment of Rupees 75, and in two years from that date will receive nearly the maximum salary of his office. This Government, having in view the orders of the Government of India, have always regarded the officer in the position of Controller as holding relatively the same rank as a Superintending Engineer of the first class, first grade, and seeing that the Notification of the Government of India, No. 341, dated 7th October 1870, guarantees to the members of the Public Works Department the substantive salaries of the offices to which they had, prior to that date, been permanently appointed, His Excellency in Council confidently hopes that, for the reasons now explained, the Government of India, adhering to the course which they h invariably followed when re-organizing establishments, or re-classifying the sa es of Public Departments, will make no distinction in this particular case. F om the annual list of the Establishments in the Public Works Department of th Bombay Presidency corrected up to the 1st January 1871, it is observed that the Controller of Public Works Accounts in that Presidency draws a consolidated salary of Rupees 1,600 in addition to the pay proper of his rank. It thus appears that in Bombay also the appointment of Controller is ranked with that of a Superintending Engineer of the highest grade, and the consolidated salary fixed for that grade in the recent Notification of the Government of India passed accordingly.

9. With these remarks, His Excellency in Council recommends that the reduction of Rupees 90,000 which has been ordered under the head "Establishments" be made up as follows:—

	RS.
(1.) Saving on provision under Official Postage	15,000
(2.) Cost of Survey Establishments to be employed in the investigation of projects likely to be classed as Extraordinary. A list of these will follow	50,000
(3.) Saving on Military Allowances of Subordinates	10,000
(4.) Anticipated saving on changes to be made in the department of the Consulting Engineer, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company	13,000
(5.) Saving on the grant of Rupees 4,800 provided for office rent for Superintending Engineers	2,000
Total...	90,000

10. Adverting to paragraph 11, I am to state that, having in view the Orders of the Government of India, No. 142-A. I., of the 13th September 1870, His Excellency in Council has resolved upon charging Local Funds with a fair share of the cost of the Public Works Establishments, and the Local Fund Budget, which will shortly be laid before the Right Honourable the Governor-General in Council, will accordingly contain a provision of about Rupees 4,40,000 under this head,

against assignments aggregating, in round numbers, Rupees 21,42,000 for New Works, Repairs, and Tools and Plant, thus raising the proportion of Establishment charges from 10* to about 20† per cent. on the outlay under all other heads. Taking the outlay under Ordinary and Extraordinary works conjointly, the disbursements on account of Establishments will be only 24 per cent. on the expenditure under other heads, and I am again to urge upon the Government of India the propriety, in justice to this Presidency, of permitting the outlay on Agricultural Extraordinary to bear its fair proportion of the cost of superintendence. If this be done the charge for supervision will not be so disproportionate to expenditure as it is now made to appear, notwithstanding that in this Presidency Public Works require for their supervision larger establishments than are elsewere necessary.

* Exclusive of the special provision for Petty Establishments and Contingencies.
† Including do. do.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Public Works Department
No. 913
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 28th March 1871
Read the following
P.G.
From The Government of India / H. E. No. 1720 / 11th March 1871

Communicated to the several Departments of the Secretariat, and to the Superintending Engineers for information and guidance with reference to the orders of the 15th December 1870, No. 3044 and 8th February 1871,

No.
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No. 389.

2 The special attention of the Superintending Engineers will be called to paras 4, 5 and 7 Adverting to the reduction of Rs. 20,000 from the grants for Items 2 and 3 of Part II revised estimates will have to be submitted before further expenditure is incurred.

Having in view the orders communicated

in paragraph 7 the Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation will ascertain and report what will be the probable outlay on the Madras Water Supply Project during the first quarter of the ensuing Official year. The submission of the revised estimates for that work to the Govt of India is delayed, pending the disposal, in the Revenue Dept of

of the question of
the increase of revenue
likely to be derived
from the project—

3 The revised Es
timate for the
Chembrambakkam
Tank Project alluded
to in para 8, 1025
disposed of in Pro:
ceedings 1st 1705.
dated 9th Instant
and the Revenue De
partment has been
requested to obtain
the required revenue
information for
submission

with first
submission to the
Right Honorable
the Governor in Council

4 The Government
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subject of sanction
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5 Lastly Civil
Engineers connected
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6 Adverting to para 14 the Genl Superintendent of Public Works will be requested to furnish at once a revised statement of the distribution of the amount (Rs 70,000 - 52500 = 17,500) allotted under "Spill" for charges on account of Tools and Plant to be incurred in India - Bearing in mind the orders of the Govt of India, and looking to the very small amount that will be available in the ensuing year, Superintending Engineers will be

careful to restrict
the outlay on "Tools
and Plant, Ordinary"
in their respective
Divisions to the
assignments which
will be made on
the receipt of the
^ general Superintendents' Statement
now called for —

7 The attention
of the Controller
of Public Works
Accounts will be
drawn

drawn to paras 17
and 18 of the order
of the Government
of India —

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To
11 The Public Wks Deptt ✓
21 " Rev Deptt ✓
15 " Military Deptt ✓
132 " S. Engrs ✓
4 " Major Kennedy ✓
Chief Engr for Irrig ✓
13 Contr Genl wrote a copy of letter No 914 of 1871-
2 Hon Secy to Govt of Bengal - ~~Public~~ ~~Letter No 914 of 1871~~
Consg Architect ✓ dtd 29/3/71
Accts General ✓

No 914

To

The Secretary to the
Govt of Madras
Mil Dept.

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4 The charges in account of Official postage in each of the months of the current Official year are noted in the margin, but as the Compiler of Post Office Accounts estimates the amount that will be required under this head for 1871/72 at only

1870.	Rs
April --	5957
May ——	2438
June --	3204
July ——	2726
August —	3561
September —	3253
October —	2820
November —	3604
December —	3222
1871	
January —	1980
Estimate for February & March	6550
	39,315

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provision is only a trifle above the present estimated charges of the year.

	Rs
+ Capt. Rott.	140
+ Lieut. Brockman	70
+ " Shepherd	70
+ " Dorward	70
+ " Walker	70
+ " Christie	70
+ " Greer	70
+ " Campbell	70
+ " Goldie	70
+ " Cuart.	70
	770 per mensem.
	9240 per annum.

+ These Officers are entered as seconded in the British Army list.

& These Officers have not been appointed to the Regt.

6. With respect to the increased provision of Rs. 45.000 on account of Travelling Allowances which the Govt. of India state has not been explained, I am directed to invite attention to paras 35 and 36

* Rs 9600

	Rs.
March 1870	18,335
April "	17,920
May "	17,651
June "	16,834
July "	15,777
August "	16,531
September "	17,642
October "	16,899
November "	15,565
December "	15,953
January 71	14,970
February "	15,890
	1,99,967

+ Rs. 1,61,884

+ Rs. 2,04,655

* Rs. 2,12,709

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of my letter of the 15 Dec. last, No. 3045. Annexed, in the margin, is a memorandum of the audits on account of travelling allowances during the past twelve months. The aggregate amount stated is, in round numbers, 2 lacs of Rupees which, compared with the reduced grant for the current year, shows an excess of Rs. 38,116. Contrasted with the actuals of 1868/69 and 1869/70 the audits on account of travelling allowances in 1870/71 are by no means excessive or perminent. The estimate for the ensuing year is Rs. 2,06,884, and the reason why this Govt.

deem it absolutely necessary to make specific provision for the increased charge to the extent of Rs: 45,000 is that the budget estimate for 1891/92 in its present form being intended strictly to cover what are likely to be the actuals of the year, the saving formerly available under some heads cannot hereafter be relied upon to meet excesses under others.

7. In reference to the budget provision for the Salary of the Controller of P.W. Accounts, at the rate of Rs: 1600 per mensem, I am directed to explain that on the

receipt of the orders of the Govt: of India No: 1438 R dated 23d August 1865, this Govt: adopted the scale of pay prescribed therein for the Accounts branch, so far as respects the salary of the Controller and his Deputy. On reference to the tables annexed to paras 7 and 12 of Section 1, Chapter I of the Public Works Code of the Govt: of India, it will be observed that, as regards Staff and Maintenance Salaries, the rates provided for a Superintending Engineer of the 1st Class 1st Grade and for a Controller of the 1st Class are exactly similar.

* Rs. 800
+ " 1600

In the Civil rates, the only difference is that while an Uncovenanted Officer holding the position of a Supdg.r of the 1st Class 1st Grade was entitled at once to a salary of Rs. 1600 per mensem, an Officer of the same service, filling the appointment of Controller, commenced with a salary of Rs: 1200, rising, by annual increments, to Rs: 1600.

8. The gentleman now filling the situation of Controller in this Presidency was appointed to the post in June 1868 on the conditions as to salary just mentioned, and has actually

drawn the first two increments, which have raised his income to Rs: 1350 per mensem. In June next, he will be entitled, in accordance with the rules under which he was appointed, to the third annual increment of Rs: 75, and in two years from that date will receive nearly the maximum salary of his office. This Govt., having in view the orders of the Govt of India, have always regarded the Officer in the position of Controller as holding relatively the same rank as a Supdg.r

of the 1st Class 1st grade, and seeing that the Notification of the Govt. of India No. 341 dated 7th October 1870, guarantees to the Members of the P.W. Dept. the substantive salaries of the Offices to which they had, prior to that date, been permanently appointed, His Excellency in Council confidently hopes that, for the reasons now explained, the Govt. of India, adhering to the course which they have invariably followed when re-organizing Establishments, or re-classifying the salaries of Public Depts. will make no distinction in this particular case.

From the annual list of the Establishments in the P.W.D. of the Bombay Presidency corrected up to the 1st January it is observed that the Controller of P.W. Accts. in that Presidency draws a consolidated salary of Rs 1600 in addition to the pay proper of his rank. It thus appears that in Bombay also the appointment of Controller is ranked next that of a Supdg. Engr. of the highest grade the consolidated salary fixed for that grade in the recent Notification of the Govt. of India. regard accordingly.

9. With these remarks, His Excellency in Council recommends that the reduction of Rs 90,000 which has been ordered under the head "Establishments" be made up as follows:-

(1)	Saving on provision under Official Package —	Rs: 15,000
(2)	Cost of Survey Establishments to be employed in the investigation of projects likely to be classed as Extraordinary - A list of these will follow.	" 50,000
(3)	Saving on Military allowances of Subordinates —	" 10,000
(4)	Anticipated saving on charges to be made in the Department of the Engr. Madras S. & I. Co.	" 13,000
(5)	Saving on the grant of Rs: 4800 provided for Office rent for Superintending Engineers.	" 2,000
		Rs: 90,000

Adverting

10 Adverting to para 11, I am to state that, having in view the orders of the Govt: of India No: 142 A.F. of the 13th Sept/70, His Excellency in Council has resolved upon charging Local Funds with a fair share of the cost of the Public Works Establishments, and the Local Fund Budget, which will shortly be laid before the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, will accordingly contain a provision of about Rs: 4,40,000 under this head, against assignments aggregating, in round numbers Rs: 21,42,000

+ Exclusive of the special provision for Petty Establishments and Contingencies.

+ Including - do -

for New Works, Repairs, and Tools and Plant, thus raising the proportion of Establishment charges from + to be about 20 per cent on the outlay under all other heads. Taking the outlay under Ordinary and Extraordinary works conjointly, the disbursements on account of Establishments will be only ~~one~~ twenty ~~five~~ per cent on the expenditure under other heads, and I am again to urge upon the Govt: of India the propriety, in justice to this Presidency, of permitting the outlay on Agricultural Extraordinary to bear its fair

proportion of the cost of superintendence. If this be done the charge for supervision will not be so disproportionate to expenditure as it is now made to appear, notwithstanding that in this Presidency Public Works require for their supervision longer establishments than are elsewhere necessary.

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