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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account

No. 1,163 W.

No. 26.

FROM

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Public Works Department,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Public Works Department.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

FORT ST. GEORGE,
17th May 1880.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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GENERAL
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of (1880) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

THE SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

Dated M. S. 17th.

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G. O., 17th May 1880, No. 1,163 W.

MAY.

No. 26.

Minor Military Works.—Requesting to increase the grant of Rs. 41,000 allotted for — to an amount commensurate with the strength of the troops.

Nos. 564-79A.—G.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ACCOUNT.

General.

Simla, November 18, 1879.

Distribution of the Imperial Grant for Military Works for 1880-81.

Read the following papers:—

Letter from Secretary to Government of Madras, No. 2479 B.W., dated 1st October 1879.
Bombay, No. 173A-1108, dated 15th September 1879.
Bengal, No. 21ST., dated 27th September 1879.
North-Western Provinces and Oudh, No. 809 A.C., dated 27th September 1879.
Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, No. 6227, dated 24th September 1879.
Assam, No. 2407, dated 22nd September 1879.
Coorg, No. 121-676, dated 23rd September 1879.
Resident, Hyderabad, No. 285G.A., dated 8th September 1879.
Agent, Governor General, Rajputana, No. 2959S., dated 24th September 1879.
Central India, No. 2787, dated 6th October 1879.
Superintendent, Port Blair, No. G419-463, dated 11th September 1879.
Agent, Governor General, Biluchistan, No. 743C., dated 14th October 1879.
Inspector General of Military Works, No. 6993, dated 1st October 1879.
No. 7181, dated 11th October 1879.
Government of India, Military Department, No. 18488-C., dated 13th October 1879.

RESOLUTION.—The demands for Military Works under the Inspector General of Military Works and those under Local Governments and Administrations may be considered together. Taking up the several schedules submitted, the demand for 1880-81 may be abstracted as follows as compared with the grant for 1879-80:—

	Demand, 1880-81. Rs.	Grant, 1879-80. Rs.
Madras	8,02,497	6,96,712
Bombay	64,28,600	15,74,000
Bengal	66,483	61,250
North-Western Provinces and Oudh	29,890	26,730
Punjab	4,21,000	4,21,000
Central Provinces	5,23,987	4,23,600
Assam	14,400	14,400
Hyderabad	1,06,892	76,150
Rajputana	1,125	950
Central India	3,80,000	5,14,500
Coorg	2,55,070	2,01,200
Port Blair	4,74,100	3,70,000
Inspector General of Military Works	12,043	12,000
	17,500	23,380
	66,83,000	66,53,500
	6,00,000	6,30,000
Total	1,68,16,587	1,16,99,372
Add for Biluchistan	5,23,000	2,82,000
GRAND TOTAL.	1,73,39,587	1,19,81,372

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2. It is thus observed that the demands for 1880-81 exceed the grants for 1879-80 by Rs. 53,58,215, whereas financial requirements make it absolutely necessary that the grant for Military Works for the ensuing official year should not exceed in the aggregate one crore of rupees. Some of the demands must, therefore, be cut down; and in this view the following reductions are made.

Madras.

3. In the Madras Schedule of Demands two new works are entered which are stated to be of "doubtful urgency." These two works are—

	Rs.
1. New barrack and new hospital, Malabarparam	73,000
2. Press and granulating rooms in Powder Factory, Vengalpet	1,22,800
	<u>1,95,800</u>

This sum is disallowed, and the disallowance carries with it the following reductions on account of Establishment and Tools and Plant:—

Establishment at 25 per cent.	48,950
Tools and Plant	4,895
Total reduction	<u>2,49,645</u>

4. Another point that calls for notice in the Madras Schedule of Demands is the excessive provision made for minor Military Works for 1880-81:—

	Rs.
The total of the Madras Military demand is	8,02,497
Excluding from this the demand for Minor Works of	1,50,000
there will remain a balance of	6,52,497
But from this has been disallowed (vide preceding paragraph)	2,49,645
so that the demand stands at	<u>4,02,852</u>

Under the ruling laid down in Public Works Code, cap. xvi, section i, paragraph 12, the Minor Works grant is not to exceed one-tenth of the total of the Budget Estimate, so that the Minor Works grant for Madras should be Rs. 41,000, instead of the sum of Rs. 1,50,000 actually provided. A further reduction of Rs. 1,38,975 has, therefore, to be made as follows:—

	Rs.
Demand for minor works	1,50,000
Grant assigned for ditto	41,000
Reduction made in demand for Minor Works	1,09,000
Establishment	27,250
Tools and Plant	2,725
	<u>1,38,975</u>

Bombay.

5. The grant for Military Works under the Government of Bombay has hitherto been fixed at an average of Rs. 16,00,000; and the budget grant for the current official year was Rs. 15,74,000. The grant demanded for 1880-81, however, amounts to Rs. 61,28,600—a sum which would not under ordinary circumstances be assigned for expenditure during four years. The greater part of the demand is for new works (mostly without sanctioned estimates), and the provision made for them is generally extravagant. The Government of India is surprised that the Government of Bombay should have sent forward so large

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a demand as the latter Government must have been fully aware that the grant for Public Works must necessarily be largely reduced. After a careful consideration of the circumstances of the case, the Government of India is of opinion that considerable reductions in the demand are possible; but as the Local Government will be better able to judge of its requirements, no specific reductions will now be made. A lump sum reduction is made as shown below, and the Government of Bombay may distribute the grant assigned as may appear best to the Military authorities in that Presidency:—

	Demand for 1880-81.	Reduction ordered.	Grant for 1880-81.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Original works	46,61,600	39,00,000	12,61,600
Repairs	5,00,000	8,97,000	2,90,000
Establishment	11,87,000	58,500	18,500
Tools and Plant	77,000		
	<u>64,25,600</u>	<u>48,55,500</u>	<u>15,73,100</u>

Bengal.

6. The demand for Original Major Works is made up of the following two items:—

	Rs.
1. Constructing 3 stalls and 10 sergeants' quarters which yet remain to be built to complete the authorized accommodation for officers' quarters, Dacca	4,875
2. Constructing Sikrana protective works, Segowlie	11,681
Total	<u>16,556</u>

The second work, though provided for in the budget for 1879-80, has no sanctioned estimate and no outlay has been incurred this year thereon owing to the restriction of Public Works expenditure. The Government of India regrets that the work must be held over for the present, and it is now ruled that the demand for Bengal should be reduced to Rs. 51,707, as shown below:—

	Rs.
Amount of demand	66,483
Less for—	
Sikrana protective works	11,681
Establishment	2,920
Tools and Plant	175
	<u>14,776</u>
Grant for 1880-81	<u>51,707</u>

Assam.

7. The demand from this Province is shown below compared with the grant for 1879-80:—

	Demand, 1880-81.	Grant, 1879-80.
	Rs.	Rs.
Works in progress	23,000	8,000
New works	27,500	27,700
	<u>50,500</u>	<u>35,700</u>
Minor works	10,000	4,000
Repairs	21,000	20,500
Establishment	21,125	15,050
Tools and Plant	1,267	900
Barrack Department	1,125	950
Total	<u>1,08,017</u>	<u>77,100</u>

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The provision for new works consists of—

	Rs.
1. Substituting iron for thatch roof of the Military Hospital at Dibrugarh	4,000
2. Constructing Commissariat Godown, Shillong	5,000
3. Frontier roads in Cachar	10,500
4. Water-supply for Assam Light Infantry, Shillong	5,000
5. Improvements to ditto for 12nd Assam Light Infantry, Shillong	3,000
	<u>27,500</u>

Items 1 and 2 are disallowed. This reduction will entail a further curtailment of the demand for Establishment and Tools and Plant, as shown below:—

Amount of demand	Rs.
...	1,08,017
Less disallowed for Original Works	9,000
Ditto for Establishment	2,250
Ditto for Tools and Plant	135
	<u>11,385</u>
Grant for 1889-91	<u>96,632</u>

Central Provinces.

8. The demand is as follows:—

	Demand, 1889-91.	Grant, 1879-80.
	Rs.	Rs.
Works in progress	45,500	1,14,700
New works	2,52,000	74,300
	<u>2,97,500</u>	<u>2,19,000</u>
Minor works	42,500	89,000
Repairs	77,000	77,000
Establishment	1,61,250	86,350
Tools and Plant	2,737	2,250
Barrack Department	14,400	14,400
	<u>5,38,387</u>	<u>4,38,000</u>

The schedule received from this Province is, as usual, not in the prescribed form, as no provision has been made in the demand statement for Establishment. The demand for new works by the Central Provinces is made up thus:—

	Rs.
1. Remodelling 2 barracks, European Infantry, Kanpur	96,000
2. Verandahs and arm-rooms, Native Infantry lines, Sahabpur	4,000
3. Stone drains, Native Infantry lines, Sahabpur	4,000
4. Drainage of Native Infantry lines, Asirgarh	3,000
5. Quarters for Commissariat Conductor, Jabalpur	7,000
6. New Commissariat buildings, Kanpur	25,000
7. Porter shed at Asirgarh	6,000
8. Quarters for Barrack Sergeant, Jabalpur	7,000
9. Reconstruction of portion of Fort wall, Asirgarh	50,000
10. Remodelling Sitabuldi Fort	50,000
Total	<u>2,52,000</u>

The estimates for none of the above have yet been finally sanctioned, though most of them are said to have been received. Items 9 and 10 were provided for in the budget for 1879-80, but no grants were assigned for them. Items 2 and 3 had grants, but were subsequently stopped on account of the restriction of Public Works expenditure. Items 1 to 8 are disallowed. The demand for these amounts to Rs. 1,52,000, and the reduction on account of Establishment and Tools and Plant will be Rs. 30,250.

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Rajputana.

9. The figures of demands are as follows:—

	Demand, 1880-81.	Grant, 1879-80.
	Rs.	Rs.
Works in progress	13,000	80,000
New works	98,570	
	<u>1,11,570</u>	<u>80,000</u>
Minor works	22,000	23,000
Repairs	68,000	58,400
Establishment	51,400	80,000
Tools and Plant	2,200	1,500
Less surrendered to Government		<u>42,000</u>
Total	<u>2,55,170</u>	<u>2,01,200</u>

The provision for new works is thus made up:—

	Rs.
1. Alterations of 2 family barracks for single men, Nasirabad	10,000
2. Constructing an adult school without buildings in European Infantry lines, Nasirabad	5,200
3. Renewals in barracks, Royal Artillery lines, Deesa	3,900
4. Additions and alterations, Gun and Wagon shed, Deesa	4,260
5. Macadamizing Royal Artillery lines between Gun and Wagon shed, Deesa	5,290
6. Quarters for Native followers, Royal Artillery Hospital, Deesa	2,700
7. Shelves in old barracks for single men's huts	2,550
8. Additions and alterations, married men's barracks, hospital and auxiliary buildings in European Infantry lines at Deesa	8,940
9. Restoring accommodation for 20 men by additions and alterations to No. 6 Barrack, Taragarh	12,000
10. Quarters for invalid warrant officers and their families, Taragarh	6,000
11. Skittle-alley for Sanatorium at Abu	3,800
12. Powder magazine (bomb-proof) at Deesa	10,000
13. Additions and alterations to Government Bakery, Nasirabad	10,000
14. Additions and improvements to slaughter-house, &c., Deesa	3,810
15. Quarters for Native Doctor and Hospital Assistants at Khairwara	3,120
16. Quarters for Commandant, Local Forces at Khairwara	7,000

Of the items above, only No. 9 has a sanctioned estimate: the estimate for the others will, it is said, be sanctioned soon.

Item 2, it is said, "is mixed up with item No. 1. If the Nasirabad garrison is increased, this will be immediately required. If not increased, the conversion of family blocks will provide the necessary rooms."

With regard to items 3, 4 and 8, it is said: "If new barracks are not to be built at Deesa on the standard plan, much alteration and improvements (similar to these) to the existing buildings will be necessary."

The demands for items 1, 2, 5, 9, 11, 13 and 16 are disallowed.

Central India.

10. The demand is shown below, compared with the grant for 1879-80:—

	Demand, 1880-81.	Grant, 1879-80.
	Rs.	Rs.
Works in progress	1,000	1,05,000
New works	2,60,000	25,000
	<u>2,61,000</u>	<u>1,30,000</u>
Minor works	35,000	30,000
Repairs	75,000	75,000
Establishment	1,00,000	1,32,000
Tools and Plant	3,000	3,000
Total	<u>4,74,000</u>	<u>3,70,000</u>

The demand for works is made up as follows:—

	Rs.
1. New lines for Bhawal Battalion, Indore	2,600
2. Canteen for cavalry at Mhow	20,000
3. Verandah to Infantry and Royal Artillery Hospital, Mhow	10,000
4. School for Native Infantry, Agar	3,000
5. Buildings for Royal Artillery, Neemuch	20,000
6. Water-supply at Mhow	2,00,000
7. Cantonment roads, Sutra	5,000
8. Officers' quarters, Sutra	1,000

Besides these, "Ordnance Buildings" at Mhow is entered in the schedule; but no demand on this account is made, "as the question of the position of the arsenal is under consideration." The Government of India regret that financial necessities will not permit of any grant being made for 1880-81 either for these Ordnance Buildings or for the Mhow water-supply.

Port Blair.

11. The total Imperial assignment for this Administration for 1880-81 is limited to Rs. 43,200; and this grant has been made under Other Services, it being left to the Chief Commissioner to apportion it as he thinks best.

Inspector General of Military Works.

12. The total demands for Original Military Works under the Inspector General amounts to Rs. 30,43,000, made up as follows:—

	Rs.
Works in progress	18,91,000
Works not commenced	6,52,000
Minor works	5,00,000
Total	30,43,000

The reduction that is made from the demands for works in progress are as follows:—

	Demand, 1880-81.	Reduction ordered.	Grant, 1880-81.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Reconstruction of Barracks, Lucknow	3,00,000	3,00,000	...
Ditto Saugor	2,00,000	2,00,000	...
Buildings at Jutogh	2,00,000	1,00,000	1,00,000
Suspension bridges, Ramnagar to Ranikhet	1,25,000	1,25,000	...
Water-supply, Chakrata	2,00,000	1,00,000	1,00,000
Ditto Umballa	2,60,000	1,00,000	1,60,000
Rawalpindi Fort	2,00,000	1,00,000	1,00,000

The demand of Rs. 6,52,000 for works not commenced includes a provision of Rs. 1,25,000 for a Military Prison at Ranikhet. The grant for this work is fixed at Rs. 1,00,000. The other works not commenced are disallowed.

The Minor Works grant is reduced from Rs. 5,00,000 to Rs. 4,50,000.

Punjab.

13. Notwithstanding repeated calls having been made for the Punjab Schedule of Demands, it has not yet been submitted. Under these circumstances the grant for 1880-81 for Military Works in the Punjab has been fixed at the amount of the budget assignment for the current official year; but this is conditional on a sufficient provision being made in the first instance in the budget for 1880-81 for carrying on the Thail road with vigour.

Other Provinces.

14. The amounts demanded for Military Works in the North-Western Provinces, Coorg, Hyderabad and Biluchistan are sanctioned as the grants for 1880-81.

15. The grants herein allowed for all Provinces include provision for expenditure in England on stores for works classed as military. The budget estimate should be prepared accordingly, and submitted punctually on the 10th December 1879.

ORDER.—Ordered, that this Resolution be communicated to the Local Governments and Administrations noted in the margin and the Inspector General of Military Works for information and guidance.

Ordered also, that copies be forwarded to the Finance and Military Departments for information.

A. FRASER, Major-Genl., R.E.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
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To

Nos. 561-70A.—G.

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Received

Distribution of the Imperial grant for Military
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J.H. Shatt. 18 May.*

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To The Secretary to Government
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3. [It appears, therefore, to His Grace the Governor in Council that the time has arrived

for making the further application to which the Govt. of India have expressed their willingness to lend a favorable hearing.]

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the correspondence
may be forwarded
to the Right Honble
the Secretary of State

Respectfully
submitted

W.H.

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May be obtained
I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully

No. 11634.

Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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