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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

29th April 1878, No 754

Provincial—Productive Works.

Read the following paper—

No 125 *Proceedings of the Government of India in the Financial Department, dated Fort William, 23rd March 1878, No 2009.*

Expenditure

Read—

Financial Department Resolution, No 1868, dated 15th March 1868, prescribing Rules and Form for Provincial Debenture Loans for Productive Public Works

Read also—

Public Works Department Rules, dated 20th March 1878, for the construction and management of Provincial Productive Public Works

RESOLUTION—The Governor-General in Council is pleased to prescribe the following subsidiary Rules for the regulation of Finance and Accounts of Provincial Productive Public Works:—

1 Under instructions from the Secretary of State, the Government of India is pleased to direct that works hitherto described as Extraordinary shall henceforth be called Productive Public Works.

2 The whole of the Rules hitherto in force regarding the preparation of designs and estimates for Extraordinary Works, the sanction of expenditure upon them, the method of rendering the accounts, and so forth, will henceforth be applicable to Productive Public Works

3 The immediate financial and administrative charge of Productive Public Works within the territories of the several local Governments and Administrations will eventually be vested in those authorities, subject to the Rules prescribed in the Financial and Public Works Departments, to secure a due general control by the Government of India. It will, however, be necessary, before this intention can be carried out, that a satisfactory arrangement shall be made between each Provincial Government and the Government of India in the Financial Department, as to the liabilities of the Provincial Revenues for charges connected with Productive Works already completed or in progress in the Province, and the manner of crediting the income of such works. When such an arrangement has been made the full responsibility for its Productive Works will devolve on the local Government, and the following Rules will become applicable to it.

4 In future, as a general rule, and unless a work is required in the general imperial interests, or for the development of some poor or backward Province, the Governor-General in Council will not sanction, or recommend the Secretary of State to sanction, the construction of any Productive Public Work unless the Provincial Government undertakes to hold the Imperial Treasury harmless in respect of all charges for interest or otherwise in respect thereof

5. A Provincial Government may find funds to be expended on Productive Public Works—

- (a) by grants from its accruing Provincial Revenues or from any balance of such Revenue at its disposal,
- (b) by negotiating, with the sanction of the Government of India, Local Debenture Loans, or
- (c) by obtaining grants from the Imperial Treasury

6 Interest at a rate to be fixed by the Governor-General in Council, so as to cover all discounts and other contingent charges arising from loan transactions (at present $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent per annum) will be charged to the Provincial Government on all sums granted to it from the Imperial Treasury for the construction of Productive Public Works

7. From whatever source the funds are supplied, the whole expenditure upon Productive Public Works must be charged to the Capital Account of the work concerned and in the Public Accounts.

8. The Provincial Government will be responsible for the entire cost of maintaining its own Productive Public Works from the Provincial Revenues, and will appropriate to Provincial uses the whole income accruing therefrom, subject to any special or general rule, under which the Government of India may be held to be entitled to a proportion of any net profits

9 To enable the local Governments to make arrangements with proper foresight for the systematic construction of Productive Public Works within their several jurisdictions, the Government of India will undertake to provide fixed grants for each Government, year by year, of a certain number of years certain, provided always that no unforeseen financial difficulty supervenes. These fixed grants will be in addition to the amount which the local Government may be able, from time to time, to supply from its own resources, or with the aid of the Government of India to raise by Local Debenture Loans.

10 With respect to establishments required for this class of works it will be the policy of the Government of India to require that local Government shall not be subjected to more control in respect to their Works Establishments than in respect to the rest of their Civil Establishments. It may be possible to organise for each Province a Public Works Service as separate and self-contained as the Provincial Civil Services. Meanwhile the following principles must be observed—

- (1) Without the special sanction of the Government of India no recruits must be engaged above the rank of Lower Subordinate, unless there are no superfluous officers of the required rank in any other Province
- (2) Each local Government must bear its share of any superfluous officers already in the service
- (3) Promotions from one rank to another must not be made while there are supernumerary officers of the higher rank in other Provinces

11. Subject to these general conditions, the Government of India will interfere as little as possible with the arrangements of the Provincial Governments, and will not, without consulting them, transfer officers from their service to other Provinces or other employ or *vice versa*. Further orders on these subjects will so far as is requisite be issued from the Public Works Department

12 The accounts of all Productive Public Works shall be kept, as now, by the Officers of the Public Works Accounts Department. The local Examiner of Public Works Accounts shall, for this purpose, occupy a like position relatively to the local Government to that of the Civil Accountant-General; that is to say, he shall be an Accountant to the local Government or Public Works but he will remain, as now, responsible to the Accountant-General of the Public Works Department, and, through

him, to the Government of India for the due enforcement of all Financial Rules and Orders. An Examiner of Public Works Accounts shall not, ordinarily, be removed or transferred by the Government of India except in consultation with the local Governments concerned

13. The Government of India may, at its discretion, require the local Governments to bear such part of the cost of the Account Department, or of the allowances and establishment of the Consulting Engineer to the Government of India for State Railways, including, in each case, the indirect and deferred cost, as it may determine to be due to Provincial Productive Public Works

14 The local Government shall keep such accounts of their transactions relating to Productive Public Works, and shall return to the Government of India, and publish, such statements and exhibits as the Government of India may, from time to time, require and direct.

Ordered that this Resolution be communicated to the Public Works Department for information and further orders, to the several local Governments and Administrations; to the Comptroller-General; and to the several Accountants-General and Deputy Accountants-General in independent charge for information and guidance.

(Signed) R. H. HOLLINGBERRY,
Asst. Secy to the Govt. of India.

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ORDER THEREON, 29th April 1878, No 754

Communicated to the Public Works Department, Board of Revenue, and Accountant-General

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Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
" Board of Revenue
" Accountant-General

Exd A. F. Goodall

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