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3rd February 1874.*

No. 44. Read the following letter from T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 26th November 1873, No. 5,574 :—

I HAVE the honour to solicit the orders of Government as to the manner in which charges for office tents and office furniture should be adjusted under the head Tools and Plant.

2. The cost of tools and plant of the ordinary kind obtained for general purposes would be distributed under the heads "Imperial," "Provincial," and "Local," according to the nature of the tools and the works on which they are likely to be used, in accordance with the orders of Government contained in No. 2,094, of the 22nd August 1873; but I think that in respect to office tents and office furniture it would be best to debit the entire cost to *one* great head according to the head—"Irrigation," "Imperial" or "Provincial"—under which the office obtaining tents and furniture may be classed; thus an "*Irrigation*" Range would make the debit under "*Irrigation*;" an Imperial Range under "*Imperial*;" and a Provincial Range under "*Provincial*."

3. It is true that in most ranges expenditure is incurred from funds under *all* heads (Imperial, Provincial, etc.), but as under the arrangement above proposed an Imperial Range would not debit any portion of the cost of tents and furniture to tools and plant "*Provincial*," and as a Provincial Range would in the same way debit the whole charge for office tents and furniture to "*Provincial*," there would be a rough sort of adjustment of outlay, which perhaps the Government would not object to under the circumstances. Local funds would certainly not be debited under the arrangement proposed, but this exemption might be recognized, seeing that the yearly charge for office tents and furniture would be trifling, and the necessity for it would be all the same whether local funds had or had not to be regarded. Of course local funds would be debited with the value of tools and plant of the ordinary kind required for use on works.

4. If the above proposal be approved, I would suggest that all charges for office furniture and tents required for District Engineers be charged to "*Imperial*."

5. I may add that the proposal now put forward occurred to me in considering charges in recent accounts arising out of grants made in G. O., No. 1,974, of the 8th August 1873.

No. 45. ORDER THEREON, 3rd February 1874, No. 255.

ACCOUNT, No. 4.

His Excellency the Governor in Council approves of the cost of tents and furniture being in the first instance charged to Imperial, which head of service will be relieved when the accounts of the year are being closed on the principles indicated in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this letter.
(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To District Engineers.
To Inspecting Engineers.
To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
To Lieutenant-Colonel R. B. Kennedy.
To the Consulting Architect.
" Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
Exd. W. H. French.
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Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts,
No 5574, Fort St. George, 27 November 1873.

From

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To

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G. O. 3rd July 1873, No. 255.

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