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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
6th February 1872.*

No. 108. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Account—General,) dated Fort William, 5th January 1872, No. 11 A.G :—

Payment by Imperial Funds for Provincial or Local Fund Works taken over for Imperial purposes.

Read the following :—

Resolution by the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 19th October 1871, No. 4,447.

Read—

Office Memorandum from the Public Works Department, No. 543 A.—G., dated the 21st August 1871, referring for orders a claim by the Deputy Commissioner of Bunnoo, on the Public Works Department, for Rupees 525, as purchase-money for a Sessions house there, no longer of any use to the Civil Department, which is required for the accommodation of an officer in charge of a portion of the works of the Punjab Northern (State) Railway; and proposing a rule to the effect that cash payments should be made when *Provincial* buildings are taken over for *Imperial* purposes, or *Imperial* buildings for *Provincial* purposes.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor-General in Council observes that two principles should govern the decision in this case :—

1st.—It should be remembered that the greater portion of the Provincial revenues is an assignment of Imperial revenue, and not revenue raised by special Provincial taxation.

2nd.—A fundamental condition of the Provincial service scheme was as follows :—

“No services now rendered to other departments at the charge of the departments made over to the control of the Local Governments are to be diminished, and no services now rendered to these departments at the charge of other departments are to be increased.”

2. Accordingly, *no reduction was made in the amount assigned in respect to any recoveries from other departments.* If such recoveries had been contemplated their value would have been a set-off against the Provincial grants.

3. There can be no doubt that, under the old system, before the Provincial service scheme was introduced, the Government would have refused credit to Department Public Works, Ordinary, and declined a corresponding debit to Extraordinary, on account of the old Court building at Bunnoo taken over for the State Railway; and the Governor-General in Council cannot allow any such charge now.

4. His Excellency in Council is not at present prepared to lay down any such rule as is proposed by the Department of Public Works, for the sale of Provincial buildings to Imperial and *vice versa*. As a rule, no doubt, if the appropriation for Imperial purpose of a building occupied for Provincial services *causes expense to the Provincial revenues*, it should be made good and *vice versa*. But when, as in the present instance, no expense is involved, no charge should be made.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
6th February 1872.*

ORDER.—Ordered that the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Public Works Department, the several Local Governments and Administrations, the Comptroller-General, and the several Accountants-General, and Deputy Accountants-General in independent charge.

Office Memorandum from the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 6th November 1871, No. 819 A.—G.

THE undersigned is directed to acknowledge receipt of Financial Department Resolution, No. 4,447, dated 19th October 1871, and, in reply, to request that it may be stated whether the principle therein laid down regarding payment for Provincial buildings is also applicable to works constructed from *Local* funds, but which may be transferred to Imperial funds.

2. The Sessions Court-house at Bunnoo, to which reference was made, was constructed originally from Local funds, and, in the opinion of this department, those funds have a fair claim upon Imperial revenues for the value of the building.

3. An early reply is requested, it being desirable that the above point should be settled before the Financial Department Resolution under acknowledgment is circulated to the Local Governments and Administrations concerned in the Public Works Department.

No. 820 A.—G.

Endorsed by Public Works Department.

Copy forwarded to Secretary to Government of Punjab, Public Works Department, for information, with reference to his letter No. 2,560, dated 28th September 1871.

RESOLUTION by the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 15th December 1871, No. 3,001.

Read again—

Financial Resolution No. 4,447, dated the 19th October, deciding, with reference to a claim by the Civil on the Public Works Department for a Sessions house at Bunnoo, which was taken up for the Punjab Northern (State) Railway, that, if the appropriation for Imperial purposes of a building occupied for Provincial services *causes expense to the Provincial revenues*, it should be made good and *vice versa*, but when no expense is involved, no charge should be made.

Read—

An Office Memorandum from the Public Works Department, No. 819 A.—G., dated the 6th November, inquiring whether the principle laid down in the above decision regarding the payment for Provincial buildings is also applicable to works constructed from *Local* funds, but which may be transferred to Imperial funds.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor-General in Council observes that, when a building has been constructed from "*Local funds*," the Imperial revenues should ordinarily pay for it if it is taken over.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
6th February 1872.*

ORDER.—Ordered that the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Public Works Department, the several Local Governments and Administrations, the Comptroller-General, and the several Accountants-General, and Deputy Accountants-General in independent charge.

ORDER.—Ordered that the papers read be forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations noted on the margin for information and guidance.

Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal,
North-Western Provinces, and Punjab.
Chief Commissioners of Central Provinces,
British Burmah, and Oudh.

(Signed) J. J. McLEOD INNES,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 109.

ORDER THEREON, 6th February 1872, No. 357.

ACCOUNT, No. 20.

COMMUNICATED to the Financial
Department and to the Superintending
Engineers.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Financial Department.

„ Revenue do.

To Superintending Engineers.

„ Major R. B. Kennedy.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
ACCOUNT.
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Dated January 5, 1872.

Received *15 Jan/72.*

The Lady Margaret.

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