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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 28th January 1873.

No. 571. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 20th December 1872, No. 1,709 :—

Read the following endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 12th December 1872.

From the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 10th December 1872, No. 2,117.

ADVERTING to the Order No. 24, dated 4th December 1872, I have the honour to bring to the notice of Government that a transfer of funds from the Civil Budget to the Public Works Department requires the sanction of the Government of India, and to request that you will have the goodness to inform me whether, pending the receipt of such sanction, the work may be proceeded with from the general allotment, and the charges treated as unauthorized expenditure under Original Works, Provincial, Communications.

Vide G. O., No. 100, dated 17th Dec. 1870.

REFERRED to the Revenue Department, with reference to the Order in that Department, dated 12th November 1872, No. 1,539.

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

Miscellaneous.

THE Government of India in their letter, dated 23rd November 1870, No. 3,204 (Revenue Proceedings, 12th December 1870, No. 2,001,) refused to sanction a transfer from the Civil to the Public Works Department. The Government therefore deem it expedient to follow the course suggested in the Public Works Order, dated 10th March 1871, No. 721, and to leave the disbursement of the expenses connected with the bridge over the Cochrane's Canal at Madras Salt Cotaurs to the Revenue Department, the intervention of the Public Works Department being limited to affording such professional assistance as the Revenue Department may require.

2. The order for the transfer of funds, dated 12th November 1872, No. 1,539, is cancelled.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

No. 572. ORDER THEREON, 28th January 1873, No. 278.

ACCOUNT, No. 55.

THE nature of this work being such that its professional supervision cannot well be carried on without control over the expenditure, representation to that effect will be made to the Government of India, and their permission requested for a transfer of funds in exceptional cases when works for which provision has been made in the Civil Budget assume such

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 28*th January* 1873.

No. 573.

No. 279.

To

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

ACCOUNT, No. 56.

SIR,—The orders of the Government of India in the Financial Department, dated 23rd November 1870, No. 3,204, affirm the rule that the transfers of grants from the Civil to the Public Works Department are altogether prohibited. In cases in which Civil Officers carry out works the Public Works Department can only give its professional advice, but is not permitted to have any connection with the disbursement of money or with the preparation of the accounts.

2. Cases have arisen however in which works to be undertaken by Civil Officers assume such dimensions as to be beyond their power to carry out with the agency at their own command, and the professional supervision of such works cannot well be exercised without control over the expenditure. In such exceptional cases it seems desirable that the restriction imposed on transfers in the orders above quoted should not operate, and in recommending the modification of the orders accordingly, I am to request that you will be good enough to state in the event of the Government of India not acceding to the proposal, what other means can with propriety be adopted to supply the professional department with funds for carrying out works of the nature referred to.

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

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 12th December 1870.

No. 235. Read the following letter from the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, 23rd November 1870, No. 3,204:—

In reply to your letter, No. 1,578, dated 17th October 1870, I am directed to inform you that transfers of grants from the Civil to the Public Works Department being opposed to all existing rules, the Governor-General in Council regrets that he cannot confirm the transfer of Rupees 270 reported by you.

Copy sent to the Accountant-General, Madras.

No. 236. Order thereon, 12th December 1870, No. 2,001.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Public Works Department and the Accountant-General, with reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 17th October 1870, No. 1,577.

2. The order given in paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of Government, dated 10th August 1870, No. 1,223, to transfer the provision in the Civil Budget to the Public Works Department will be held in abeyance till the close of the current year, and the establishment will continue to be paid by the Accountant-General. Steps will be taken in the Public Works Department to provide the requisite funds in 1871-72.

(True Extract.)

F. R. Bantleman

Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
,, the Accountant-General.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th December 1872.

No. 158. Read the following Endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 12th December 1872:—

Read the following letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 10th December 1872, No. 2,117.

ADVERTING to the Order No. 24, dated 4th December 1872, I have the honour to bring to the notice of Government that a transfer of funds from the Civil Budget to the Public Works Department requires the sanction of the Government of India, and to request that you will have the goodness to inform me whether, pending the receipt of such sanction, the work may be proceeded with from the general allotment, and the charges treated as unauthorized expenditure under Original Works, Provincial, Communications.

Vide G. O. No. 100, dated 17th December 1870.

REFERRED to the Revenue Department, with reference to the order in that department, dated 12th November 1872, No. 1,539.

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

No. 159. ORDER THEREON, 20th December 1872, No. 1,709.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government of India in their letter dated 23rd November 1870, No. 3,204 (Revenue Proceedings, 12th December 1870, No. 2,001), refused to sanction a transfer from the Civil to the Public Works Department. The Government therefore deem it expedient to follow the course suggested in the Public Works Order dated 10th March 1871, No. 721, and to leave the disbursement of the expenses connected with the bridge over the Cochrane's Canal at Madras Salt Cotaurs to the Revenue Department, the intervention of the Public Works Department being limited to affording such professional assistance as the Revenue Department may require.

2. The order for the transfer of funds, dated 12th November 1872, No. 1,539, is cancelled.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Rec'd 1872 Dec 24th
Govt. of Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated December 20*th*.

Recd. 24 *Encl.*

G. O., 20*th December* 1872, *No.* 1,709.

DECEMBER.
Nos. 158-159.

Bridge over Cochrane's Canal at Madras Salt Cotours.—Letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts requesting to know whether the work may be proceeded with from the general allotment, with orders thereon.

that year against the general assignment for Establishments, and make due provision for it in his Budget of Establishments for 1872/73 and future years.

To,
The Supdg Engr 4th Dn
" Rev: Departt
" Controller

Desp 17/12/70

Public Works Departt

No 278

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following

Proceedings in the Revenue Department } No. 8-1709 dated 20th Dec 1872

The nature of this work being such that its professional supervision cannot well be carried down without control over the expenditure, representation to that effect will be made to the Government of India and their permission requested for a transfer of funds in exceptional cases when works for which provision has been made in the Civil Budget assume such dimensions as to be beyond the power of Civil Officers to carry out with the Agency at their own disposal.

Ordered

Noted

Forward it not be well in the letter to Govt of India to describe the work at the last Column which has led to this reference

Ordered that the following letter be sent.

No 279

The Secty to the
Government of India

Sir,

The Orders of the Government of India in the Financial Dept dated 23 November 1870 No 3201, affirm the rule that the transfers of grants from the Civil to the Public Works Department are altogether prohibited, in cases in which Civil Officers carry out works the Public Works Department can only give its professional advice, but is not permitted to have any connection with the disbursement of money or with the preparation of the accounts.

Cases have arisen however in which works to be undertaken by Civil Officers assume

To The Dy Sup. Revs
" Controllers
" Revl Depts
" Bds of Revs

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is a good letter. It is framed in the form in which it will probably be sent to the Govt of India. The rule is not one of "petty construction" and consequently we must not be too hasty to enter it in our Civil Budget. Would not an order similar to No 10 Nov 71 No 721. Mtd. be sufficient meet the case. The Govt which has similarly the duty of framing their annual Civil

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L. D.S.

assume such dimensions as to be beyond their power to carry out with the agency at their own command and the professional supervision of such works cannot well be exercised without control over the expenditure. In such exceptional cases it seems desirable that the restriction imposed on transfers in the orders above quoted should not operate and in recommending the modification of the Orders accordingly, I am to request that you will be good enough to state, in the event of the Government of India not according to the proposal, what steps or means can with propriety be adopted by Dept. with a view to carrying out works of the nature referred to in the particular work which has led to the reference & with the [illegible] to this reference & with the [illegible] above cited in the accompanying papers.

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G. O. No. 6428

Govt. of [1873] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The District Engr.
Trichinopoly

To The Secretary to the
Govt of Madras

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 28th January No. 278-279.

Nos. 571-572-573

Orders
Bridge over Cauvery
Canal - Passing orders
on the subject of the
professional suspension
of - and the transfer of
funds from the Civil to
the P.W. Dept for the
work - (Letter)
Requesting orders
on the subject of the
manner of dealing

with works commenced
but which cannot be com-
pleted by Civil Officers
and the transferring
of funds from the
Civil to the P.W. Dept
in connection
therewith -