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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

17th July 1878, No 2,901 W.

General
Account.

Read the following papers —

No 166 Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, dated 21st June 1878, No 1,087.

From E J SINKINSON, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort William, 5th March 1878, No 1,630.

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter, No 64, dated the 11th January 1878, I am directed to refer you to the Resolution in this Department, No 1157 dated 23rd February 1878, and to request that you will remind the Government of Madras that it was not contemplated even before the issue of Financial Resolution, No 1,700, dated 22nd March 1877, that a Provincial Government should be in debt to the Imperial Treasury on the Provincial Account.

The debt to which the Government of India refer has hitherto been caused by the Public Works Department spending more money than it had to its credit, and it is feared that the Public Works expenditure during 1877-78 may exceed the regular estimate of Rupees 12,40,800.

(True Extract)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary.

No 166-A. Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 22nd June 1878, No 1,099

From L C. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St George, 14th March 1878, No. 1,582.

Public Department—P.W.B.

In compliance with the directions conveyed in paragraph 4 of G.O., No 408, dated 2nd March 1878, I have the honor to explain that the total expenditure finally charged to the grant for Public Works under Provincial Services during the year 1876-77 was Rupees 17,41,155, and not Rupees 17,07,369 as recorded therein, whilst the amount of grant communicated to this office was Rupees 14,16,227, and not Rupees 11,07,810, the difference between the amounts shown as the grants by the Examiner of Public Works Accounts and this office respectively does not appear to have been communicated to this office.

2 The supply of funds to the Public Works Department is regulated by the procedure laid down in Circular No 217, dated 28th September 1875, from the Comptroller-General, the grants allotted for expenditure by Public Works Officers in the Provincial and Imperial Budgets are added to the credit allowed to that Department.

for Local and Special Fund Public Works expenditure, and funds against that amalgamated credit are supplied to the Public Works Department without distinction being made between the money which is required for Imperial, that which is required for Provincial, or that which is required for local purposes.

3 The requisition for credit orders submitted by the Examiner of Public Works Accounts should be, according to rule, accompanied by a statement (Form D of the circular), which shows in detail (1) the state of the grants under each service, and (2) how the outlay, adjusted up to the latest date available previous to the submission of the application for credit, has been distributed. In ordinary years this plan should perhaps be sufficient, as under it, assuming of course the Statement D to have been correctly prepared, any application for funds in excess of the total grants sanctioned would be promptly detected; and the necessary communication would be made to the Local Government as required by paragraph 2 of the Comptroller-General's Circular above quoted, but even in these circumstances excess expenditure under any particular service (provincial for instance) could not be prevented, it would only be detected after it had been incurred and recorded.

4 In practice, however, Form D has not accompanied the application for credit orders, but has been received after the credit orders have been issued, and has not been used as a check.

5. I am not able to say how this practice has grown up in this office, but, owing to the abnormal expenditure consequent on the famine, and which the Government of India, as well as the Madras Government, were aware was being carried on irrespective of formal budget grants, it has been impossible to restrict the credit orders since March 1877 to the available balance of grants, and it was not thought necessary to furnish in the form of the special report required by paragraph 2 of the circular to which I have referred, information which was already in the possession of the Government.

The Order of Government, dated 2nd March 1878, No 408, was issued, on the outlay accounts furnished by the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, and the figures dealt with in paragraph 2 of the Order were taken from that account, and not from the final accounts for March 1877, furnished by the Accountant-General, to which he apparently refers.

2 The Accountant-General's letter will be communicated to the Public Works Department. It is evident from what is stated in it that the forms prescribed by the Comptroller-General of Accounts in his Circular No 217, dated 28th September 1875, are inadequate to attain the object desired by this Government, viz the restriction of expenditure within budget grants, and from information afforded personally by the Examiner it is clear that he cannot ascertain the expenditure under each head, viz., Imperial, Provincial, Special, and Local, until the accounts are closed, and that the excess under any one head results from funds allotted to some other being improperly spent, when the proper allotment has been exhausted.

3. His Grace the Governor in Council is of opinion that this should be remediable, and resolves to refer the question for careful inquiry and consideration by the Public Works Department, and for issue of such clear and definite instructions as will enable the Examiner to periodically check any excess expenditure over the sanctioned grant under each head.

4. Meanwhile the Accountant-General will be instructed to accept no debits by the Examiner, from 1st April 1878, against Public Works, Provincial, beyond the amount of credit orders issued by himself, and beyond the assignment sanctioned for Public Works, Provincial, by Government in the Financial Department without an express order from that department directing the acceptance of such over-debits.

5 Under existing arrangements and a double set of accounts, Civil and Public Works respectively, there is practically, so far as the Government can see no means of checking excess of Public Works expenditure, or of keeping it within the assign-

ment made annually, until it is too late. Each year, since 1876, the Provincial account has been insolvent. The attention of the Supreme Government has been drawn to the fact, and as it has been so far proved that the difficulty is due directly and to irregular and excessive expenditure by the Public Works Department, His Grace the Governor in Council directs that every effort be made to effectually suppress it.

6 Copy of these Proceedings will be forwarded to the Government of India, Financial Department, for information.

(True Extract)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary.

No. 167 ORDER THEREON, 17th July 1878, No 2,901 W

COMMUNICATED to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts for report on the precise steps necessary to be taken to prevent expenditure being incurred in excess of the Public Works grants under Provincial.

(True Extract)

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt, P.W.D.

(True Copy.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy to Govt, P.W.D.

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts

Exd A F Goodall
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PUBLIC WORKS.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

21st June 1878, No 1087.

Provincial Services.

Read the following paper.—

No. 57. *From E J SINKINSON, Esq, Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort William, 5th March 1878, No 1630*

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter, No. 64, dated the 11th January 1878, I am directed to refer you to the Resolution in this Department, No 1137, dated 23rd February 1878, and to request that you will remind the Government of Madras that it was not contemplated even before the issue of Financial Resolution, No. 1709, dated 22nd March 1877, that a Provincial Government should be in debt to the Imperial Treasury on the Provincial Account

No. 58 ORDER THEREON, 21st June 1878, No 1087.

The debt to which the Government of India refer has hitherto been caused by the Public Works Department spending more money than it had to its credit, and it is feared that the Public Works expenditure during 1877-78 may exceed the regular estimate of Rupees 12,40,800.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department. ✓
" Accountant-General

Exd J Wright.

[Signature]

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

22nd June 1878, No 1099.

Provincial Services.

Read the following paper:—

No 105 *From L C PROBYN, Esq, Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St George, 14th March 1878, No 1582*

Book Department—P W B

In compliance with the directions conveyed in paragraph 4 of G O, No 408, dated 2nd March 1878, I have the honor to explain that the total expenditure finally charged to the grant for Public Works under Provincial Services during the year 1876-77 was Rupees 17,41,153, and not Rupees 17,07,369 as recorded therein, whilst the amount of grant communicated to this office was Rupees 14,16,325, and not Rupees 14,67,840, the difference between the amounts shown as the grants by the Examiner of Public Works Accounts and this office respectively does not appear to have been communicated to this office.

2. The supply of funds to the Public Works Department is regulated by the procedure laid down in circular, No 217, dated 28th September 1875, from the Comptroller-General, the grants allotted for expenditure by Public Works Officers in the Provincial and Imperial Budgets are added to the credit allowed to that department for Local and Special Fund Public Works expenditure, and funds against that amalgamated credit are supplied to the Public Works Department without distinction being made between the money which is required for imperial, that which is required for provincial, or that which is required for local purposes.

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To Govt 5-7-78

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ORDER THEREON, 22nd June 1878, No. 1099

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(True Extract)

H. J. J. J. J.
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department
" Accountant-General

Ed J W Fischer
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No. 1087 dated 21st June, 1878

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17 July 1878. No. 29015.

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Expenditure incurred in excess of
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Financial orders requesting
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for report on the precise slips
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