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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

17th July 1880, No. 1,704 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 78. From F. N. THOROWGOOD, Esq., M. Inst. C. E., Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 30th June 1880, No. 26 W.

In compliance with G.O., No. 1,310 W., of 3rd June 1880, I now have the honor to submit the following account of the cause of the excess of expenditure over estimate for the year 1879-80.

2. First, as to the reason why the original budget grant of Rs. 8,51,000 should have been quite inadequate, I should like to explain that I had depended so much upon the local supply of cement to the works that, on this failing, my estimate was quite unable to bear the extra cost of large quantities of cement coming from England *via* canal. This may be looked upon as a main cause of excess in the first instance. With reference to the subsequent excess over the total grant of Rs. 10,41,000, my explanation extends to a variety of transactions.

4. In the first place I should state that I had not been in the habit of comparing the total expenditure with the budget grant as the work progressed, imagining that I should be warned when the funds were nearly exhausted. Such warning was indeed received in a copy of an office note from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, No. 986, of 23rd December 1879, in which it was stated that only Rs. 51,000 were available at date out of the grant of Rs. 8,51,000.

5. On receipt of this office note, I applied for a further grant of Rs. 1,89,000 to enable me to carry on work through the remainder of the official year to 31st March, and, in applying for this, I made my estimate solely with reference to *cash*, not including English payments and book adjustments. The Examiner in his office letter, No. 788-X, of 24th February 1880, pointed out to me the great error of this arrangement and at the same time informed me that by the corrected balances in the books there was actually on 31st December 1879 only Rs. 80,976 to the credit of the works after adding the supplemental grant of Rs. 1,90,000.

6. I then applied for Rs. 1,60,508 additional in my letter to Government, No. 61 W., of 26th February 1880, and at the same time deferred all payments that were not most pressing until the end of the financial year, thus managing to keep the works going on until 31st March.

7. The great excess under consideration would probably not have occurred if this office had been in possession of a certain form of account, since supplied by the Examiner's Office, which enables one to see at a glance how the expenditure month by month compares with the budget grant and at the same time forces such comparison upon one's notice. There still, however, remains my error of omitting to include English payments and book adjustments chargeable against the works when I estimated the requirements of a supplemental grant, and it is to this that I chiefly attribute the excess in question.

8. A copy of the Examiner's letter to the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, No. 43 A., dated 14th June 1880, on the subject is herewith enclosed for the information of Government.

Copy of letter from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, No. 43 A., dated 14th June 1880.

In reply to your No. 343-G., dated the 22nd ultimo, I have the honor to state that credits in excess of the grant were issued in January and February 1880 to the extent of Rs. 79,000 under orders from the Local Government communicated to you in my Nos. 177-A and 205-A, dated respectively the 8th and 30th January last.

2. No credits were issued by this office for March. The charges in that month have been made up chiefly of book adjustments as shown below:—

Cash	...	...	...	...	...	...	Rs.
Book adjustment, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	52,569
							71,294
							<u>1,23,863</u>

3. The excess expenditure appears to have been the result of a miscalculation on the part of the Superintendent, which only came to light in consequence of this office informing him, in connection with his demands for February, that the accounts showed he only had an available balance of Rs. 80,976 and that, if it was estimated that more would be required, he should take steps for obtaining an additional grant. A copy of the letter addressed to the Superintendent in consequence of the apparent miscalculation was forwarded to the Local Government with a request for orders as to whether funds to the extent required were to be furnished.

4. On further correspondence with the Superintendent, Harbour Works, it appeared probable that an additional grant of Rs. 1,72,820 would be required. This fact, together with the particulars of the estimate, were communicated to the Government with a recommendation that an additional grant of Rs. 1,80,000 should be applied for. No further demands having been made for March or orders received, no further action was considered necessary.

No. 79. ORDER THEREON, 17th July 1880, No. 1,704 W.

ORDERED to be forwarded to the Government of India with reference to the Officiating Secretary's letter No. 33 A—M and C, dated 22nd May 1880.

(Here enter No. 1,705 W., dated 17th July 1880.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated July, 1880.

Forwarded

Recd.

G. O., 17th July 1880, No. 1705 W.

JULY.

Nos. 78-79.

Excess Expenditure on the Madras Harbour
Works over estimate for 1879-80.—Ordered
that the explanation of the — be forwarded
to the Government of India.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 1,705 W.

No. 80.

FROM

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Public Works Department,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

Public Works Department.

SIR,—In reply to your letter No. 33 A—M and C, of the 22nd May last, I am directed to forward a report prepared by the Superintendent of the Harbour Works, in communication with the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, on the subject of the excess expenditure over estimate for the year 1879-80.

2. It will be seen from the 5th paragraph of Mr. Thorowgood's letter that the estimate for a further grant of Rs. 1,89,000, which was sanctioned by the Government of India, was prepared solely with reference to cash payments, English payments and book adjustment being excluded. This Government were in communication with the Examiner and Mr. Thorowgood on the matter in February, but owing to various causes it was found exceedingly difficult to ascertain the precise causes of the excess.

3. Under the circumstances it appeared desirable to instruct the Harbour Superintendent to defer all possible payments till the official year had elapsed, restricting further expenditure to the amount of cash actually in his hands.

4. I am to say that this Government much regret that the excess outlay should have been incurred, but are confident that such a mistake will not be repeated.

5. Had the official year not been so near its close and sufficient information to allow a clear report to be furnished to the Government of India been available, an explanation would have been submitted in March.

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 July 1880.

Ed. J. W. Fischer.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1880) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

THE SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

Dated July, 17th.

Issued

Encl.

Recd.

G. O., 17th July 1880, No. 1,705 W.

JULY.

No. 30.

Forwarding explanation on the subject
of the excess expenditure on the Madras
Harbour Works over estimate for 1879-80.

No. 101

From

THE SUPERINTENDENT,
MADRAS HARBOUR WORKS.

To

Colonel R. H. Sankey, C.B., C.
Secretary to Government P.W. Dept.
Buildings & P.W. to
Fort St. George
MADRAS, 30th June 1880

Sir,

In compliance with G.O.
No. 1310 W of June 3rd 1880 I now
have the honor to submit the
following account of the cause
of the excess of expenditure
over estimate for the year
1879-80.

1. First, as to the reason why
the original Budget Grant
of Rs. 8,51,000 should have
been quite inadequate I
should like to explain that
I had depended so much
upon the local supply of
cement to the works that,
on this failing, my estimate
was quite unable to bear
the extra cost of large quantities
of

Credit of the works after adding
the supplemental grant of
Rs 1,90,000.

6. I then applied for Rs 1,508
additional in my letter to
Government No. 61 W of February
25, 1880, and at the same
time deferred all payments
that were not most pressing
until the end of the financial
year, thus managing to keep
the works going on until
March 31st.

7. The great excess under
consideration would probably
not have occurred if this
office had been in possession
of a certain form of Account
once supplied by the Engineer's
office, which enables one
to see at a glance how
the expenditure month by month
compares with the Budget

grant, and at the same time
gives such comparison upon
one's notice. There still however
remains my error of omitting
to include English Payments
and Book adjustments chargeable
against the works when I
estimated the requirements
of a supplemental grant, and
it is to this that I chiefly
attribute the excess in question.

8. A copy of the Engineer's letter
to the Accountant General
Public Works Department No. 43
A dated 14th June 1880, on the
subject is herewith enclosed
for the information of Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Yours most Obedt Servt.

W. Thoroughgood M. E. S. C.
Superintendent
M. W. C.

S. B.

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Buildings and Roads

Mem.

The Superintendent.
Madras Station Works

10.25 W

Dated 30th June 1880.

Enclosure one

Excess Expenditure

Submits explanation
of the cause of over-
Budget Estimates of
1879-80.

Mr. P. B. W. of 3. 6. 80

" 8.25 W. 1. 4. 80

Submitted to Secy of State 1 of 80.

90 R. 26 W. 5. 1. 80

Col. H. P. W. 18. 7. 80

Returned 12/7/80

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Copy of letter from the Examiner Public
Works accounts to the Accountant General,
Public Works Department No. 2 A, dated
14th June 1880

In reply to your No. 242 G,
dated the 22nd ultimo, I have the honor
to state that credits in excess of the grant
were issued in January and February 1880
to the extent of Rs. 79,000 under orders from
the Local Government communicated to you
in my Nos. 174 A and 205 A dated respect-
ively the 8th and 30th January last.

No credits were issued by this
office for March. The charges for that
month have been made up chiefly of
Book adjustments as shown below.

Cash 52,560

Book adjustments 71,294

123,854

The excess expenditure appears to
have been the result of a miscalculation

on the part of the Superintendent, which only came to light in consequence of this Office informing him in connection with his demands for February, that the accounts showed he only had an available balance of Rs 80,976 and that, if it was estimated that more would be required he should take steps for obtaining an additional grant. A copy of the letter addressed to the Superintendent in consequence of the apparent miscalculation was forwarded to the Local Government with a request for orders as to whether funds to the extent required were to be furnished.

On further correspondence with the Superintendent, Harbour Works, it appeared probable that an additional grant of Rs 1,73,820 would be required. This fact together with the particulars of the estimate were communicated

to the Government with a recommendation
that an additional grant of Rs. 1,80,000
should be applied for. No further
demands having been made for March
or orders received, no further action
was considered necessary.

John Capron

Signed W. S. Jackson

Superintendent's Correspondence

Branch Examiner's Office.

True Copy

Superintendent

Madras Harbour Works

H. O.
G. H. J. J.

P.W.D.

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No 1702, W

B. K. R. R.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 17th July 1900

Read the following:—

From the Supt., Madras Harbour Works
(H.E. No 25 W of 30th June 1900)

Ordered to be for-
warded to the Govt of
India with reference to
the Offg. Secy's letter No.
33rd Mof, dated 22nd May 1900
H.E. No 1705 W of 17 July 1900

To
The Secy to the
Govt of India,
P.W.D.

[Handwritten signature]

Sir,

In reply to your
letter No 33rd Mof of the
22nd May last, I am
directed to forward
a report prepared
by the Superintendent
of the Harbour Works

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in communication
with the Examiners,
Mr. Accounts, on the
subject of ^{the} excess expen-
diture over estimate
for the year 1879-80.

2. It will be seen
from the 5th paragraph
of Mr. Thompson's letter
that the estimate for
a further grant of Rs.
1,89,000, which was
sanctioned by the
Govt of India, was
prepared solely with
reference to cash pay-
ments, English pay-
ments and bank ad-
justment being ex-
cluded. This Govt.
were in communica-
tion with the Examin-
ers and Mr. Thompson
in the matter in
February, but owing

to various causes it
was found exceedingly
difficult to ascertain
the precise causes of
the excess.

3. Under the circum-
stances it appeared
desirable to instruct
the Harbour Superin-
tendent to defer all
possible payments
till the official year
had elapsed, prevent-
ing further expendi-
ture ^{caused} the ~~the~~ cash
actually in ~~the~~
~~Harbour~~ ^{his} hands

4. I am to say
that this Government
much regret that
the excess outlay
should have been
incurred; but as

confident that such
a mistake will not
be repeated.

5. Had the official
year not been so
near its close, and
sufficient information
to allow a clear report
to be furnished to
the Govt. India
been available,
an explanation would
have been submitted
in March.

L.P.

Dep't to India

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Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

From

Subject

Remarks

28-6-51
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G.O. 17th July 1880, No. 1704-51
1704

No. 710

Forwarding
explanations on the
release of the
expenditure on
the Madras Harbour
works, over estimate
for 1879-80.

Excess expenditure
on the M.H. works,
over estimate for
1879-80.

Ordered that the
explanations of the
— be forwarded
to the Govt. of India.

28-6-51