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30th November 1875.*

No. 631. Read the following letter from Colonel C. H. DICKENS, R.A., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—General,) to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 21st October 1875, No. 651 A.—G.:—

I AM directed to acknowledge receipt of your communication, No. 2,474-A, dated 30th August 1875, and in reply to say that, while the principle sanctioned by the Government of Madras for adjusting the charges for tools and plant between Provincial and Imperial Funds provides for some portion of the rules that are required on the subject, yet the proposals made by the Controller, Public Works Accounts, on which the orders of the Government of Madras have been passed, require to be made more precise in order to admit of practical effect being given to them.

2. Thus, one of the proposals is that all tools and plant obtained from England for stock purposes should be kept in suspense, but it is not stated whether this suspense account will be kept under Imperial or Provincial Funds. This is obviously an important point as bearing on the source from which a grant should be provided to cover any increase in the balance held at the debit of suspense.

3. Again, the rate at which Imperial Funds should be debited for value of tools and plant issued is not stated.

4. In the case of establishments in Madras, the whole of the charges are debited to Provincial Funds, Imperial Funds paying a certain proportion of the cost of the same, that proportion being based on the grant or outlay on works and repairs. The Government of India consider that a like arrangement would be unobjectionable in the case of tools and plant. This is what has been done in Bombay, and I am to ask that the Government of Madras may be moved to consider whether it would not simplify matters to treat the whole cost of the tools and plant as Provincial Funds, Imperial Funds paying such rate of contribution as may be proper. The copy of the

* Letter from Bombay, No. 121 A., dated 13th May 1875, correspondence* that has passed on the subject between the Governments of India and Bombay is herewith forwarded for information. As the administration of

irrigation works is not distinct from that for buildings and roads under the Government of Madras, the last paragraph of the orders issued to the Government of Bombay would not of course be applicable to Madras.

From Colonel M. K. KENNEDY, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated Bombay, 13th May 1875, No. 121 A.—799.

VI.—Accounts.

THE Secretary of State for India, in his Public Works Department No. 5, of the 18th March 1875, sanctioning an indent for certain instruments, drawing materials, and stores required for the Public Works Department, declined to charge half to Imperial and half to Provincial Funds, as requested by this Government, and directed that they should all be charged to Imperial Funds.

2. In a previous despatch, No. 11 of 20th March 1873, the Secretary of State remarks, with reference to a similar case, that "when such stores are appropriated to service chargeable to

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Provincial Funds, the matter should be adjusted by credit being given to the Imperial Revenue for their value. This course will be in accordance with the practice in other Presidencies, and is calculated to ensure a more accurate division of the cost of the supplies between the two Funds."

3. I am to remark that the adoption of the Secretary of State's instructions would give rise to a great deal of trouble, if a credit is to be given or taken between Imperial and Provincial Funds every time a few yards of drawing paper, or trifling article of this sort, is issued to a Provincial Division. In fact, the whole system of some of the divisions in this Presidency being treated with reference to tools and plant as Imperial, and some as Provincial, appears to be unnecessarily complicated, and to give rise to various anomalies. For instance, an Executive Engineer of an Imperial Division lately applied for a large sanction for rollers, which would have been principally used for rolling Provincial roads. The anomaly, therefore, arose of Imperial Funds providing rollers for Provincial roads. On the other hand, if these rollers were sanctioned from Provincial Funds, part of the Executive Engineer's tools and plant would be Imperial and part Provincial, not to mention the further complication of tools and plant belonging to the Local Funds.

4. I am therefore directed to suggest as a simple solution of the whole question—

1st.—That all tools and plant in this Presidency, whether Imperial or Provincial, be henceforth treated as Provincial.

2nd.—That the amount annually entered in the Imperial Budget for tools and plant be henceforth taken at a percentage rate of, say, 1½ or 2 per cent. on the outlay for Imperial works, in a similar way as a percentage of 23 per cent. is given by the Government of India on account of Establishment.

3rd.—That the amount so entered be treated as a contribution on account of use of Provincial tools and plant, and that the latter be bound to supply all tools and plant required for use on Imperial works without any further charge of any sort.

5. I am to remark that these rules should only be held to be applicable to ordinary works, but that, in the case of large works, such as the Bombay Harbour Defences and Kurrachee Harbour Works, for which special and costly tools and plant have been purchased, this should remain Imperial property, and, should similar cases again arise, tools and plant for such works should be treated as part of the work, and charged to it, as has been done in the cases above mentioned.

Copy of a letter No. 606 A. G., dated 23th September 1875, from the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Public Works Department.

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 121 A., dated 13th May 1875, and in reply to state that, under the circumstances therein represented, the Government of India have been pleased to approve of the proposals made by the Government of Bombay, under which the whole cost of tools and plant shall be charged to Provincial Funds, Imperial Funds paying a certain contribution for the use of the tools on Imperial works.

2. As regards the rate of contribution, I am to say that, as for the current official year, the total grant for tools and plant forms 1·43 per cent. of the grants for works and repairs, the Government of India consider that it will suffice if Imperial Funds pay 1½ per cent., and I am therefore to request that this rate may be adopted, the calculation being made on the *original* grant for Imperial Works and Repairs or the outlay on the same, whichever may happen to be the greatest.

3. The new rules may conveniently be introduced with effect from 1876-77, the Secretary of State being informed at the time the indents for that year are submitted to him that the payments from that year for tools and plant should, unless otherwise specially mentioned, be debited in the Home accounts to Provincial Funds and as remittances to India.

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4. By the arrangements now sanctioned the sale proceeds of tools and plant of the buildings and roads branch will be credited from 1876-77 to Provincial Funds. Sale proceeds of tools and plant specially procured for large works, and charged as a portion of their cost in the manner mentioned in paragraph 5 of your letter under acknowledgment, will of course be credited to those works.

5. It is to be understood that unless there are special reasons for so doing, of which the Government of India are not aware, the arrangements herein sanctioned do not apply to Irrigation works, the cost of the tools and plant for which will be dealt with as at present.

No. 632. ORDER THEREON, 30th November 1875, No. 3,399.

ACCOUNT, No. 19.

THE letter of the Government of India will be communicated to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, who will be requested to report in detail the arrangements which he suggests for the adjustment of the outlay on tools and plant in this Presidency.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Copy of a letter No 606 A.G. dated 28th September 1875
from the Government of India Public Works Department, to the
Secretary to the Government of Bombay Public Works
Department.

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter No-
121 a dated 13th May 1875, and in reply to state that, under
the circumstances therein represented, the Government of
India have been pleased to approve of the proposals made
by the Government of Bombay under which the whole cost
of Tools and Plant shall be charged to Provincial funds, &
Imperial funds paying a certain contribution for the use
of the tools on Imperial works.

2. As regards the rate of contribution, I am to say that
as for the current fiscal year the total grant for Tools and
Plant forms 1.443 per cent of the grants for works and repairs.
The Government of India consider that it will suffice if
Imperial funds pay 1/2 per cent. and I am therefore to request
that this rate may be adopted, the calculation being made on
the original grant for Imperial works and repairs or the
outlay on the same, whichever may happen to be the greatest.

3. The new rules may conveniently be introduced with
effect from 1876/77, the Secretary of State being informed at the
time the indents for that year are submitted to him that the
payments from that year for Tools and Plant should, unless
otherwise specially mentioned, be debited in the Home accounts
to Provincial funds and as remittances to India.

By the arrangements now sanctioned the sale proceeds of Tools and Plant of the Buildings and Roads Branch will be credited from 1876-77 to Provincial funds. Sale proceeds of Tools and Plant specially procured for large works, and charged with a portion of their cost in the manner mentioned in para. 5 of your letter under acknowledgment, will of course be credited to those works.

It is to be understood that unless there are special reasons for so doing of which the Government of India are not aware, the arrangements herein sanctioned do not apply to Irrigation Works. The cost of the Tools and Plant for which will be dealt with as at present.

MS. 694/75

GO 30 November/75
in B. N. 672

The following appear to be the arrangements
as suggested by the Controller of Expenditure
by Govt. of India.

1. Tools & Plant Outlay for all ordinary works to be primarily debited to Provincial.
 2. Tools & Plant Outlay for Special (large) works to be debited to those works.
 3. In the Budget Estimates provision to be made for Tools & Plant at the rates shown below, in the Estimates of Outlay on works & repairs.
- Imperial Exclusion of Jangalwari

Present

Public

Imperial Budget

Local Fund

Small Grp Fund?

Other Special funds

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The actual charges

to each of the above

heads to be based on

the great outline

which is greater

in Provincial to be released

accordingly

5. Proceeds of sales of tools

to be credited to Provincial

6. This is understood that

the keeping of tools in

Provincial Disbursements

is a considerable sum

10.11.75

No. 121 A.—799 of 1875.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Bombay, 13th May 1875.

FROM

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

VI.—Accounts.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

M. K. KENNEDY, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

BOMBAY CASTLE,
13th May 1875.

End: J. D.

No. 651 A.G.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ACCOUNT.

General

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras
Public Works Department.

Simla 21st October 1875

Sir,

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(W. D. Williams) Coll. R. A.

Secretary to the Government of India

+ Letter from Bombay
No 121/A dated 13th May
1875

Public Works Depart-
ment letter No 606/A
dated 28th Sept 1875

GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
VI.—ACCOUNTS.

To
THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA
IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

No. 121 A.—799.

Dated 13th May 1875.

Received

Submits proposals for treating all Tools and Plant in the Bombay Presidency (except such as are required for special and costly works) as Provincial, Imperial funds contributing a percentage rate towards their cost, in the same manner as the percentage contributed on account of Establishment.

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" 30-Augt/75.. 515-516A
" 11-Septm .. 260-261.
" 3-Novr .. 42-43.

P. W. 1875 Dep^t
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From
The Govt of India

Dated 21st } Oct: 1875
Recd: 28th }

No 651. A.G.

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Referring certain
observations on No. 60
No 2474A. of 30th Augt/75
laying out certain principles
for the adjustment of
charges for Tools and Plant
belonging Provincial and
Imperial Funds.

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No 3399 Public Works Dept.

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Under date the 30 Novr 1875
Read the following

From

The Govt of India (No. 651. A.G. of 21st Oct. 1875)

The letter of the
Government of India
will be communicated
to the Controller Public
Works Accounts who will
be requested to report
in detail the arrangements
which he suggests for
the adjustment of the
outlay on tools and Plant
in the Presidency.

Despatch - 7-12-75
To the Controller of P.W.

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Department for Charges for
Tools & Plant between Pro-
vincial & Imperial Funds.
The Controller of P.W. Dept
requested to report in detail
the arrangements, he suggests
for the _____

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