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No. 325. Read the following letter from Major J. VERTUE, R.E., District Engineer, Trichinopoly, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Trichinopoly, 18th October 1876, No. 606 :—

With reference to G.O., No. 2,591, of 27th ultimo, I have the honor to explain that the excess allotments therein referred to are merely nominal.

2. The course followed by me is, on receipt of the Budget, to distribute the Budget grant for "Repairs Agricultural," among the several ranges, having regard of course to their several requirements, at the same time reserving in my own hands a certain amount to meet contingencies. When this distribution is made Range Officers are informed that *on no account* are they to exceed the amount of these grants without further instructions. Range Officers then knowing the amount they are authorized to spend can best make arrangements for fully utilizing to the greatest advantage the full amount of their grants. Expenditure is, it is understood, only to be incurred on sanctioned estimates, and with that saving clause a Range Officer may distribute his expenditure over his sanctioned estimates as he thinks best. In the estimates principally referred to, viz., those for Repairs Agricultural, as a rule the full amount of any estimate can be spent in the year in which it is commenced, and, in passing the estimate therefore, the full amount of it is, as it were, allotted. I think it would be well were the word allotment to be abolished. The three words "grant," "allotment," and "appropriation" may conventionally have different meanings, but otherwise they are to all intents and purposes the same, and are interchangeable.

3. When, or by whom, this allotment system was introduced, I do not know, but I do know that its effect is to hamper Range Officers, add considerably to their office works, and to that of the district office, and very much indeed to that of the Examiner. It must be evident that the system of doling out 50 Rupees to one estimate and 100 to another, taking away 25 from one and 75 from another, can serve no good purpose, and must cause a great deal of trouble and correspondence; the only thing indeed achieved being to keep allotment within a certain amount, allotment in this case being really equivalent to expenditure.

4. It must have been understood that by the method I adopt expenditure cannot exceed the grant on sanctioned amount. The Examiner is now furnished monthly with a complete list of estimates sanctioned during the previous month. I have before said that work is never commenced on any but sanctioned estimates, except in cases of emergency, and these are very few; the Examiner would have intimated to him the amount of the lump grants made to ranges, as also in due course any additions or deductions, and further still, should he desire it, he might have in any month when there are, as it were, no transactions, have a *nil* statement furnished to him. What more can he possibly want?

5. That it may not be considered these are only my own views, I may state that, to my knowledge, they are also those of our two most experienced Superintending Engineers, who look upon these Appropriation Lists in their present form as quite unnecessary, and involving great waste of time, stationery, and everything else. I would further remark that the course now recommended was that adopted in the late 6th Division, and that it was found to work admirably, also that the Controller was

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6. I trust I have made it plain that though allotment (meaning the aggregate of sanctioned estimate) is exceeded, grant (authorized expenditure) is not.

7. I would say, in conclusion, that I have already explained this to the Examiner, and that I have understood from him that he had himself proposed something very similar.

No. 326. ORDER THEREON, 20th November 1876, No. 3,094.

IRRIGATION, No. 30.
Account.

* G.O., No. 2,608, dated 27th September 1876.

It will be pointed out to the District Engineer that his arrangements are not in accordance with existing rules, to which he must conform. There must be a specific appropriation* from funds at his disposal for every work undertaken.

(True Extract.)

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

To the District Engineer, Trichinopoly.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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District Engineer's Office
Trichinopoly
18 October 1876

No 606.

From
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Trichinopoly
To The Secretary to Government
D. P. M.
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QD 27-9-76 no 25914 2608.

P.W.D.
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No 7691

Excess allotment
as requested the — person
to no G.O. No 2592 of 27
September 1876.

Dated 15th October 1876
Dec 1876

From
The District Engineer
Madras
to the Secy to Government
Madras

No 325

16-11-76.

E. I. Form No. 22.

No 3094

Public Works Department.

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UNDER date the 20th Nov 76

READ the following:—

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* G.O. No 2608 dated 27th
September 1876.

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G.M.

B.E. Trichy ✓
En. P. W. D. ✓
C. E. P. J. ✓

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To

Mr. N. S. Krishnaswamy

2/11/76

Dated

By

Recd

G. O. 25.10.76 No. 3099

No. 345-326

to Mr. Krishnaswamy in regard
to the matter of the
order on the 1st of January
1876 by Mr. N. S. Krishnaswamy
in regard to the — at his
residence.