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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

12th May 1879, No. 1,347 W.

General.
Account.

Read the following paper:—

No. 72. From Major L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, General Branch, dated Chepauk, 22nd April 1879, No. 18 W.

With reference to G.O., No. 913 W., dated 28th March 1879, dealing with the subject of objectionable expenditure, I have the honor, now that officers are to be rigidly restrained from incurring any expenditure without appropriation, to point out the absolute necessity that exists of promptly disposing in the Government Secretariat of all financial matters, so that Executive Officers may not be placed in the disagreeable dilemma either of disobeying those instructions regarding appropriations, or of losing valuable time in the prosecution of their works.

2. As an instance in point I may usefully bring to notice the case of the Local Fund Budget Estimates. As far as the consolidated Public Works Local Fund Budget is concerned, as I have previously informed Government in my letter, No. 14 W., dated 13th April 1878, its compilation has been attempted on only one occasion, i.e., for the year 1876-77, and even on that occasion it was not received in this office till the 1st August 1878.

No attempt was made to draw out the consolidated Public Works Local Fund Budget for 1877-78. For the year 1878-79 the budget was promised, but the promise was not redeemed by Government. I have now respectfully to inquire when I may expect to receive the consolidated Local Fund Budget for the current year 1879-80.

3. The delay in the receipt of the consolidated Local Fund Budget would be of less importance were the Local Fund Circle Budgets themselves issued in proper time. Last year the delay in the receipt of these Circle Budgets was the cause of a protracted correspondence, and even with all this I did not receive the last of the Circle Budgets until 6th December.

4. This year there is every appearance of the recurrence of a similar state of things. On the 18th April I have received only two Circle Budgets out of thirty-five; the fact, however, is not astonishing looking at the delay that apparently takes place in the disposal of these budgets. Taking up one that has recently been disposed of in the Government Secretariat I observe that it was submitted by the President to the Board of Revenue in November apparently on the 9th; the Board of Revenue did not pass orders on it till the 7th January; the orders of the Financial Department followed on the 27th February. The delay culminates in the Public Works Department, when an order consisting of a "line" of manuscript "*communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle,*" and dated 19th March, does not reach this office till the 7th April.

5. I feel sure that I have only to point out this state of affairs to Government to have some steps taken to remedy it. The number of objectionable items under Local is always in excess of that under any other head of service, and this I have always attributed to the greater weights this fund has to carry in the course of the disposal of its financial business. The delays are certainly very great, and the patience of the Executive Engineers seems unequal to the excessive strain brought upon it. The result is the commencement of works in anticipation of appropriations, and in consequence an abnormal amount of objectionable expenditure.

No. 73. ORDER THEREON, 12th May 1879, No. 1,347 W.

The Government are not aware of any delay that has taken place in the Public Works Secretariat in regard to the disposal of papers connected with financial matters.

2. With reference to the instance brought to notice by the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, they observe that the consolidation of the Local Fund Budgets rests with the Board of Revenue. The Financial Department have already been

* Vide memorandum from this office, No. 957, dated 17th March 1879, requested* to arrange in communication with the Board for the early issue of the budget for 1879-80.

3. The Board have furnished this office in manuscript with ten out of thirty-five of the Circle Budgets for 1879-80, and these have been transmitted to the Examiner for his information pending issue of the consolidated budget. The Board have been requested† to furnish copies of these for communication to the Superintending Engineers, and to expedite the transmission of the remaining Circle Budgets for that year.

4. The order to which the Examiner refers in paragraph 4 of his letter under disposal merely communicates a review by the Financial Department on one of the Circle Budgets submitted to it by the Board. Without attempting to account for the delay in the other offices as brought to notice by the Examiner it will be sufficient

to observe that the order§ in question was received in the Public Works Secretariat from the Financial Department on the 18th March, and was actually disposed of on the very next day. The delay in communicating the order to the Public Works officers concerned is entirely due to a matter of routine—an apparent omission on the part of the Financial Department to supply a sufficient number of printed spare copies with their original order. These spare copies were received on the 5th April, on which date the order duly issued from the Public Works Secretariat. The Financial Department has, it is understood, since taken steps to prevent a recurrence of such delay.

5. Paragraph 5 of the Examiner's letter will be communicated to the Financial Department with a view to steps being taken for ensuring the prompt disposal of matters connected with Local Fund works, as also for ascertaining when the consolidated Local Fund Budget for current year may be looked for.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Financial Department
Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Per E. C. Howarth,
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GENERAL
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THE FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Dated May 12th.

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G. O. No. May 1879, No. 1517 W.

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No. 12-73.

Notes in communication to the Financial
papers connected with financial matters.

THE GENERAL ATTORNEY, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

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TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT,

GENERAL BRANCH.

RECEIVED. CHENNAI, 10TH APRIL 1879.

SIR,

WITH REFERENCE TO G. O. NO. 913 W. DATED 28TH MARCH 1879,
RELATIVE TO THE SUBJECT OF OBJECTIONABLE EXPENDITURE, I
HAVE THE HONOR, NOW THAT OFFICERS ARE TO BE VIGILANTLY RE-
STRAINED FROM INCREASING ANY EXPENDITURE WITHOUT APPRO-
PRIATION, TO POINT OUT THE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY THAT EXISTS
OF PROMPTLY DISPOSING IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT OF ALL
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PLACED IN THE DISAGREEABLE DILEMMA EITHER OF DISOBEYING
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TEMPTED ON ONLY ONE OCCASION, I.E. FOR THE YEAR 1876-77.

THIS OFFICE TILL THE 15TH, APRIL.

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From the Examiner P. H. Abbott (H.R. No. 18 W. d/22 April/77)

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rests with the Board of Revenue. The Financial Department have already been requested to arrange in communication with the Board for the early issue of the Budget for 1879-80.

3. The Board have furnished this Office in manuscript with ten out of 35 of the Circle Budgets for 1879-80, and these have been transmitted to the Examiner for his information pending issue of the consolidated Budget. The Board have been requested to furnish copies of these for communication to the Superintending Engineers, and to expedite the transmission

* Vide Memo from this Office No 957 dated 17th March 1879.

- * Vizagapatnam Circle L.O. No 1149 W d/17.4.79
- 2. Bellur --- 1214 W d/23.4.79
- 3. Borsoor --- 1152 W d/17.4.79
- 4. Coimbatore --- 1172 W d/18.4.79
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- 6. Erichindol --- 1152 W - 17.4.79
- 7. Madras --- 1213 W - 23.4.79
- 8. Cocanada --- 1241 W - 28.4.79
- 9. Hindol --- 1239 W - 25.4.79
- 10. Shermaderid --- 1239 W - 25.4.79
- * Chief Engr's No 1592 d/24.4.79

* No 359 d/27 Febry 1879

* P.W. L.O. No 824 W d/19.3.79

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The Financial Dept.
has, it is understood,
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5. Para 5 of the Chairman's
letter will be communicated
to the Financial Dept
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being taken for ensuring
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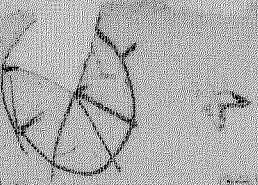
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