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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

11th March 1880, No. 591 W.

General.
Account.

Read the following paper :—

No. 59. From R. H. HOLLINGBERY, Esq., Assistant-Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 11th July 1879, No. 1,649.

In reply to your letter No. —, dated 24th June 1879, I am desired to forward a copy of my letter No. 666, dated 24th May 1878, and of its enclosures, relating to expenditure for altering or adding to buildings occupied by the Heads of Local Governments.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT PROCEEDINGS, MAY, 1878.

Administration.

Cost on account of new furniture for the State reception rooms at the residence of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal.

Extent to which expenditure is to be incurred on account of buildings occupied by Heads of Local Governments and Administrations without the previous sanction of the Government of India.

From A. MACKENZIE, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Financial Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 21st March 1878, No. 1,079.

I HAVE the honor, by direction of the Lieutenant-Governor, to request the permission of the Government to his making a grant of Rs. 8,000 for the purpose of replacing the furniture of the State reception rooms at Belvedere.

2. The furniture in these rooms is quite worn-out, and the Lieutenant-Governor is advised that it is not worth repairing. It has been in the house exposed to a great deal of usage ever since 1852.

3. The allowance of Rs. 3,000 given for maintaining the equipment of the house is not even adequate to the ordinary repair and maintenance of the regular house furniture, such as the renewal of curtains and carpets, cleaning chandeliers, &c., and nothing whatever has been spent from that fund in the public rooms except for curtains and carpets; and indeed it is impossible that it should be. There are rooms in the house which have never yet been furnished.

4. Society in Calcutta has become very large, and the reception rooms, which are also used for durbars and native reception, are entirely public rooms, and should certainly be properly furnished. Furniture can hardly be expected to remain efficient for a longer period than 26 years, exposed to such usage as that of Belvedere is, and in such a climate.

5. Under these circumstances the Lieutenant-Governor trusts that His Excellency in Council will not consider it improper to expend the sum named in entirely refurnishing the large room with good modern furniture, which should last certainly for 25 years more without addition.

6. The charge would be a provincial charge, but the Lieutenant-Governor has not thought it proper to sanction expenditure for such a purpose, involving as it does, to some extent, his personal interests without ascertaining that he has the concurrence of the Government of India in his so doing.

7. I am to take this opportunity of suggesting that no outlay in altering or adding to buildings occupied by the Heads of Local Governments shall be incurred in excess of Rs. 15,000 without the previous sanction of the Governor-General of India. The Lieutenant-Governor is led to make this proposal as he thinks that it is calculated to obviate misunderstanding in future.

From R. H. HOLLINGBERRY, Esq., Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, dated 30th March 1878, No. 2,176.

In reply to your letter No. 1,379, dated 21st March 1878, I am desired to state that the Governor-General in Council is pleased to authorize the Honorable the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal to spend, from Provincial Funds, a sum of Rs. 8,000 for replacing the furniture of the State reception room at Belvedere, the old furniture being quite worn-out.

Orders will be issued hereafter on paragraph 7 of your letter under acknowledgment.

Copy of paragraph 1 forwarded to the Accountant-General, Bengal.

From W. WATERFIELD, Esq., Officiating Comptroller-General, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 3rd April 1878, No. 17.

I HAVE the honor to forward, for the information of Government, copy of a letter* from the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, reporting that the Governments of Madras and

Bombay have purchased, out of their respective Provincial Funds, the Sunnydale property at the Nilgiris and the house and grounds known as "Bella Vista" at Mohableshwar for Rs. 5,500 and Rs. 32,000 respectively, and inquiring whether such purchases and outlay are permissible; the object of the first purchase being to provide accommodation for the bachelor clerks who proceed with the Government offices to the Nilgiris, and of the second to secure a residence for His Excellency the Governor.

2. As the Government of India, in closing the Finance and Revenue Accounts of 1876-77, had to make the Provincial Funds of Madras and Bombay to equilibrium, these additional items of expenditure may ultimately fall upon the resources of the Imperial Government, and I have accordingly thought it necessary to submit the matter for the consideration of Government.

From Colonel J. J. McLEOD INNES, Accountant-General, Public Works Department, to the Comptroller-General, dated 23rd March 1878, No. 174 G.

I HAVE the honor to report the two following cases:

2. The Madras Government has sanctioned the purchase of the Sunnydale property for Rs. 5,500, to provide accommodation for the bachelor clerks who proceed with the Government offices to the Nilgiris.

3. The Bombay Government has purchased, at Mohableshwar, for a residence for His Excellency the Governor, a house and grounds known as "Bella Vista" for Rs. 32,000.

4. The purchases have been made from the respective Provincial Funds. I beg the favor of your opinion as to whether such purchases and outlay are permissible, and if not, what notice I should take of them, and what advice I should give the Public Works Department respecting them.

From E. J. SINKINSON, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to all Local Governments and Administrations, dated 24th May 1878, No. 666.

I AM desired to forward to you, for the information of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, No. 1,079, dated 21st March, and to call your attention in particular to its seventh paragraph.

2. In that paragraph, with reference to his request for sanction to an expenditure of Rs. 8,000 in replacing the furniture of Belvedere, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor suggests that, in future, no outlay for altering or adding to buildings occupied by the Heads of Local Governments shall be incurred in excess of Rs. 15,000 without the previous sanction of the Government of India.

3. The Governor-General in Council believes that the motives of delicacy which have induced the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal to make this recommendation, will be shared by the Heads of all other Local Governments and Administrations, and he has no doubt that they will welcome the adoption of a rule apparently well calculated to prevent misunderstanding of a nature which, since the extension of their financial powers and responsibilities, are especially likely to arise in regard to expenditure of the nature referred to.

4. The Governor-General in Council is, therefore, pleased to decide that no outlay for altering or adding to the buildings occupied by the Heads of Local Governments and Administrations, or for the purchase or construction of new buildings intended to be so occupied, shall be incurred in excess of Rs. 15,000 without the previous sanction of the Government of India.

Copy forwarded to the Public Works Department, and to the Comptroller-General.

No. 60.

ORDER THEREON, 11th March 1880, No. 591 W.

RECORDED in continuation of G.O., No. 1,697 W., dated 26th June 1879.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
Financial Department.

Ed. S. T. Austin
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MARCH.
Nos. 50-60.

Buildings occupied by Heads of Local
Governments. Correspondence from the
Government of India relating to expendi-
ture on —, recorded.

E/M.

No. 1649

To,

The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras
Public Works Department.

Department of the
Finance & Comptroller Genl.

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of Local Governments.

I have the honor to be,
Sir

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The 11th July 1879

Your most Obedient Servant
W. M. M. S. J.

Asst. Secy to the Govt. of Madras

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from the

Asst Secy to the Govt of India

Forwards copy of
letter No 666 dated 24 May
1878 relating to expenditure
on buildings oc-
cupied by Heads of
Local Governments.

This will be
disposed of when
the revised estimate
comes in from
Majra Messrs.

The Govt. of
India will then
have to be addressed.

Reminders are
proposed.

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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT PROCEEDINGS, MAY, 1878.

New furniture for State reception rooms at Belvedere, &c. [Pros. No. 207]

[Administration.]

COST ON ACCOUNT OF NEW FURNITURE FOR THE STATE RECEPTION ROOMS
AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF BENGAL.
EXTENT TO WHICH EXPENDITURE IS TO BE INCURRED ON ACCOUNT OF
BUILDINGS OCCUPIED BY HEADS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION WITHOUT THE PREVIOUS SANCTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. 1079, dated 21st March, 1878.

No. 205.]

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To—The Secretary to the Government of India, FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

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4. Society in Calcutta has become very large, and the reception rooms, which are also used for durbars and native reception, are entirely public rooms, and should certainly be properly furnished. Furniture can hardly be expected to remain efficient for a longer period than 20 years, exposed to such usage as that of Belvedere is, and in such a climate.

5. Under these circumstances the Lieutenant-Governor trusts that His Excellency in Council will not consider it improper to expend the sum named in entirely refurnishing the large room with good modern furniture, which should last certainly for 25 years more without addition.

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No. 2176, dated 30th March, 1878.

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To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT PROCEEDINGS, MAY, 1878.

Proc. No. 208.] New furniture for State reception rooms at Belvedere, &c.

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No. 669, dated 24th May, 1878.

No. 209.] From—E. J. SIMMONS, Esq., Offg. Under-Secy. to the Govt. of India, FINANCIAL DEPT.,
To—All Local Governments and Administrations.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCIAL 1878 DEPARTMENT.

EXPENDITURE
[Administration.]

May.

Nos. 205 TO 209.

Cost on account of new furniture for the
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Extent to which expenditure is to be
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REFERENCE TO FORMER CASES.

REFERENCE TO LATER CASES.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 11th March/80

Read the following

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The Govt of India— (N^o 1049 of 11th July 1879)

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GOVT. OF INDIA
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Buildings occupied by
Heads of Local Courts

Correspondence from the
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on ———— decided