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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th October 1875.*

No. 207. Read the following letter from Captain G. T. SKIPWITH, R.E., Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Civil Works—Telegraph,) to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 1st October 1875, No. 372 T. :—

IN continuation of this office No. 347 T, of the 3rd ultimo, regarding the complaint made by the Editor of the *Madras Mail*, and his suggestion for a revision of the existing rules for "Press Telegrams," I am directed to make the following remarks, and to request that the same may be communicated to the Editor of the *Madras Mail*.

2. The existing rates for "Press Messages" are much below the usual rates, being one-fourth those charged upon ordinary messages, *viz.*, twenty-four instead of six words can be sent for 1 Rupee; moreover, the extra charge for night, Sundays, and holidays is not levied upon such messages, so that the reduction is really more than 75 per cent.

3. In return for this large concession, and to prevent an abuse of the privilege, the rules require that the Newspapers for which messages are to be received at the reduced rates, all be registered, and that "Press Messages" shall be published in their entirety, or that the difference in cost between "ordinary" and "Press" rates shall be paid by the Newspaper to which the message is addressed. Moreover, the rules require that a declaration to this effect shall be taken from the proprietor or Editor of each Newspaper before he can be admitted to the privileges conferred by the Press Rules.

4. By refusing to pay the difference between the "ordinary" and "Press" rates, on the telegram in question, the Editor of the *Madras Mail* has failed to fulfil his part of the contract, a contract which however he may have felt it objectionable, he entered into voluntarily, and he should, therefore, have first acted up to his agreement and then applied for a refund, if he considered himself aggrieved in any way.

5. It is also to be remarked that the Editor had, under the rules, a *right* to receive messages at Press rates from any correspondent, whether regular or casual, and he would have had just cause of complaint if in this instance the Barrackpore Signaller had refused to take the message in question as a "Press" message.

6. The Director-General of Telegraphs is vested with the power of refusing this concession on sufficient grounds, or of withdrawing it when granted, if he considers that the conditions have been in any way infringed, and it appears to the Governor-General in Council that the Director-General of Telegraphs would have been fully justified if he had withdrawn the privilege in this instance.

7. I am also to observe that the complaint under reference really arises out of an important concession made to the Press when the rules were revised last year. Formerly a Press message could only be sent by a registered *correspondent*, but this restriction sometimes prevented the despatch of news which would otherwise have been sent. To remedy this defect the revised rules provided that only the *Newspaper* should be registered, so that casual correspondents might be enabled to send messages at "Press" rates. This necessarily throws a certain amount of money responsibility upon the Newspapers concerned, who must severally be held responsible for the acts of their correspondents.

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8. I am to add that if the Editor of the *Madras Mail* does not wish to accept this pecuniary responsibility, he should inform the Director-General of Telegraphs of his wish to revert to the old rules, and should register his correspondents.

No. 208.

ORDER THEREON, 13th October 1875, No. 2,927.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 15.

COMMUNICATED to the Editor of the
Madras Mail in continuation of G. O.,
No. 2,672, dated 17th September 1875.

(True Extract.)

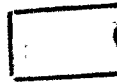
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No 2927 - The Editor of the Madras Mail
communicated to the Editor of the Madras Mail
his continuation of S.O. No 2672 dt 17th Sept 1875.

Certain remarks regarding
the complaint made by
the Editor Madras Mail
against the rules of Press
Telegrams.

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Rules for Press
Telegrams. Letter of
the Govt. of India ref.
to the complaint
made by the Editor
"Madras Mail" regarding
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14th October 1875.

No. 209.

GROUND OF PROPOSITION.

THE Controller of Public Works Accounts having reported, after the accounts were made up, that the actual outlay on Budget Items Nos. 8, 9, 14, and 53 was more in each case than the figures entered as "computed expenditure up to 31st March 1875," the excess Budget provision made for these works was withdrawn, and the sums thus obtained were utilized on items 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7 in this statement.

2. The Government of India are already aware of the circumstances under which the allotment for Budget Item No. 17 became available (*vide* statement of re-appropriations, No. 2,335, dated 13th August 1875), Rupees 1,050 of the amount were utilized as shown against item 2 in this statement.

3. Savings on the estimate for Budget Item 59 having been reported, the work entered as item 5 in this statement was provided for.

ACCOUNT, No. 10.

No. 2,928.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Application to the Government of India for re-appropriation of Budget Grants, dated 14th October 1875.

No. 210.

No.	Head of Service.	PROPOSED NEW GRANT.		PROPOSED REDUCTION.		
		Particulars.	Amount of Estimate.	Amount of proposed Grant.	Head of Service.	Item of Budget Estimate.
1	Military	Duff's Cooking Range in No. 1 Block Barracks at Wellington, Nilgiris.	Rs. 785	Rs. 785	...	Budget Item No. 14. Quarters for four Officers with Mess-room at Malliapuram.
2	Do.	Preliminary work required to the ground purchased by Government at Vellore for hutting the families of Native Corps on foreign service, North Arcot District.	1,050	1,050	Do.	do.
3	Do.	I.—Godown to one Staff Sergeant's quarters, Ordnance Department, Trichinopoly. II.—Godown to another Staff Sergeant's quarters, Ordnance Department, Trichinopoly. III.—Godown, stable, and coach-shed to the Sub-Conductor's quarters, Ordnance Department, Trichinopoly.	250	250	Do.	Budget Item No. 17. Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officer's quarters, Royapoorum.
4	Do.	Rifle Range at Palaveram	480	480	Do.	Budget Items Nos. 8 and 9. New Canteen Parade Barracks and new Recreation-room.
5	Civil Buildings...	Open Latrine for Natives in the Telegraph Office compound at Bellary.	4,400	900	Do.	Do.
6	Do.	Repairing the Telegraph Office at Bellary	200	200	Do.	Budget Item No. 14. Quarters for four Officers with Mess-room at Malliapuram.
7	Do.	Repairs, Civil Buildings, Telegraph, Kurnool District.	305	305	Civil Buildings.	Budget Item No. 59. Quarters for Signallers, Bellary.
			...	95	Do.	Budget Item No. 58. Telegraph Office at Masulipatam.
					Do.	do.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.Exd. E. C. Shanker.
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ORDERS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. , dated 187 ..

Reappropriation sanctioned.

Secy. to Govt. of India, P.W.D.,

No 2928 14th Oct/75
Grounds of Proposition.

The Controller of Public Works Accounts having reported, after the accounts were made up, that the actual outlay on Budget Items Nos. 8, 9, 14 & 58 was more than the figures entered as "Computed Expenditure" up to 31st March 1875; the proceeds of Budget provision made for these works was withdrawn, and the sums thus obtained were utilized on Items 1, 3, 4, 6 & 7 in this Statement.

The Government of India were already aware of the circumstances under which the allotment for Budget Item No 17 became available (vide Statement of Appropriation No 2338 d/13th August 1875) No 1050 of the amount was utilized as shown against Item 2 in this Statement.

Savings on the Estimate for Budget Item 59 having been reported the work entered as Item 5 in this Statement was provided for.

Application to the Government of India for re-appropriation of Budget-pants

Submitted by Mr. [Name] September 1975.

Proposed new grant

Proposed Reduction

Administrative Expenses

Amount of Amount New scheme to be made in []

How Budget Estimate []

Amount

	Proposed new grant	Proposed Reduction
1 Military	785	785
2 do	1050	1050
3 do	250	250
4 do	4400	900
5 Civil Building	200	200
6 do	305	305
7 do	95	95

Additional work requires to be done

Military

Budget []

785

purchase by Govt. of [] for []

do

Budget []

785

I. []
II. []
III. []

do

Budget []

980

Waste Range at Palamuru.

do

Budget []

652

Open Estate for []

Civil Building Budget []

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Waste Range at Palamuru.

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Govt. of 1875 Madras.
 PUBLIC WORKS.

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G. O. 11/10/75. No. 2928

Nos. 209-210

Requesting sanction
 to certain reapprop-
 riation of Budget
 Grants for 1875-76.

209-210

11 Oct.
 10/10/75.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
 14th October 1875.

No. 211. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th September 1875, No. 2,718:—

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 28th August 1875, No. 264

I HAVE the honor to submit my annual report on public works for 1874-75, accompanied by an abstract of outlay in the form prescribed in Revenue Board's

1 Statement.

Circular Memorandum, No. 1,678, of 14th October 1874.

2. The aggregate outlay during the year amounted to Rupees 90,679, or 33,861 less than in the previous year.

	1873-74.	1874-75.
	RS.	RS.
Imperial ..	83,269	65,661
Provincial ..	40,771	25,018
Total ...	1,24,040	90,679

It fell short of the sanctioned allotment by Rupees 1,416. As compared with the expenditure of the previous year, there was a decrease under "New Civil Buildings," as several Cutcheries previ-

ously undertaken were finished in 1873-74, and none were newly taken in hand in the year under report. There was also a decrease under Irrigational Repairs.

3. The expenditure is classed as follows:—

	RS.
1. Buildings, New	14,840
2. Repairs	3,121
3. Irrigational New Works	5,425
4. Repairs	57,882
5. Communications, New	9,411
Total ...	90,679

4. Buildings.—A record office and out-offices for the Travelling Post Office at Erode were sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rupees 3,100; of which Rupees 2,199 were spent, and the work is nearly finished. The house and office for the Assistant Superintendent of Police at Erode, commenced in the previous year, was completed in

	RS.
* In 1873-74 ...	4,000
1874-75 ...	4,291

1874-75 at an aggregate cost of Rupees 8,291.* A sum of Rupees 4,000

was advanced to the Superintendent of the Central Jail, Coimbatore, for providing

accommodation for the Police guard at the jail. It is, I think, to be regretted that these huts were not built nearer the jail. These are nearly a mile from it. Three

	RS.
† Three huts ...	480
Do. ...	480

Police huts were built at Velliannay† in Caroor taluq, and three at Coonatoor† in

Erode. The burial-ground at Bowany was enclosed at a cost of Rupees 230, and a dead-house was built at Sattiamungalum at a

cost of Rupees 227. The other items of expenditure under New Buildings were works of additions and improvements to the existing buildings.

5. The cost of maintaining civil buildings in repair was Rupees 2,966, and it appears that Rupees 861 of the repair allotment were allowed to lapse. Rupees 136 were laid out in maintaining military rest-houses in repair.