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No. 407. Read the following letter from T. MOSS, Esq., Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 20th January 1875, No. 9,137 :—

I HAVE the honor to make the following remarks, for the information of Government, relative to the orders on the Regular Estimate in Proceedings No. 129 of the 16th instant.

2. In paragraph 4 it is said that information will be awaited from the Chief Engineer for Irrigation as to the possibility of a further allotment being advantageously expended on *Extraordinary Works*. I do not know whether the surrender of Rupees 40,300 by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation from the Extraordinary Grant for Works (*vide* G. O., No. 3,585, of the 19th December 1874,) was overlooked, but I deem it right to mention that had this surrender been known to me before submission of my proposed estimate, that document would have exhibited other amounts.

3. In obedience to the orders in the 7th paragraph, I have addressed the District Engineers for information as to the exact sum which is likely to be received from the several Municipalities for water supplied by the Public Works Department, but I would observe that if even the estimate should have to be revised, the information is not likely to be of use to the Government of India in considering ways and means, seeing that for that purpose the Government of India applied for and obtained information by telegraph; *vide* this office letter No. 7,454 of the 20th November last. With reference to the remark that there are no adequate grounds for the omission of the items of revenue due for water supplied by the Public Works Department to Municipalities, I beg to explain that, by the rules for the preparation of Regular Estimates, it is required that those documents should be based on the accounts of receipts so far as recorded and the *probable receipts* for the remainder of the year. As no reports of receipts realized had been made to me to the end of November, or during two-thirds of the official year, I thought it prudent not to assume payment of such revenue during the remaining third of the year. I respectfully submit that in the matter of revenue, on which the Financial Department has to consider the ways and means of the ensuing year, it is better to err on the side of safety than to send forward estimates more likely to prove excessive than otherwise.

4. In the 10th paragraph of the orders I am directed to take timely measures in future for obtaining all the information required to admit of Regular Estimates being submitted on due date, and in such form as will admit of their prompt disposal, and I beg, therefore, to be informed of the date on which information from this office for the Regular Estimates should be submitted in future, as also what change in form is desired. The Regular Estimate is required to reach the Government of India by the 15th December, and I could arrange to furnish my rough estimate on any date that may be fixed by Government. I may mention that the delay on my part, referred to in the present instance, was the result of doing more than is expected of a Controller of Public Works Accounts, in my desire to assist the Secretary to Government as much as possible. According to the rules, information connected with Regular Estimates should not be required from Officers of

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the Department, and those documents "should be compiled by the Secretary to the Local Government on the best information available in his office and that of the Controller of Public Works Accounts." I could have submitted my rough Regular Estimate on the 1st December, but as I could not, with any degree of certainty, estimate the probable payments on account of land for the Railways, I thought it desirable to wait a few days for information on that subject from the Consulting Engineer to Government, whose reply I waited for till the 8th December when I despatched the Regular Estimate to Government. I beg to add that on that date my estimate was perfect for disposal, seeing that it gave as closely as was possible for me to give the *probable* outlay, etc., (which is all that is required,) during the current year, and that it was open to the Secretary to Government to accept or modify the conclusions I arrived at.

No. 408.

ORDER THEREON, 17th February 1875, No. 458.

ACCOUNT, No. 26.

With reference to paragraph 2 of the Controller's letter it is observed that a final report will be made to the Government on receipt, from the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, of the information called for in paragraph 4 of G. O., No. 129, dated 16th January 1875.

2. Notwithstanding the telegraphic information furnished to the Government of India in respect to Public Works Receipts referred to in paragraph 3, it was clearly necessary that the Regular Estimate should have been made as complete as possible by the inclusion of such items of receipt as those disposed of in the orders noted in the margin, regarding which there was reasonable ground for anticipating that they would be paid within the year by the Municipalities concerned after the special orders which the Government had passed respecting them.

3. Any doubts on the subject of payments, either on this account or in connection with the land taken up for Railways, which the Controller may have entertained, could have been cleared up by the necessary references before the Regular Estimate was due. The document would then have been complete and in a form admitting of final and prompt disposal.

4. No change of date in the submission of the Regular Estimate or of the arrangements under which it is at present prepared is desired.

(True Extract.)

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
.. Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Ed. S. T. Austin.
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Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts,
Madras, 20 January 1875

No 9137
From
The Controller of
Public Works Accounts

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

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Your most Obedient Servant,

J. W. P.
Controller of
Public Works Accounts

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Controller of P. W. & C. for Irrigation
Dated 19-2-75

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Regular Estimate.

Passing orders on letter
from the Controller offering
certain remarks regarding
the regular Estimate
of receipts and expenses
of the Pw Dept

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