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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 9th November 1872.

No. 154. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Account—General,) dated Simla, 19th October 1872, Nos. 881-5 A—G.

Credit to be afforded to the Military Department for Madras Sappers and Miners employed by the Public Works Department.

Read again—

Resolution of the Government of India in the Financial Department, No. 537, dated 22nd January 1869, ruling that the credit to be passed to the Military Department for the Madras Sappers and Miners employed by the Public Works Department, should be for the value of the work actually performed by the Sappers.

Read also—

Letter of the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, No. 897, dated 5th April 1872, proposing that, for certain specified reasons, the rule prescribed in the Resolution of the Financial Department last read, should be modified, and that for the future instead of the estimated value of the work performed by the Sappers being credited to the Military Department, the following charges be borne by the Public Works Department as a fair equivalent for the services of the Sappers employed on Public Works.

1.—Cost of transport of the Sappers and their families to the station at which they may be required.

2.—Charges for hutting.

3.—Working pay earned by the Sappers, calculated on the scale allowed by the Military Department..

Office Memorandum of the Government of India in the Military Department, No. 206, dated 8th August 1872, expressing the opinion of that department that the arrangements proposed by the Madras Government are fair and proper, and that the more the Sappers can be employed on such terms the better.

OBSERVATION.—The Governor-General in Council observes that in 1869 it was ruled by the Financial Department that the credit to be afforded to the Military Department for the services of the Madras Sappers and Miners employed on Public Works should be the estimated value of the work actually performed by the men, and that this ruling has been in force up to the present time.

2. It is further observed that the Government of Madras now recommend that, in consequence of the difficulty often experienced in fixing a fair valuation for the work done, and to its being understood that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief is opposed to the Military Budget being required to bear any additional expenditure on account of the employment of Sapper Companies on Public Works, the old ruling should be cancelled, and that, for the future, the charges specified above should be borne by the Public Works Department, and be considered a fair return for the services of the Sappers; a proposition which is fully approved of by the Government of India in the Military Department.

3. The Officers of the Public Works Department must, of course, take care that expenditure on this account against the Public Works Department's Budget is only incurred when the value of the services to be rendered appears likely to justify the charge.

4. The introduction of the new rules may properly be sanctioned from the commencement of the current official year.

5. Of the charges to be borne by the Public Works Department, Nos. 1 and 3 should, as far as possible, be disbursed by the Military Department, the necessary refund being adjusted in the ordinary course through the Transfer Account. The cost of hutting the Sappers should be defrayed by the Public Works Department and be chargeable against the works on which the Sappers are employed.

ORDER.—Ordered that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Government of Madras, the Resident at Hyderabad and the Chief Commissioner of British Burmah, for information and guidance.

Also to the Military and Financial Departments for information.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Colonel, R.A.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 155. ORDER THEREON, 9th November 1872, No. 2,646.

ACCOUNT, No. 15.

COMMUNICATED to the Military Department, and to the Superintending Engineers for information and guidance.

These orders are in supersession of those recorded with G. O., No. 919, dated 19th March 1869.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.
To Superintending Engineers.
„ Major R. B. Kennedy.
To the Controller of Public Works Accou

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ACCOUNT.
General.

To

Nos. 881—5 A—G.

Dated SIMLA, 19*th October* 1872.

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