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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

14th November 1878, No. 4,362 W.

General.
Account.

Read the following paper:—

No. 186. Circular from the Government of India, in the Public Works Department, (Account—General), dated Simla, 16th October 1878, No. 87 P.W.

Regulation of the Finance and Accounts of Provincial Productive Public Works.

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

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department.

No. 187. ORDER THEREON, 14th November 1878, No. 4,362 W.

COMMUNICATED to the Examiner and to the Secretary to the Public Works Code Committee for information.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Secretary, Madras Public Works Code Committee.
" Financial Department,

Exd. T. D. Ryan.
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GENERAL.
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Govt. of {1878} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE EXAMINER OF PUBLIC WORKS
ACCOUNTS,
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Dated November 14th.

Issued

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Encl.

G. O., 14th November 1878, No. 4,362 W.

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Nos. 186-187.

Provincial Productive Public Works.—Resolution of the Government of India relating to the regulation of the finance and accounts of —, communicated to the Examiner and the Secretary to the Public Works Code Committee for information.

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Circular No. 87 Public Works.

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ACCOUNT.

General.

SIMLA, 16th October, 1878.

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H. M. Leod Jones

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To the Secretary to the Govt of Madras
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

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ACCOUNT.

General.

To

Circular No. 87 Public Works.

Dated Simla, October 16th, 1878.

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J. W. Sedgwick

Deputy Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To
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IN THE

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No. 4362 W Under date the 14th Nov 1878.

PROVINCIAL PRODUCTIVE PUBLIC WORKS.

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COMMUNICATED TO THE EXAMINER AND

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Nos 86 & 87

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15-11-78

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