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Statement of Estimated requirements of the ensuing year for Minor Works and Repairs - Report that the - was submitted on the 20th ultimo.

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No 164

Supg: Engineer's Office IV Circle
Coimbatore, 19th April 1883.

From,

The Superintending Engineer
IV Circle

To,

The Chief Engineer
P.W. Department

Sir,

With reference to para 2 of G.O. No. 1076 W of 11th Instant, I have the honor to state that the statement of estimated cost of work requirements of the ensuing year for Minor Works and Repairs was submitted from the other Circles to you on the 20th Ultimo.

Yours
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I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedt servant

L. Beatty. Colonel P.E.
Supg: Engineer IV Circle

[Signature]

GENERAL
ACCOUNT.

Gobt. of (1883) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated April, 11th.

Recd.

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G.O., 11th April 1883, No. 1076 W.

APRIL.

Allotting a part of the Minor
Works Grant to General
Officers Commanding Divi-
sions and Districts

Concurring in the remarks of His Excel-
lency the Commander-in-Chief re the advisa-
bility of —, and requesting Superintending
Engineers to submit their statements of
estimated requirements.

11TH APRIL 1883, No. 1076 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. C. STEWART, Officiating Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 2nd April 1883, No. 4/2752 :—

I have the honor, by desire of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to invite your attention to Order of Government, dated 12th January, No. 121 W., Public Works, paragraph 4, in which it is remarked that the grant for Minor Works and Repairs will be held at the disposal of Government and distributed on receipt of estimated requirements from Superintending Engineers, as directed by G.O., No. 405 W., of 14th February 1881.

2. Sir Frederick Roberts observes that in 1879 the system of allotting a part of the Minor Works grant to General Officers Commanding Divisions and Districts was introduced, *vide* O.G., No. 575 W., dated 25th February 1879, but subsequently the sums allotted were withdrawn, in consequence of the reduction on expenditure in connection with the Afghan War, and since that date, *vide* O.G., No. 1763 W., dated 4th July 1879, the system has not only not been reintroduced, but in the revised edition of the Public Works Code, paragraph 1322, bearing on the subject has been reconstructed, and it is left to the Chief Engineer to propose allotments to General Officers, the practical result of which system is that no allotments to Minor Works are proposed.

3. The Commander-in-Chief thinks it very desirable that General Officers should have the power of allotting sums of, say, Rs. 500 for Minor Works, as it not only facilitates business, but has the advantage of making General Officers more directly responsible for expenditure on Minor Works. I am therefore desirous to offer these remarks for your consideration, in view of Government being solicited to revert to the former system.

ORDER—dated 11th April 1883, No. 1076 W., Public Works.

The Government concur in the opinion expressed by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, and as large a portion as possible of the grant for Minor Works will be placed at the disposal of Officers Commanding Divisions and Districts; but the total amount* available is so small that it is impossible to make specific allotments until the receipt of the statements of estimated requirements called for in paragraph 4 of G.O., No. 121 W., of 12th January 1883.

2. The submission of these statements by Superintending Engineers should be expedited.

(True Extract.)

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

To Superintending Engineers.
„ the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
„ the Military Department.

Exd. C. Howarth
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