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No. 196. Read following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Account—Guaranteed Railways,) dated Fort William, 10th July 1874, Nos. 368—9 A.—G. R.:—

*Capital Accounts of Guaranteed Railways.*

Read again:—

Public Works Department Resolution Nos. 49—54 A—R, dated the 6th February 1871.

Despatch to Secretary of State, No. 171 R, dated 21st August 1873.

Read also:—

Despatch from Secretary of State, No. 70 R., dated 14th May 1874.

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RESOLUTION.—With the approval of Her Majesty's Government the Governor-General in Council is pleased to lay down the following rules for the sanction of future expenditure on the Railways under the control of the Governments of Madras and Bombay, in substitution for those contained in Public Works Department Resolution Nos. 49—54 A—R, dated 6th February 1871.

2. One year after the opening of any portion of a line of railway for traffic, the original estimate for the construction of that portion is to be considered cancelled. The Examiner, under the orders of the Local Government, shall have authority to pass bills against the original sanction for expenditure incurred prior to the expiration of the one year from date of opening if brought forward for audit within three months of the close of the year. In the interval between the opening and the lapse of sanction, the local Consulting Engineer should go over the works on the opened section with the Agent of the Railway concerned, or with an officer appointed by him, and draw up a schedule of the probable cost of completing the several works that can fairly be considered necessary for meeting the traffic expected. This schedule, with the opinions of the Local Government and Railway authorities in sufficient detail to enable orders to be passed, should be promptly submitted to the Government of India for instructions.

3. The sanctions granted for works entered in this schedule will, unless otherwise specified, remain in force for two years only from the date of the opening of the section to which they relate.

4. With regard to subsequent requirements, the Governments of Madras and Bombay are empowered to sanction expenditure on all necessary works the estimated cost of which, including both English and Indian expenditure, is not in excess of Rupees 10,000 in each case; but, as a general rule, no new works, whether debitable to Capital or Revenue, should be sanctioned, or allowed to be undertaken, on a line or section of a line opened more than two years until the opinion of the Company's Directors has been expressed, unless they are works of an emergent character, or are minor works costing not more than Rupees 1,000 each. In the aggregate a fixed sum not less than Rupees 5,000, as laid down for each line according to circumstances, in each half-year, may be sanctioned for such minor works by the controlling Government as a charge to Revenue. If the Boards of Directors of the several Railway Companies formally delegate authority to their Agents to act for them in this matter, their opinion on expenditure for works estimated to cost less than Rupees 5,000 each need not be awaited.

A monthly report of all sanctions to new works accorded by the Local Government, whether debitable to Capital or Revenue, should be promptly furnished for the information of the Government of India directly after the close of each month.

5. Ordinarily, the following procedure should be adopted :—

A schedule of the works (including works of construction and the erection and purchase of rolling stock) proposed to be carried out from Capital or Revenue should be prepared half-yearly in sufficient detail to allow the objects and advantages of the proposals to be understood. This schedule should be sent to the Directors for approval, and, after their opinion has been recorded, should be submitted to the Government of Madras or Bombay, as the case may be, for sanction as regards minor works and works chargeable to Revenue, and to the Government of India for sanction as regards works costing more than Rs. 10,000, and chargeable to Capital. This schedule should be prepared sufficiently early to allow of its being placed in the hands of the Government of India one month before the commencement of the half-year to which it relates.

6. To keep this system within proper control, it is desirable that the Governments of Madras and Bombay should name a date after which each sanction accorded by them will lapse, and they are requested to recommend to the Government of India in each case the date from which the larger sanctions should be considered cancelled.

7. When sanction to an uncompleted work has lapsed, the work must again be entered in the schedules with such explanations as may be necessary, and a fresh sanction applied for. The Examiner may, however, be authorized by the Local Government to pass bills of expenditure incurred within the duration of the sanction, and submitted not later than three months after its expiry.

8. In regard to stores, as a provisional arrangement pending the settlement of the question of the limit of the reserve to be maintained for working purposes, no indents for the purchases of stores should be sanctioned against Capital, otherwise than for specific works duly sanctioned against Capital, unless with the authority of the Government of India.

9. The Administrative Budget Estimates should, until further orders, be continued in their present form; but it must be borne in mind that an appropriation of money to meet the expected charges on account of the works contained in the schedules does not imply sanction to any work being commenced, while, on the other hand, sanctioned works cannot be carried out unless a regular provision of funds to meet the charge has been made from the Budget grant.

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ORDER.—Ordered that this Resolution be communicated to the Governments of Madras and Bombay for information and guidance.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Colonel, R.A.,
*Secy. to the Govt. of India.*

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No. 197. ORDER THEREON, 10th August 1874, No. 2,200.

RAILWAY, No. 31.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways and the Examiner of Railway Accounts for information

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,*
10*th August* 1874.

d guidance with reference to G. O., No. 595, dated 1st March 1871. The structions conveyed are explicit and should be carefully attended to.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
*Secretary to Government.*

o the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
,, Examiner of Railway Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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To

THE GOVERNMENTS OF MADRAS AND BOMBAY.

Nos. 368—9 $\frac{A}{G-R}$.

*Dated July* 10, 1874.

*Received*

*Rules for the guidance of the Governments of Madras and Bombay in sanctioning Capital outlay on Guaranteed Railways.*

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The Secretary of State for India in Council

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Proceedings of the Govt. of India, communicating Resolution laying down Rules for guidance in sanctioning Capital outlay on Guaranteed Rys, Comd to the Consideration of the Examiner of Rly Accounts —