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Government of Madras.

Public works **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16*th December* 1872.

Read the following papers:—

No. 322. From the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—General,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 28th October 1872, No. 905-A.G.

I AM directed to acknowledge receipt of your telegram, dated 10th October 1872, intimating that the funds required for Military Works for 1873-74 amount to Rupees 19¼ lakhs, and, in reply, to state as follows.

2. The original grant assigned to Madras for Military Works for 1872-73 was Rupees 4 lakhs. On a representation received from the Government of Madras as to the inadequacy of this allotment, the grant was increased in Budget orders to Rupees 5 lakhs. Including proportion of Establishment and Tools and Plant the total allotment for Military Works for the current year is about Rupees 6,20,000.

3. The Government of India have had under consideration the question of the amount that should be allotted for Military Works for next year, and have found it necessary for financial reasons to restrict the expenditure on this head of service, including Establishment and Tools and Plant, to one million sterling, being 15 lakhs of Rupees less than the grant for the current year. It is therefore necessary that a proportionate reduction should be made in the allotment assigned for Military Works to the several Governments and Administrations.

4. But in the case of Madras, the Government of India have decided not to make the full proportionate reduction, but to fix the grant, including Establishment and Tools and Plant, at Rupees 6 lakhs, being only Rupees 20,000 less than the grant for the current year. I am to say, however, that if the Government of Madras can restore any portion of the allotment of 6 lakhs herein allowed by postponing expenditure on works not urgently required, or by reducing expenditure on Establishment, the Government of India would be glad to apply the amount so restored to pushing on the construction of the Cavalry Barracks at Trimulgherry, a work which is considered by the Government of Madras to be of pressing necessity.

5. I am to add that the sum that could be spent on these works next year is reported to amount to 4 lakhs, whereas the Government of India have found it possible to assign only Rupees 3⅓ lakhs.

6. The grant of 6 lakhs herein allowed includes provision for expenditure in England, and the Budget Estimate should, therefore, be prepared accordingly.

No. 323. Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department.
(Here enter No. 3,576, dated 11th November 1872.)

No. 324. ORDER THEREON, 16th December 1872, No. 2,976.

ACCOUNT, No. 27.

ORDERED that the following letter be sent:—

(Here enter No. 2,977, dated 16th December 1872.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 16*th December* 1872.

No. 325.

No. 2,977.

To

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

ACCOUNT, No. 28.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge receipt of letter No. 905-A.G., of 28th October intimating that the grant for Military Works in the Madras Presidency, including Establishment and Tools, has been fixed for the official year 1873-74 at six lakhs of Rupees, and suggesting that such portion of that amount as was not urgently required should be given up for pushing on the construction of the Cavalry Barracks at Trimulgherry—a work which is remarked as considered by the Government of Madras to be of pressing necessity.

2. In reply, I am desired to refer you to my letter No. 2,523 of the 25th October 1872, submitting an application for an addition of one lakh to the Military allotment of the current year, and to state that the actual immediate requirements of this Presidency as represented by sanctioned works amount to Rupees 3,90,000, while those for Minor New Works are Rupees 1,10,000. Add to these the ordinary demands on account of repairs and compensation for quarters amounting to Rupees 2,50,000, and it will be evident to the Government of India that so far from being able to part with any portion of the allotment of six lakhs proposed to be made for 1873-74, it will be impossible for this Government adequately to provide for its Military requirements, including proportionate grants for Establishments, Tools, and Stores, under nine lakhs of Rupees.

3. In that sum is not reckoned the demands for works the urgent necessity of which has been admitted, but the estimates for which have not been brought forward for sanction, simply on account of the impossibility of providing funds. These are computed at five and a half lakhs of Rupees, exclusive of the cost of a fortified Arsenal at Bangalore postponed by order of the Government of India, and of the cost of completing the Lawrence Asylum, which remains in abeyance pending the expected report of the Committee.

4. Under these circumstances, His Excellency the Governor in Council desires me to represent that it is absolutely necessary that the ordinary Military grant for the Madras Presidency be brought up to a sum at least fifty per cent. higher than that which has for some years past been allotted, the insufficiency of which is yearly represented, and which so inadequately meets the legitimate claims of the troops stationed at Bangalore, Madras, St. Thomas' Mount, Cannanore, Trichinopoly, Bellary, and Vizagapatam. In the absence of any information as to the details of the very large sum, amounting to more than one-half of the entire appropriation for Military Works, shown in the statement accompanying Resolution of the Government of India No. 935-49 A.G., of 31st October, as

allotted for expenditure under the Inspector-General of Military Works, this Government are unable to make any comparison of the means placed at their disposal with those nominally allotted to the minor Governments of India. There can, however, be little doubt but that the inadequacy of the grant to Madras would be much more apparent if the territorial allotment of funds were more clearly shown; and I am instructed to request that, if it be possible, a modification in the distribution of those funds may be made so as to meet more sufficiently the pressing necessities of the Madras Presidency pointed out in this and preceding communications on the same subject.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

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Military grant for works.

	Amount applied for	Amount granted.	
1868/9	12,00,000	12,00,000	
1869/70	12,00,000	12,00,000	Rs. 2 lakhs subsequently withdrawn
1870/71	6,00,000	6,00,000	
1871/72	5,00,000	4,40,000	
1872/73	† 4,00,000	5,00,000	† The Government of India fixed the grant at this amount on a representation allotted an additional lakh.

Telegraphic Message 7

From Colonel Walker - To Colonel Dickens
Ootacammund Simla

Requirements on account of
Military Works in 1873-74 Rupees Nineteen
and a quarter Lakhs

Ootacammund
11th October/72.

/Signed/ G. W. Walker
Colt. R. E.
Secy to Govt. P. W. D.

No. 905 A.G.

Government of India.

Public Works Department.

Account.

General C.

To,

The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras.

Public Works Department.

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-ment for Military Works for the current year is about Rs 6,20,000.-

3. The Government of India have had under consideration the question of the amount that should be allotted for Military Works for next year, and have found it necessary for financial reasons to restrict the expenditure on this head of service, including Establishment and Tools and Plant, to One Million sterling, being 15 lakhs of Rupees, less than the grant for the Current year. It is therefore necessary that a proportionate reduction should be made in the allotment assigned for Military Works to the several Governments and Administrations.

4. But in the case of Madras the Government of India have decided not to make the full proportionate reduction, but to fix the grant, including Establishment and Tools and Plant, at Rs 6 lakhs being only Rs 20,000 less than the grant for the current year. I am to say however that if the Government of Madras can restrict any portion of the allotment of 6 lakhs herein allowed by postponing Expenditure on works not urgently required or by reducing expenditure on Establishment the Government of India would be glad to apply the amount so restored to pushing on the construction of the Cavalry Barracks at Trimulghery a work which is considered by the Government of Madras to be of pressing necessity.-

5. I am to add that the amount that could be spent on these works next year is reported to amount to 4 lakhs, whereas the Government of India have found it possible to assign only Rs 3½ lakhs.-

6. The grant of lands herein
referred includes provision for
Expenditure in England, and the
Budget Estimate should therefore
be prepared accordingly.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt Servt

(Wickham Co. C.R.E.
Secretary to the Govt of Jamaica

P. W. 1872 Depart.
Proc: of Govt for December
No 5397.

From.

The Govt of India.

Dated 28th October
Recd 5th Nover } 1872.
No 905 M.J.

Despatching
Rs 6 Lakhs to Madras
for Military Works
for 1873-74, and
issuing certain
instructions in con-
nection therewith.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Read the following
The Govt of India. (M. & Tel. 905 M.J. 28th Oct/72)
Pro: of the Madras Govt
Mily: Depart (Nos 3076 & 11th Nov/72)
Ordered that suitable
Covering letter be sent.

To the Mily Depart
Dept 18/12/72 Jo.

The Secretary to the Govt
of India P. W. D.

Sir

I am directed to
acknowledge receipt
of letter No 905 M.J. dated
of 28th October and to
say that the grant
for Military Works
in the Madras Presi-
dency including
Establishment and Tools,
has

has been forced for the
official year 1873-74
at the Lalbagh of Rajeev-
And suggested that each
portion of that amount
as was not urgently
required should be
given up for finishing
off the construction
of the Cavalry Barracks
at Trimulgherry, as work
so liable to remain stopped, as
considered by the Civil
officer of that station
forwarding necessity.

No 322
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His reply is considered
to refer again to my letter
No 2523 of the 25th Oct. 1872,
submitting an application
for an addition

of

of the Lakhs to the Military
allotment of the current
year, and to state that
the actual immediate
requirements of the
Presidency as represented
by executive work
amount to Rs 3,70,000
while those for Civil
Works amount to Rs 1,70,000.
Add to these the more
pressing demands on
account of Repairs
and Compensation for
Quarters amounting
to Rs 2,50,000, and it
will be evident to the
Govt of India that
far

fair frame being able to
grant with any portion
of the allotment of six
Lakhs proposed to be
made for 1873-74, it
will be impossible
for the Government
adequately to provide
for the Military require-
ments, including pro-
portionate grants for
Establishments, Sala-
ries, and Charges under this
Lakhs of Rupees.

In that sum we have
not reckoned the demands
for works to the urgent
necessity of which has
been admitted, but the
Estimates for which

have

have not been brought
forward for sanction,
simply on account of the
impossibility of pro-
viding funds. These
are computed at five
and a half Lakhs of
Rupees, exclusive of the
cost of a fortified Ar-
senal at Bangalore,
postponed by order
of the Government of
India, and of the sum
of one Lakh the Govern-
ment, which remains
in abeyance pending
the long expected report
of the Committee.

Under these cir-
cumstances His Excellency
the

the Governor in Council
desires me to represent
that it is absolutely
necessary that the
ordinary Military
grant for the Madras
Presidency be brought
up to a sum at least
fifty per cent higher
than that which has
for many years past
been allotted thereto
sufficiency of which
is yearly represented
and which is inadequate
to meet the
legitimate claims of
the troops stationed
at Bangalore, Madras
& Shamir's Mount, Ban-
galore, Trichinopoly
&c. &c. &c.

Bellary and Vizagapatam. In the absence
of any information as to
the details of the very
large sum amounting
to more than one half
of the entire appropri-
ation for Military
works wherein in the
statement accompa-
nying Resolution
of the Government of
India dated 9th July
October 30 allotted
for expenditure under
the Inspector General
of Military Works the
Govt are unable to
make any comparison

of

of the means placed at their disposal with those nominally allotted to the minor Governments of India (as they cannot tell how the works under the Inspector General are distributed.)

I would thus

There can be little doubt but that the inadequacy insignificance of the grant to Madras would be much more apparent if the territorial allotment of funds were more clearly shown and Govt instructed to request that if it be possible, a favourable modification in the redistribution of these funds may be made

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E.W.S.

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Dep. 18/12/72

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Govt. of 1872 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Military Dept.
&
To The Secretary to the
Govt of India

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 16th Decr 72. N 2976-
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No. 322-323-324-325-326

Military Works. Passing orders on letter from the Govt of India assigning Rs: 6 Lakhs for Military Works in the Madras Presidency and issuing certain instructions in connection therewith.

Bringing to notice the inadequacy of the amount assigned for Military Works in the Madras Presidency for 1873/74 & ~~requesting~~ the necessity for an increased allotment

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