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* GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

13th September 1877, No. 728 W.

General.

* Account.

Read the following papers :—

- No. 98. Resolution of the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—General,) dated Simla, 13th August 1877, Circular No. 40 P.W. *Application of the rules issued by the Financial Department in regard to the supervision and control of Marine Expenditure.*

Read the following :—

Resolution by the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 31st October 1876, No. 3,665.

Read the undermentioned documents on the following subjects :—

- I.—What Department of the Government of India should judge of the necessity for steamers or other vessels desired by local officers and Governments and of the manner in which the receipts and charges of such vessels should be brought to account.
(Office memorandum from the Military (Marine) Department, No. 40, dated 24th August 1876, regarding an application by the Chief Commissioner of Assam for one of the famine steamers for employment as a ferry in Assam.)
- II.—Whether the Military (Marine) Department of the Government of India should control or supervise expenditure for vessels maintained from Provincial funds.
(Papers received unofficially from the Marine Department, and not recorded in the Financial Department, being letters from the Government of Bengal, No. 1,990, dated 19th July, and No. 2075, dated 24th July 1876.)
- III.—The credit to be afforded to the Bengal famine grant, for steamers and vessels which, after termination of famine relief operations, were made over to the Marine and other Departments.
(Letter from the Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, to the Government of Bengal, No. 648, dated 18th November 1874, and enclosures.
Letter from the Government of Bengal, to Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, No. 6,829, dated 26th November 1874.
Letter from the Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, to the Government of Bengal, No. 675, dated 2nd December 1874.
Letter from the Government of Bengal, to the Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, No. 6,961, dated 7th December 1874, and enclosures.
Letter from the Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, to the Government of Bengal, No. 36, dated 18th January 1875, and enclosures.
Financial Resolution, No. 1,204, dated 24th February 1875.
Endorsements from the Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, Nos. 313 and 404, dated respectively the 9th June and 8th July 1875.
Letter from the Government of Bengal, to the Financial Department, No. 59-T, dated 27th October 1875.
Office memorandum from the Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, No. 460, dated 30th July 1875.
Letter from the Government of Bengal, No. 1,905, dated 10th July 1876.
Office memorandum from the Military (Marine) Department, No. 375, dated 21st July 1876.

Office memorandum to the Military (Marine) Department, No. 1860, dated 26th July 1876.
Endorsement from the Marine Department, No. 25 S, dated 12th October 1876.

RESOLUTION.—The Honorable the President in Council is pleased to decide that Marine expenditure shall continue to be controlled in the Military (Marine) Department, in which Department proposals for this class of expenditure can be most conveniently examined. When necessary, the opinion of Government in any other Department of the Government of India will be taken, but it will rest with the Military (Marine) Department to recommend such proposals for sanction in the Financial Department.

2. A practice is springing up of employing steamers and other vessels in the service of the Government in various Departments at the cost of the Imperial or Provincial Revenues without adequate authority.

3. In order to bring this class of expenditure under proper supervision and control, His Honor in Council considers it necessary to pass the following orders:—

I.—No marine service now charged to the Marine grant shall be paid for from Provincial funds without the sanction of the Government of India. The cost of the construction and establishment, and the working expenses, of every vessel other than a row-boat or a steam-launch, in whatever department it may be employed, shall, as a general rule, be recorded in the public estimates and accounts under the head 18-Marine. No such expenditure shall be admitted under any other head of the Imperial or Provincial estimates or accounts without the special sanction of the Government of India in the Financial Department. This rule will take effect from the beginning of the current financial year 1876-77.

II.—No such expenditure shall, in future, be incurred without the previous sanction of the Government of India in the Military (Marine) and Financial Departments; and the sanction of these Departments is also necessary for the construction and employment of a steam-launch, although its cost may be recorded in the public estimates and accounts under some head other than 18-Marine.

III.—Sanction will henceforth be given to the construction and maintenance of Government vessels only upon the same conditions and after the same scrutiny that applies to the sanction of establishments of all kinds and returns will be prescribed in the Military (Marine) Department to be submitted to the Government of India through the Local Government, in order to show, periodically, the nature of the service actually done by each vessel and the necessity for her continued employment. Extracts from these returns will be communicated to the Departmental Officers of Account to enable them to check and enforce the application of Rule IV.

IV.—Without the special sanction of the Government of India, no officer is entitled to travelling allowances for a journey made in any vessel, the cost of which is borne from Imperial, Provincial or Local funds. Any officer whose travelling allowances are fixed by the day or month must forego his allowances for any day on which he travels in such a vessel, unless he can certify that he has, on the same day, incurred actual personal travelling expenses, in which case he may recover the actual sum which he has so incurred not exceeding the amount deducted under this Rule from his fixed allowances.

V.—Rules I, II, and III and VI do not apply to vessels constructed and maintained at the cost of any Port fund or other Local fund, and of which no part of the cost is a charge upon the Provincial or Imperial Revenues; but Rule IV applies to such vessels.

VI.—Fresh sanction must be specially obtained before the close of the current financial year for the retention, at the cost of the Imperial or Provincial Revenues, of any vessel not a mere row-boat now employed in any department of the public service. Without such renewed special sanction, no charge, even though it be included in the grant for the service of the year 1877-78, will be admitted on account of any such vessel after the 1st April 1877.

4. The famine steamers must be treated like any other Government steamers. If, after consultation with Local Governments, the retention of any of them be deemed expedient, the Marine Department will recommend the arrangement for sanction in the Financial Department. If the Marine Department determines that the vessels are not wanted, they should be put out of commission and be sold.

5. In whatever way the famine steamers may be disposed of, a valuation of them should be made in the Marine Department, and the amount of such valuation should be charged to the Marine grant, in order to afford a corresponding credit by deduction from the famine expenditure. The excess which will thus be caused under 18-Marine should be adjusted as a sanctioned charge in the accounts for 1875-76.

ORDERED that this Resolution be distributed for information and guidance as follows:—

To the several Departments of the Government of India.
To the several Local Governments and Administrations.
To the Comptroller-General and to the several Accountants-General and Deputy Accountants-General in independent charge.
To the several Chiefs of Departments administered by the Government of India in the Financial Department.

RESOLUTION.—To obviate misunderstanding in respect to the application of the above rules to this Department the Governor-General in Council is pleased to observe that the orders issued in the Financial Department on the subject of the control of steamers and other vessels by the Military (Marine) Department are not intended to apply to the floating plant required for irrigation works, but that the Marine Department should, as a rule, be referred to for advice in regard to the construction of such vessels.

Further, Rule IV of the Financial Resolution does not apply to the case of an officer who pays, out of his own pocket, the established hire of the steamer, nor does it interfere with existing rules as regards sea-going vessels.

The Governments of Madras and Bombay, in the Public Works Department, General, Irrigation and Railway Branches.
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The Director, Persian Telegraph.
The Deputy Director, Persian Gulf Telegraph.
The Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways, Calcutta, Lahore and Lucknow.

ORDER.—Ordered that this Resolution be communicated to the Local Governments, Administrations, and Officers noted in the margin for information and guidance.

Ordered, also, that a copy be forwarded to the Financial Department for information.

(Signed) J. J. McLEOD-INNES, Lt-Col., R.E.,
Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 99. ORDER THEREON, 13th September 1877, No. 728 W.

RECORDED, in continuation of G.O., No. 252 I, dated 27th August 1877.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Superintending Engineer, Kistna.
" " " Godavery.
" District Engineer, Madras.
" Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.
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Note

I think all the
floating
plant may be
assumed to be in charge
of the Engrs. Dept.

I don't know what
dredge is reported to
be at Madras. One is
being constructed at
Pambour. Both that
& the Albuquerque
Steam Dredge may be
viewed as in charge
of Marine D. & the
Harbour floating plant
as in charge of P.W.D. I do not address J.D.
again.

W.P.

Besides the floating
plant in charge of the Irriga-
tion Department, there are
several steamers used for navi-
-gation purposes in the Godavari
District, and a dredge in
Madras, control over which
will under the Government
of India Resolution be vested
in the Supreme Government.
2. There is also some floating
plant connected with the
Harbour Works.

W.P.
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From the Government of India N^o 140 dated 13th
at 1877.

Read again G. O. N^o 202 I. dated 27th August 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

In reply to Colonel
Mullins' letter of the 5th April 1877
N^o 1176, the Government of India

I think the G. O.
may be held applicable
all floating plant
charge of the Engrs. Department should interfere as a
pt. but I am not
sure whether this will
be all that is
said by Hon. Engrs.
of plant & it should be in the last paragraph of Colonel
Mullins' letter apply just as
much to the non-irrigation
floating plant in this Presidency.

The arguments contained
in the last paragraph of Colonel
Mullins' letter apply just as
much to the non-irrigation
floating plant in this Presidency.
The undersigned accordingly requests
orders

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orders whether the resolution of the Government of India is to be accepted as regards this non-irrigation floating plant, or whether the Government of India shall be again addressed.

73/4/77
Edmund Colonel R. C.
 Secretary to Government R. W. D.

FOR ORDERS.

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C. N. 235-8

Circular No. 40 Public Works.
 GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ACCOUNT.
 General.

Simla, August 13, 1877.

Application of the rules issued by the Financial Department in regard to the supervision and control of Marine Expenditure.

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No. 3665, dated 31st October 1876.

RESOLUTION—By the Govt. of India, Financial Dept.

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M. Sedgwick

Depy. Secy to the Govt. of India.

*Secy to the Govt of Madras
P.W. Department
Irrigation Branch*

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ACCOUNT.

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