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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

11th January 1882, No. 71 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper:—

No. 33. Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, paragraph 5, dated 22nd December 1881, No. 2502.

No. 34. ORDER THEREON, 11th January 1882, No. 71 W.

It is considered that before a final decision is come to in regard to the retransfer of Petty Construction and Repair Works to the charge of the Public Works Department, inquiry should be made both from Public Works and Civil Officers concerned as to the working of the present system.

2. It may possibly be found that the cause of the short outlay noticed in the Financial Department is due to Civil Officers not properly exercising their powers of sanction, and that time and practice would overcome the difficulty.

3. In any case the matter needs the fullest inquiry and most careful consideration. The views of Superintending Engineers will be submitted in the Public Works Department, and similar reports called for from Civil Officers in the Financial Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Financial Department.

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Re-transfer of Public Construction and
Repair Works to the charge of the Public
Works Department. — Passing orders on pro-
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

22nd December 1881, No. 2502.

Budget Estimates.

Read the following papers:—

Combined Consolidated Abstract of Revenue and Receipts for the month of March 1881 from the Accountant-General, dated 5th August 1881.
Combined Consolidated Abstract of Disbursements, dated 6th August 1881.
Regular Estimate for 1881-82 from the Accountant-General, dated 21st November 1881.
Budget Estimate of Receipts and Charges for 1882-83 from the Public Works Department, dated 25th November 1881, No. 2839.
Account of Provincial Services for October 1881, dated 5th December 1881.
Telegram from the Government of India, dated 17th December 1881.
Statement of Revenue and Disbursements for 1880-81 as compared with the estimates for the same period, based on statements from the Accountant-General.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd December 1881, No. 2502.

ACCOUNTS OF 1880-81.—The official year 1880-81 opened with a Provincial balance of Rs. 4,60,009. The receipts of the year amounted to Rs. 1,04,19,296, or to Rs. 1,48,096 above the estimated income.

2. The charges amounted to Rs. 1,05,93,283, or to Rs. 5,03,573 above the estimated outlay.

3. The actual expenditure therefore exceeded the actual receipts by Rs. 1,73,987, deducting which amount from the surplus of 1879-80, there was a net surplus at the close of the year of Rs. 2,86,022.

4. This last-mentioned sum has, however, been converted by further adjustments, made since the issue of the Accountant-General's *Combined Consolidated Abstracts of Disbursements and Receipts*, into a surplus of Rs. 3,08,565, and these figures are themselves liable to further modification until the Comptroller-General has closed the Finance and Revenue Accounts of India.

5. A comparison of the budget and regular estimates with the actuals under each head of Provincial Services shows the following results as regards the receipts and the outlay of 1880-81:—

Imperial Allotment for Provincial Services.

	Receipts.
	RS.
Budget Estimate	84,86,200
Regular Estimate	85,30,800
Actuals	85,30,800

The increase in the actuals was owing to further grants on account of the establishment of the Surgeon-General with the Government, the Tanjore Palace buildings, and Police guards for the Ramnad Treasury.

Refunds and Drawbacks.

	Receipts.	Outlay.
Budget Estimate	RS.	RS.
Regular Estimate	.. .. .	8,000
Actuals	.. .. .	8,000

These call for no remark.

Registration.

	Receipts.	Outlay.
Budget Estimate	RS.	RS.
Regular Estimate	.. .. .	5,00,000
Actuals	.. .. .	5,60,000
	.. .. .	5,71,525
		3,92,000
		3,95,198

The increase in the income was due to development of registration, which required increased expenditure.

Minor Departments.

	Receipts.	Outlay.
Budget Estimate	RS.	RS.
Regular Estimate	.. .. .	50,000
Actuals	.. .. .	70,000
	.. .. .	72,724
		2,81,970
		2,59,000
		2,57,141

The receipts and charges of this head of service are apt to fluctuate, and no remarks on the present figures are called for.

Jails.

	Receipts.	Outlay.
Budget Estimate	RS.	RS.
Regular Estimate	.. .. .	3,30,000
Actuals	.. .. .	2,60,000
	.. .. .	2,35,335
		11,61,890
		11,74,500
		10,95,238

The decrease in the receipts was chiefly under the sub-heads *Jail Manufactures* and *Hire of Convicts*, the estimates for which were above the mark. The difference in the outlay was chiefly under *District Jails*, where there was a large saving due to the decrease in the numbers entertained.

Police.

	Receipts.	Outlay.
Budget Estimate	RS.	RS.
Regular Estimate	.. .. .	2,75,000
Actuals	.. .. .	2,15,000
	.. .. .	2,29,724
		34,98,300
		38,50,000
		38,31,631

The income failed to reach the amount of the estimate by Rs. 45,276. The expenditure was much higher than anticipated, chiefly in consequence of the largely enhanced charges for *District Executive Force* rendered necessary by the disturbances in the Rampa country. The net excess on the estimate reached Rs. 3,33,431.

Marine.

	Receipts.	Outlay.
Budget Estimate	RS.	RS.
Regular Estimate	.. .. .	14,000
Actuals	.. .. .	14,000
	.. .. .	16,331
		13,700
		9,900
		25,084

No remarks are called for in regard to the variations under this head, which is comprised of miscellaneous items of revenue and expenditure.

Education.

	Receipts.	Outlay.
Budget Estimate	RS.	RS.
Regular Estimate	.. .. .	1,61,000
Actuals	.. .. .	1,61,000
	.. .. .	1,78,967
		10,29,330
		10,31,000
		9,91,247

The difference in the receipts, plus Rs. 17,967, was mainly due to the increase in the fees from Government Schools. The charges were less than the estimate by Rs. 38,082. The still unsettled state of the department and the frequent changes introduced of late years have rendered it difficult to frame a more than roughly approximate estimate on either the revenue or expenditure side of the accounts.

Medical.

	Receipts.	Outlay.
	RS.	RS.
Budget Estimate	.. .. .	58,000
Regular Estimate	.. .. .	1,00,480
Actuals	.. .. .	1,02,610
		6,10,410
		6,69,000
		6,16,926

The receipts under *Miscellaneous* were much higher than anticipated, and to this cause the larger revenue is due. The charges closely approached the estimate.

Stationery and Printing.

	Receipts.	Outlay.
	RS.	RS.
Budget Estimate	.. .. .	25,000
Regular Estimate	.. .. .	32,000
Actuals	.. .. .	45,581
		5,66,900
		6,39,800
		6,30,471

The actual receipts exceeded the estimate by Rs. 20,581; the actual charges by Rs. 63,572. There was a saving on the estimates for *Secretariat and Collectorate Presses*, and *Printing at Private Presses*; while the estimates for *Presidency Stationery Office*, *Purchase of Country Stationery*, and *Stationery supplied from Central Stores* were exceeded.

Interest.

	Receipts.	Outlay.
	RS.	RS.
Budget Estimate	.. .. .	2,000
Regular Estimate	.. .. .	2,000
Actuals	.. .. .	2,521
		..
		..
		..

These small receipts from interest on Government Securities call for no remark.

Miscellaneous.

	Receipts.	Outlay.
	RS.	RS.
Budget Estimate	.. .. .	35,000
Regular Estimate	.. .. .	35,000
Actuals	.. .. .	70,899
		1,82,000
		1,72,100
		1,76,154

The estimate of receipts was exceeded by Rs. 35,899, the sub-head *Other Receipts* producing an unusually large revenue of Rs. 51,846.

Rents, Rates and Taxes.

	Receipts.	Outlay.
	RS.	RS.
Budget Estimate	.. .. .	..
Regular Estimate	.. .. .	1,28,659
Actuals	.. .. .	87,700
		70,147

The charges fell short of the estimate by Rs. 58,512.

Famine Relief.

	Receipts.	Outlay.
	RS.	RS.
Budget Estimate	.. .. .	3,50,000
Regular Estimate	.. .. .	4,51,141
Actuals	.. .. .	3,20,742

These figures represent unadjusted Civil and Public Works items of famine expenditure; the greater part of these outstandings were charged off in the accounts of 1880-81, but it is anticipated that a debit of not less than Rs. 2,26,616 will have

to be made against Provincial during the current year before other outstandings on account of the items noted in the margin are finally closed. This has been a great drain on the resources of the Madras Presidency, and under the necessity for making provision for these charges, the Government have been obliged to restrict the outlay of their Public Works Department, although enhanced expenditure on Public buildings is very necessary. The head *Famine Outlay* having been long since closed in the Imperial Accounts, it is but just that any receipts which may accrue under that head should be credited in whole to Provincial, and this contention will be pressed on the Government of India with reference to the Accountant-General's objection to accept the ruling contained in Government Proceedings, No. 364 R., dated the 17th May 1881, in respect to the payment of Rs. 69,345 made by the South Indian Railway for work done by famine labor on the Chingleput-Conjeeveram line of Railway.

Irrigation and Navigation.

	Receipts	Outlay
	RS.	RS.
Budget Estimate		
Regular Estimate	1,24,000	1,93,000
Actuals	75,000	2,36,000
and	1,22,371	3,06,978

Other Public Works.

	Receipts	Outlay
	RS.	RS.
Budget Estimate		
Regular Estimate	1,30,000	14,83,040
Actuals	1,70,000	13,82,000
	2,02,862	16,21,166

The receipts under *Irrigation and Navigation*, which are wholly derived from a non-irrigation work, the Buckingham Canal, closely approached the estimate, while the charges were some two lakhs in excess. This head of service, though for purposes of the Comptroller-General separated from *Other Public Works*, is practically a sub-head of the latter, and the grant assigned to it by the Financial Department is modified at the discretion of the Public Works Department, who treat the grants for the two heads of service as one lump grant. There was therefore no irregularity in the excess expenditure on the canal.

Under *Other Public Works*, the actual receipts exceeded the estimate by Rs. 66,862; the revenue derived from *tolls, dues, fines and refunds* alone being more than the amount anticipated to be realised from all quarters. The charges were above the estimate by Rs. 1,38,126 including the outlay on *Works of Petty Construction* and *Repairs* executed by Civil Officers. The estimate for the last-named works amounted to Rs. 2,83,040, while the actual expenditure was only Rs. 1,36,253. This short outlay was probably due to the inability of the Civil Officers to spare sufficient time from their multifarious duties to attend to work of the kind, necessitating the scrutiny of numerous petty estimates and the supervision of the contractors entrusted with the repairs. Either the estimates for the year were inordinately large, or much needful repair to Government buildings has remained unexecuted to the detriment of State property. Whichever may be the cause, it is indisputable that such a state of affairs is unsatisfactory, and the matter will be remitted for consideration in the Public Works Department. It may perhaps now be possible to revert in some districts, at any rate, to the former system, under which the Public Works Officer of the division supervised such works as fall under this sub-head. Probably in a few years the buildings requiring repairs, which for some reason or other the Civil Officers are unable to execute, will largely deteriorate in value. The loss caused to the State by the deterioration of numerous and valuable public buildings would be very great, and cheaply avoided by increasing the establishments of the Public Works Department, if the present staff is inadequate to supervise such petty works. It must be remarked that such works are often only *petty* in respect to their cost. The Chief Engineer will consider this matter

carefully, remembering that the Public Works Department is wholly Provincial, and that the Local Government is competent to increase the subordinate staff of Provincial departments as necessity arises, provided that no new appointment, carrying with it a salary exceeding Rs. 250, is created.

6. The foregoing figures of Public Works outlay are exclusive of the further charge to which Government Proceedings, No. 1860 W., dated the 28th July 1881, relates, by which a debit, against the Public Works grant, of Rs. 1,36,330 was raised on account of outstandings in the Civil Exchange Accounts. On the opposite side to this book debit there will, it is hoped, be a credit of about two lakhs and three-quarters on account of refunds from *Irrigation, Establishment*, but up to the present date the Government of India in the Public Works Department have not passed orders on this question, which has been under discussion since July 1880.

7. ACCOUNTS OF 1881-82.—Turning now to the accounts of the current official year 1881-82, the Government note that the balance standing to the credit of Provincial on the 1st April last amounted to Rs. 3,08,565, after making account for the above-mentioned debit of Rs. 1,36,330 and other adjustments. The regular estimate of receipts and charges, based on the accounts of the first six months of the year, gives the sum of the probable receipts, exclusive of the surplus, as Rs. 1,04,27,000, the budget estimate having amounted to Rs. 1,02,75,120; and the sum of the charges as Rs. 1,02,74,616 against an estimate of Rs. 1,04,33,708, after providing for the adjustment of famine outstandings.

8. The accounts for seven months are now before Government, and they are of opinion that this regular estimate may safely be accepted.

9. Adding the surplus in hand on the 1st April 1881, the sum total on the revenue side is raised to Rs. 1,07,35,565, and the anticipated outlay being deducted therefrom, there remains a balance of Rs. 3,74,606 to be carried to the credit of next official year. This balance will be augmented by Rs. 2,75,000 if, as has already been observed, the Government of India consent to the proposed credit to Provincial of certain refunds from

Irrigation on account of establishment charges debited to Provincial.

10. BUDGET OF 1882-83.—Before the official year 1882-83 begins it is probable that the new decentralisation scheme, now under consideration, will have been introduced, but the Government of India have intimated their wish that the Provincial Budget should be prepared on the old basis in the first instance.

11. RECEIPTS.—The estimate of receipts for the coming year, exclusive of the opening balance, amounts to Rs. 1,04,98,710.

12. The *Police* Budget includes Rs. 81,587 on account of the contribution claimable from the Madras Municipality, and Rs. 1,44,860 from Mofussil Municipalities, or a total of Rs. 2,26,447, which may possibly be foregone or realised more or less under other heads; but, as this point will receive notice when the Government of India are addressed in regard to the decentralisation scheme, the item will be allowed to stand.

	Estimate.	
	RS.	
Jails	2,40,000	13. The estimates of receipts of the marginally-noted departments call for no special remark.
Registration	5,90,000	
Printing	43,900	

14. The estimate of receipts under Education (Rs. 2,35,000) appears high with reference to the actuals of 1880-81 (Rs. 1,78,967) and to the regular estimate for the

current year (Rs. 1,72,000). It must, however, be borne in mind that certain departmental changes involving increased revenue had not been introduced in the former year, and that the regular estimate is probably not a little below the mark, as the examinations held in the last three months of the official year will considerably swell the receipts, making the last half of the year compare favorably with the first half. The Director's estimate will therefore be allowed to stand.

15. Under Medical is included the contribution* from Local Funds to the Medical College under Act IV of 1871. Looking to the large income from *Miscellaneous*, 1881-82 will be exceeded, but no alteration will be made on that account.

16. The *Marine* estimate includes the receipts from Pilotage at Madras. The Government are now considering the propriety of removing pilotage receipts and charges from Provincial and placing them under *Port Funds*. No material difference would be caused to the budget by such a transfer, as the income and outlay nearly balance one another.

17. Under *Miscellaneous Receipts* credit is taken for Rs. 30,000, which may be realised by a repayment from the Village Service Fund; the regular estimate for 1881-82 includes Rs. 70,000 on the same account. The estimate of Public Works receipts appears unduly low with reference to the actuals for 1880-81 and the regular estimate, which exceed it, the first by Rs. 52,000, the latter by Rs. 40,000; but as the point has doubtless been carefully considered, the estimate will be allowed to stand.

18. EXPENDITURE.—Turning now to the charges, the Government observe that the estimate* of the Jail Department is slightly below the actual† for 1880-81 and the regular estimate‡ for 1881-82, the last being more than Rs. 60,000 less than the Budget Estimate.

19. The *Registration* estimate is as usual well within the receipts, but is higher than the actuals for 1880-81 by Rs. 61,000, and the regular estimate for 1881-82 by Rs. 46,000. The necessity for increasing the strength of the department has been established, and the enhanced outlay will thus be rendered necessary. It may be remarked that this department will, under the decentralisation scheme, be partly *Imperialised*, the receipts being shared, and the expenses borne, in equal parts by the Supreme and Local Governments.

20. The *Police* estimate is again fixed at Rs. 37,13,000. The regular estimate for the current year is slightly less in amount. The actuals in 1880-81 were higher by more than a lakh, but the extraordinary expenses in that year vitiate the comparison.

21. For *Education* the estimate of the current year (Rs. 10,75,000) has been repeated, and as the actuals in 1880-81 amounted to only Rs. 2,58,000 in round numbers, and the regular estimate is put down at Rs. 10,07,000, the Government expect the grant will more than suffice.

22. For the Civil Engineering College a grant of Rs. 48,440 has been made with reference to an increase in the number of Apprentice Overseers required by the Public Works Department. It is not expected that this increase will be permanent.

* Rs. 7,47,503, Estimate for 1882-83.
† „ 7,30,709, Estimate for 1881-82.

‡ Rs. 2,70,200.
§ „ 2,65,000.

23. The charges* under *Medical* call for no remark except that they are a little higher than before†.

24. The estimate‡ for *Printing* at the Government and Private Presses exceeds the estimate§ for the current year by about Rs. 5,000.

25. The estimate for *Stationery* has been fixed at Rs. 3,38,959, and shows a decrease of nearly half a lakh as compared with that for the current year. The regular estimate amounts to Rs. 3,89,000.

* Rs. 43,218.
† „ 11,648.

26. As already remarked, the *Marine* Department estimate* includes Madras pilotage charges, which have raised the total considerably above the estimate† for this year.

27. For *Minor Departments* the grant of Rs. 2,14,596 will no doubt prove sufficient. The estimates of the several departments included under this head have been fixed as for the current year, except as regards *District Post* which has been raised by about Rs. 5,000, and *Miscellaneous Establishment*, for which an additional grant of Rs. 8,000 is necessary.

28. Under *Office-rent, Rates, and Taxes* the estimate amounts to Rs. 1,11,526 against the current year's estimate of Rs. 1,04,276, to which the regular estimate is closely approximate. The actuals in 1880-81 were only Rs. 70,147.

29. Under *Miscellaneous* the estimates are as shown in the margin. No special remarks are required as regards the various items comprised by this head, the Government having already commented on the estimates and actual outlay on account of *Works of Petty Construction and Repairs*.

30. The Public Works Department estimate their requirements at Rs. 20,00,000 for *Other Public Works*, and Rs. 5,00,000 for *Irrigation and Navigation*. It will, His Excellency the Governor in Council trusts, be found possible to make the required allotment hereafter, when the decentralisation scheme has been introduced. At present the Government are unable to allot more than Rs. 21,99,112 in all, which will be divided as follows:—

	RS.
<i>Irrigation and Navigation</i>	2,99,112
<i>Other Public Works</i>	19,00,000

31. In the event of the sanction of the Government of India to the refund from *Irrigation* of Rs. 2,75,000 being received shortly, the total grant will be increased by that amount.

32. For Nilgiri communications a special grant of Rs. 50,000 will be made, to be expended by the Local Fund Engineer of the circle.

33. An addition of Rs. 36,343 will be made to the regular estimate on account of the sum due from the Madras Municipality in connection with Mr. Clarke's Drainage Scheme, which was accepted against *Provincial* in G.O., No. 1556, dated the 24th August 1881.

34. Subject to such changes as the decentralisation scheme will render necessary, the Provincial Services Budget Estimate for 1882-83 will stand as shown below:—

Regular Estimate for 1881-82.		RS.
Receipts		1,07,35,565
Charges		1,03,60,959
	Surplus ..	3,74,606
Estimate for 1882-83.		RS.
Opening Balance		3,74,606
Receipts		1,04,98,710
Charges		1,08,73,316

35. The annexed abstract gives the receipts, disbursements, and balance for 1881-82. The detailed estimate will be published in the *Port St. George Gazette*.

(True Extract.)

R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
" Revenue Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Inspector-General of Police.
" " of Jails.
" " of Registration.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
" Master Attendant, Madras.
" Superintendent, Government Press.
" Accountant-General.

ABSTRACT Budget Estimate of Provincial Funds for the Year 1882-83.

Receipts.	Actuals for 1880-81.	Budget Estimate for 1881-82.	Regular Estimate for 1881-82.	Budget Estimate for 1882-83.	Charges.	Actuals for 1880-81.	Budget Estimate for 1881-82.	Regular Estimate for 1881-82.	Budget Estimate for 1882-83.
1. Opening Balance..	Rs. 4,60,000	Rs. 1,58,588	Rs. 3,08,565	Rs. 2,74,606	1. Refunds ..	Rs. 6,027	Rs. 8,000	Rs. 6,000	Rs. 8,000
2. Imperial Allotment Provincial Services ..	85,30,800	85,30,800	85,29,000	85,20,000	2. Jails ..	10,96,238	11,57,500	10,95,000	10,80,000
3. Departmental Receipts—					3. Registration ..	3,95,198	4,28,550	4,10,000	4,56,600
Jails ..	2,35,335	2,66,700	2,67,000	2,40,000	4. Police ..	38,31,631	37,13,000	37,09,000	37,13,000
Registration ..	5,71,525	5,50,000	5,70,000	5,90,000	5. Education ..	9,91,247	11,16,200	10,42,000	11,23,440
Police including Muni- cipal Contributions ..	2,29,724	2,30,000	2,40,000	3,14,892	6. Medical ..	6,16,926	7,30,709	6,71,000	7,47,563
Education ..	1,78,967	2,25,320	1,72,000	2,35,000	7. Printing ..	2,42,862	2,65,000	2,33,000	2,70,200
Medical ..	1,38,698	94,679	91,000	1,23,568	8. Stationery ..	3,87,619	4,00,000	3,89,000	3,38,939
Printing ..	45,582	35,500	43,000	43,900	9. Marine ..	25,664	11,648	10,600	43,218
Marine ..	16,361	14,000	22,000	33,000	10. Miscellaneous ..	1,98,505	2,01,778	1,97,700	2,14,596
4. Miscellaneous ..	1,47,070	83,300	1,82,000	1,22,350	11. Office-rent, Rates, and Taxes ..	70,147	1,04,276	1,04,800	1,11,526
5. Irrigation and Navigation.	1,22,371	1,15,000	1,15,000	1,17,000	12. Miscellaneous ..	3,85,313	4,83,487	4,71,300	5,17,102
6. Other Public Works ..	2,02,863	1,29,821	1,90,000	1,50,000	13. Irrigation and Naviga- tion ..	3,06,979	3,27,972	3,28,000	2,99,112
					14. Other Public Works ..	15,18,193	14,85,608	14,39,000	19,50,000
					15. Special Contribution to Imperial Treasury ..	2,00,000	..	..	..
					16. Famine Relief ..	3,20,743	..	2,26,616	..
					17. Mr. Clarke's Drainage Scheme ..	..	..	36,343	..
					Total Expenditure ..	1,05,98,283	1,04,33,708	1,03,60,939	1,08,73,316
					Surplus Balance ..	* 2,86,022	..	3,74,606	..
Total ..	1,08,79,305	1,04,33,708	1,07,35,565	1,08,73,316	Total ..	1,08,79,305	1,04,33,708	1,07,35,565	1,08,73,316

Exd. T. O'Connor.

* Rs. 3,03,565 as per latest accounts from Accountant-General.

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The PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

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DECEMBER

By order of the Provincial Budget
Commissioner for 1882-83, reviewed.

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G.O. 3181 W. d/23 Dec. 81.

It may perhaps be reported to the Int. Dept. that the P. W. Dept. are prepared to take over these Petty Works with the grant for them in 1882-83 - and that should the lower ranks of the Dept. require strengthening in consequence, the question will be brought up after sufficient experience shall have been gained?

The Minister is of opinion it is proposed to bring into the P. W. Dept. will fund

additional occupation
with these petty works

R. J. H.

26.12.

C. A. W.

I think the first
step in regard to the
retrospective account
here should be to
ascertain from both
the Civil Officers concerning
their opinions as to
present working - the
present short-working
may have been wholly
due to the Officers not
knowing the extent of
the present &c. all of
which time & practice
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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Read the following:—

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C. B. Lambey Esq. R. S.
Chief Engineer & Secretary to
Sect. P. W. Dept.

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FOR ORDERS.

The Hon. W. Middleton

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No 71 W

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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should be made both from
Public Works and Civil
officers concerned as to the
working of the present
system.

2. It may possibly be

found that the cause of
the short outlay noticed
in the Financial Dept
is due to Civil officers
not properly exercising their
powers of sanction, and
that time and practice
would overcome the difficulty.

3. In any case the matter
needs the fullest enquiry and
most careful consideration.

The views of Suptg Engineers
will be submitted in the

2nd Dept, and similar report
called for from Civil officers
in the Financial Dept.

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