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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
29th August 1873.*

No. 520. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Account—General,) dated Simla, 7th August 1873, No. 422-39 A.G. :—

Mode of ascertaining demands for Imperial Public Works, and date of submission of Schedule of funds required for such works.

Read the following papers :—

Letter from Secretary to Government of Bengal, No. 5,821, dated 26th November 1872.

" " " " " No. 6,415, " 31st December "

" " " " " No. 3,468, " 3rd July 1873.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor General in Council observes that the question calling for decision in the papers read is the manner in which Local Governments should ascertain the demands for Imperial works for entry in the schedule of demands for funds on which the preliminary grant for Public Works is fixed in October of each year, and the date on which that schedule should be submitted to the Government of India.

2. Since the introduction of the Provincial Fund arrangements, Local Governments and Administrations have been called upon to submit, by the middle of October of each year, a statement of the funds that will be required for Imperial works in progress, including repairs, while for new works to be commenced upon during the ensuing year, the Telegraph and Postal Departments and the Master of the Mint are required to submit schedules, from which the Government of India make the necessary selection of works to be undertaken according to the funds that may be available for the purpose.

3. This arrangement has, however, been found to be somewhat incomplete, and to prevent estimates for the new works that may be accepted as necessary being prepared in time to admit of the projects being properly sanctioned by the time the budget estimate of the year has to be submitted. The rule under which no provision is to be made for any work in the budget, until the estimate for it is sanctioned, cannot thus be adhered to in every case, and it frequently happens that the demand for works for some of the Imperial Departments are never brought forward for consideration at the time the grant for public works is fixed.

4. To place matters in a proper footing, the Government of India consider it necessary to lay down the following rules on the subject :—

1.—A statement of the total sum required for *Imperial Public Works* for each official year should be submitted by each Local Government or Administration to the Government of India, so as to reach punctually by the 10th October of the preceding year.

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II.—This statement should show the sum required under each head of service thus:—

	ORIGINAL WORKS.			Repairs.	Establishment.	Tools and Plant.	Total.
	Major Works.	Minor Works.	Total.				
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Military Works							
Other Services—							
Telegraph Buildings ...							
Post Office Buildings ...							
Opium Buildings							
Mint and Currency							
Viceregal Buildings at Calcutta and Barrackpoor ...							
Government of India Secretariat Buildings at Calcutta							
[And so on for other Imperial Departments]							
Grand Total...							

III.—A schedule in Part II. of the form of budget estimate should accompany this statement, showing the sums embraced in the demand for *major* works. This schedule should show distinctly the sum required for works already sanctioned, and likely to be in progress during the next year, and the sum required for new works applied for by the Heads of the several Imperial Departments concerned. The particulars regarding the former will be available from the information in the hands of Local Governments, while, as regards the latter, the Heads of the Departments concerned will be instructed to forward to each Local Government or Administration by the 10th September of each year, a statement of the *new* works that will be required by them during the ensuing year. On receipt of this statement, the necessary steps should be taken by the Local Government or Administration to have the estimate for the work put in hand, so as to admit of its being sanctioned in time for inclusion in the detailed budget estimate. For opium works, the Local Governments concerned should take the necessary steps to ascertain the demands for such works from the Opium Authorities. The arrangement thus prescribed is in accordance with the spirit of the rules contained in Chapter VII., Section ii., paragraph 21, and Chapter XVI., Section i., paragraph 36 of the Code.

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IV.—For Minor Works and Repairs no schedules are necessary; but in case the demand is in excess of the grant for the current year, a brief explanation of the cause of the excess should be furnished.

V.—For Establishment and Tools and Plant the entries should be made under the two heads of Military and Other Services only, according to the percentage laid down for each Province.

VI.—For Military Works the arrangements prescribed in Chapter XVI., Section i, paragraphs 33 to 35 of the Code, under which Local Governments receive, by the 31st August of each year, the report of a Committee, showing the works required in each station, and, by the 1st of October, the recommendations of the Commander-in-Chief on these reports, seems suitable for the purpose in view, and may be adhered to.

VII.—These orders do not alter the arrangements under which the Director Generals of the Telegraph and Post Office and the Mint and Currency Departments at Calcutta have to submit direct to the Government of India a schedule of their entire demands for each official year. This schedule should continue to be still submitted in addition to which an extract from it relating to each Province should be sent to the Local Government and Administration concerned, by the 10th September, in view to admit of the amounts being included in the *Provincial* schedule, as well as to admit of the necessary orders being issued for the preparation of the estimates for the required work.

VIII.—Nothing in these rules should be understood as dispensing with the necessity for the detailed budget estimate, which should still continue to be submitted in the prescribed form, and in the usual detail, on the 1st January of each year, according to the grants that may be assigned for the purpose by the Government of India.

Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, North-Western Provinces, and Punjab.
Chief Commissioners of Central Provinces, British Burmah, Oudh, and Coorg.
Resident, Hyderabad; and Governor General's Agents, Rajpootana and Central India.

ORDER.—Ordered, that this Resolution be communicated to the several Governments and Administrations noted in the margin, for information and guidance.

Ordered also, that a copy be forwarded to the Departments of the Government of India noted in the margin, as also to the Military Secretary to the Viceroy, with a request that arrangements may be made to advise the Government of Bengal of any alterations, improvements, or new works that may be required to the Secretariat or Viceregal buildings at Calcutta and Barrackpoor during each official year by the 10th September of the preceding year.

Ordered further, that a copy be forwarded to the Financial Department, in view to the Director General of Post Offices, the Master of the Mint, and the Assay Master being instructed to forward to Local Governments concerned, an extract from their schedules showing the public works required for their Departments during each official year.

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Ordered moreover, that a copy be forwarded for the like purpose to the Director General of Telegraphs.

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

No. 521. ORDER THEREON, 29th August 1873, No. 2,173c.

ACCOUNT, No. 75.

COMMUNICATED, through the Military Department, to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

2. Adverting to Clause VI. it is observed that the arrangement obtaining under the Administrations more immediately under the orders of the Government of India, of forwarding to the Local Government the report of the Military Committee, has not been adopted in this Presidency. To admit of the punctual submission of the statement called for by the Government of India, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will be requested to be good enough to submit by the 31st August of each year a schedule of new works, not already in hand, recommended to be carried out during the next official year, arranged in the order of their relative importance. Copy of a list of sanctioned works for which it has not been practicable to provide funds in consequence of the small amount of the annual assignment to this Presidency will be forwarded to His Excellency to facilitate a selection of works that it may be proposed to undertake in 1874-75.

3. The Controller of Public Works Accounts will furnish, by the same date, an approximate estimate of the cost of Public Works Establishments in 1874-75.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Military Department, with Proceedings of the
Government of India and list of works.
,, Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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