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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

27th February 1879, No. 607 W.

General.
Account.

Read the following papers :—

No. 273. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 10th September 1878, No. 1,612.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th July 1878, No. 1,990.

From L. C. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 21st February 1878, No. 1,487.

REFERRING to the papers detailed in the margin, I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government that the Comptroller-General, in the blank form of the Local Fund Budget for 1878-79, has remarked with reference to the adjustment made from Provincial Services to Local Funds for Public Works that "such credits are against rule and should be avoided in future." These adjustments

have hitherto been made monthly under paragraph 6 of G.O. of 7th December 1871, and as the procedure is not in accordance with the instructions referred to in the orders above quoted, I beg that the Government will be pleased to describe the purposes for which any future grants are given, *i.e.*, that the works for which the grants are allowed may be specified, so that the expenditure as it proceeds may be charged directly to Provincial Services by the Examiner in his exchange accounts instead of being taken as hitherto to Local Funds with a *per contra* contribution.

2. If it be desirable that the expenditure thus incurred from Provincial Services on Local Fund Board works should be separately recorded for the information of the Circle Board, the Board of Revenue or the Government, it might be separately communicated by the Examiner in a statement (which however would not be embodied in the exchange accounts) and also noted by Local Fund Boards quite outside their accounts.

3. The rules, it will be seen, do not provide for Local Fund Boards receiving any contributions for general purposes. In these circumstances any balances between sums spent by the Public Works Department and assignments intended for these Boards would either absolutely lapse or might be taken into consideration in determining future assignments.

4. The purposes for which the grants are given for Education and Miscellaneous from Provincial Services to the Local Fund Boards should be similarly specified in view that the actual charges for these purposes may appear only under the proper heads for Provincial Services and not also in both sides of the Local Fund accounts.

Delivered to Mr. Probyn 27th Feb 1879

5. In the budget for 1878-79 the following entries appear as contributions, which should now be shown under their proper heads with reference to the foregoing remarks:—

	RS.
Education	12,000
Miscellaneous	5,000
Public Works	82,500

6. It would be more correct to adjust the contributions of 1877-78 in the same manner; and if His Grace in Council so desire it, the necessary steps can be taken by this office in view to the omission of such transactions from both sides of the Local Fund accounts of the current year, leaving them recorded as Provincial.

No. 449.

REFERRED to the Board of Revenue for remarks.

(Signed) H. B. GRIGG,
Acting Under-Secy. to Govt.

14th March 1878.

In the foregoing endorsement the Board are called upon to offer their remarks on a letter from the Accountant-General regarding the mode of adjusting the contributions from Provincial Services to Local Funds for public works and for general purposes.

2. The Accountant-General brings to notice that under the orders quoted in the margin of paragraph 1 of his letter the existing practice* of crediting Local Funds monthly with contributions from

Provincial Funds is not in accordance with the instructions conveyed in these orders, and in order to give effect to them requests Government to describe in future the works or other particular purposes for which the grants may be allowed, so that the expenditure from them may be charged directly to Provincial Services instead of being taken as hitherto to Local Funds with a *per contra* contribution, the object being to eliminate the Provincial grants and the expenditure therefrom altogether from the Local Fund accounts and to exhibit the transactions under Provincial Services only.

3. The suggestion is opposed to the Local Fund rules which were issued with G.O., Financial Department, dated 30th June 1871, No. 265. In the remarks made by Government against Rule No. IX (now No. VIII) it is ruled that "the lump grants from Provincial to Local Funds will be credited to the funds under the instructions of the Accountant-General, and being then Local Fund assets will be placed as such and not as Provincial Funds at the credit of the Public Works Department for expenditure." This seems to the Board to be the only procedure compatible with the existing system of administration which is described as under in G.O., dated 7th June 1871, No. 216. "With regard to Communications it has been decided that whenever possible the duty of proposing, providing for, and controlling the expenditure under this head shall be made over to the Local Fund Boards to whom lump grants-in-aid of such amounts as can from time to time be spared will be assigned from Provincial Funds." Although this system does not admit of the specification of the particular works for which the grants are given, the lump grants for public works are divided into the main heads of "New Works," "Repairs," and "Establishments," and the difficulty about double record is got over in the Public Works accounts by deducting the amount of grant under each head from the gross charge shown in the Local Fund Circle accounts. In G.O., dated 50th April 1877, No. 1,376, paragraph 3, the Government remarked that they desired to adhere to this system so far as grants to Local Funds for public works are concerned, and the Accountant-General might be asked whether a similar arrangement could not be adopted with reference to educational and miscellaneous grants not made for any specific item of expenditure. Educational grants are made as a rule on account of particular old rate schools, but not on

account of particular charges in these schools; and it seems to the Board that double record can be most easily avoided by the expedient adopted by the Public Works Department of a deduction from the gross charges under Local Funds equal to the amount of the grant from Provincial Funds.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 1,471.

THESE Proceedings will be communicated to Accountant-General for his further remarks.
19th August 1878.

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

From L. C. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 26th August 1878, No. 25 N.

WITH reference to Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1,990, dated 18th ultimo, forwarded for my further remarks with your No. 1,471, dated the 19th instant, I have the honor to state that as, under the orders of the Government of India in the Financial Department, No. 2,098, dated the 29th of March last, the accounts of Local Funds under Act IV of 1871 will be incorporated with the general accounts (although of course no change is made in regard to their appropriation), it is possible that difficulty in regard to the treatment of contributions from Provincial Services to Local Funds and *vice versa* will be avoided, and to suggest that the question raised in this office No. 1,487, dated the 21st of February last, be allowed to lie over until detailed instructions, which are shortly expected, are received from the Government of India in regard to the incorporation of these accounts.

THE Government await the instructions from the Government of India referred to by Mr. Probyn.

(True Extract.) (Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Chief Secretary.

(True Copy.) (Signed) H. B. GRIGG,
Acting Under-Secretary.

No. 273-A. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 10th February 1879, No. 222.

From L. C. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 24th January 1879, No. 344.

WITH reference to G.O., Financial Department, No. 1,612, dated the 10th September 1878, I have the honor to invite attention to paragraph 25 of Financial Resolution, No. 3,667, dated 26th October 1878, and to request that instructions may be issued to the Public Works Department for dealing hereafter only with the grants placed at its disposal wholly from Provincial or wholly from Local Funds and not to take cognisance of the contributions between these two funds, which will be arranged entirely in the Civil Accounts.

THE Public Works Department are instructed to act accordingly.

(True Extract.) (Signed) H. B. GRIGG,
Ag. Under-Secy. to Government.

4 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, 27TH FEBRUARY 1879, No. 607 W.

No. 274. ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1879, No. 607 W.

COMMUNICATED to the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

Colonel. R.E.,
Ag. Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, with copy of G.O.,
Financial Department, No. 2,017, dated 15th November 1878.

Ed. C. Howarth
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GENERAL
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of (1879) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

THE EXAMINER OF PUBLIC
WORKS ACCOUNTS.
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Dated February 27th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 27th February 1879, No. 937. W

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 273-274

Provincial and Local Funds.—Proceedings, Financial Department, requesting the department to deal hereafter only with the grants placed at its disposal wholly from Provincial or wholly from Local Funds and not to take cognisance of the contributions between —, communicated to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts for information and guidance.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

10th September 1878, No. 1612.

Local Funds.

Read the following papers:—

No. 69. *Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th July 1878, No. 1990.*
Read the following letter from L. C. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 21st February 1878, No. 1487:—

Referring to the papers detailed in the margin, I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government that the Comptroller-General in the blank form of the Local Fund Budget for 1878-79 has remarked, with reference to the adjustment made from Provincial Services to Local Funds for Public Works, that "such credits are against rule and should be avoided in future." These adjustments have hitherto been made monthly under paragraph 6 of G.O. of 7th December 1871, and as the procedure is not in accordance with the instructions referred to in the orders above quoted, I beg that the Government will be pleased to describe the purposes for which any future grants are given, i.e., that the works for which the grants are allowed may be specified, so that the expenditure as it proceeds may be charged directly to Provincial Services by the Examiner in his exchange accounts instead of being taken as hitherto to Local Funds with a *per contra* contribution.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 70.

No. 1471.

These Proceedings will be communicated to Accountant-General for his further remarks.

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

19th August 1878.

No. 71. From L. C. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 26th August 1878, No. 25-N.

With reference to Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1990, dated 18th ultimo, forwarded for my further remarks with your No. 1471, dated the 19th instant, I have the honor to state that as, under the orders of the Government of India in the Financial Department, No. 2098, dated the 29th of March last, the accounts of Local Funds under Act IV of 1871 will be incorporated with the general accounts (although of course no change is made in regard to their appropriation), it is possible that all difficulty in regard to the treatment of contributions from Provincial Services to Local Funds and *vice versa* will be avoided, and to suggest that the question raised in this office No. 1487, dated the 21st of February last, be allowed to lie over until detailed instructions, which are shortly expected, are received from the Government of India in regard to the incorporation of these accounts.

No. 72. ORDER THEREON, 10th September 1878, No. 1612.

The Government await the instructions from the Government of India referred to by Mr. Probyn.

(True Extract.)

C. G. MASTER,
Acting Chief Secretary.

(True copy)

[Signature]
Acting Under Secretary

To the Board of Revenue,
Accountant-General.

a Public Works Dept.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

10th February 1879, No. 222.

Local Funds.

Read the following paper:—

No. 43. *From L. C. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 24th January 1879, No. 344.*

Book Department.

With reference to G.O., Financial Department, No. 1612, dated the 10th September 1878, I have the honor to invite attention to paragraph 25 of Financial Resolution, No. 3667, dated 26th October 1878, and to request that instructions may be issued to the Public Works Department for dealing hereafter only with the grants placed at its disposal wholly from Provincial or wholly from Local Funds and not to take cognisance of the contributions between these two funds, which will be arranged entirely in the Civil Accounts.

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, 10th February 1879, No. 222.

The Public Works Department are instructed to act accordingly.

(True Extract.)

A. B. Piff
Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

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

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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G.O. 100 September 1878, No. 1612.

SEPTEMBER.

NO. 69-72.

Local Funds.—A resolution was passed by the Government of India, dated 24th January 1879, No. 344, directing the Accountant-General to issue orders to the Public Works Department, for dealing hereafter only with the grants placed at its disposal wholly from Provincial or wholly from Local Funds and not to take cognisance of the contributions between these two funds, which will be arranged entirely in the Civil Accounts.

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Local Public Works Department. 4

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