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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General, Account.

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3. The Public Works Secretary will calculate the sum required for (*a*) Repairs, (*b*) Minor works and reserve, (*c*) Establishment, (*d*) Tools and plant, and, deducting this from the total assignment, the balance will be distributed among the "Major works" shown in the printed list; the allotment for each work being fixed at the meeting.

4. Duly sanctioned "Minor works" can also be selected and appropriations to them made.

5. The works remaining unprovided for will then be arranged in order of relative importance, and will be published as class *B* works in the budget. These will be brought forward in that order *during the year*, should money become available.

6. No departure from the programme thus laid down will be allowed except with the sanction of the Honorable Member in charge of the Public Works Department.

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

11th October 1883.

ORDER THEREON—dated 11th October 1883, No. 2856 W., Public Works.

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(True Extract.)

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Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the Financial Department.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. J. Moses.

11th. October 1883, No.2856 W, P.W.D.

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11th. October 1883. Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

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To the Financial Department. Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.
" " Revenue Do.

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Public Works Department.

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My dear Lushington

With respect to the matter we were talking of at Govt. House on 19th. - viz. the best mode of giving to the Civil Secretaries a voice in the selection of works to be undertaken from Provincial Funds, - will you look over the accompanying note by Mr. Pardoe, Secy

Chief Assistant. Since
the note was written I
have given the matter a
good deal of consideration,
and am inclined to the
opinion that the course he
suggests is the best practical
mode of meeting the case.
Before taking further steps,
I send the papers to you,
& shall be obliged if you

will think it over & let
me know what your view
is.

Yours sincerely

V. Buchanan

Dear Shaw Stewart—

I think the arrange-
ment proposed a very
good one & calculated
to meet all requirements.
You will suppose for
- mally communicate the pro-

Chief
~~Revenue~~ SECRETARIAT,

Madras,

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OFFICE NOTE.

Station ~~Octacamund~~ date 18th Sept 1883.

From Dy Chief Secretary

To Secretary to Govt PWD

With reference to para 5 GO. 3rd Sept 1883 No 2464 W. PWD the undersigned has the honour to request that the proposed distribution of the reserve of R4,50,000 may be communicated to the departments of the Civil Secretariat before issue.

E. F. Hueles
18.9.83.

H. Stokes
18/9/83.

This request is altogether without precedent, - and to create the precedent now would I submit serve no useful purpose. - JB

posted
Sir myself
H. Stokes
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distribution of the 4½ Lakhs in question was discussed by me during two days with General Lawley, and after that a day was spent with the Hon'ble Members discussing the items in fullest detail.

The list as approved was then sent to the Press, with instructions to print as quickly as possible.

The object is to ensure the funds being spent during the present year to the best advantage — and therefore to notify the distribution to the Districts concerned without delay.

Any additional reference such as proposed in your D.O. letter can be dispensed with.

Yours

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C. A. W.

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This matter was discussed yesterday at Govt. House. It was decided that no action should be taken respecting the distribution List now in press.

But, as respects the future, the Civil Secretaries stated that they had, under present procedure, no opportunity to offer opinions on any matters connected with the P.W.D Budget.

Is this the case?

If so. I see no objection to this being consulted either while the Budget is being prepared, or when it is in proof.

Please let me have full information as to procedure, — also your opinion as to what might be done in future. I am decidedly of opinion that the Chief Revenue Secretaries should have opportunity, if possible, to state their views respecting provision of funds for Roads

affecting their Departments.
But there may be difficulties
in the way which do not
occur to me, owing to
my want of experience

I shall be at Stonehouse
about 4 p.m. to day
to discuss some other
matters with Mr. Webster,
I shall be glad to have
this then with your
remarks

D. Hare Esq
20.9.83.

Sir W

The Budget Lists
are based on proposals
brought forward by
Subalterns who are
guided in their selection
of work by the opinions
of the heads of
Departments concerned.
The Public Works
Secretariat does not
therefore, in the
allotment of funds
exercise any arbitrary

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Control, unless
indeed undue
pressure is brought
to bear.

The Chief Engineer
has however to consider
not only the amount
of funds available,
but also the capacity
of the Executive
Establishments in
particular localities
to spend it. Funds
have accordingly to
be transferred from
one Division to another
as circumstances
require. So to the
necessity for these
transfers, the Chief
Engineer is perhaps
the best Judge.

Foreign interference
generally results in
lapses of grants.
I could give specific
instances of this,
but it is probably
scarcely necessary.
Should it be

decided that the Civil Secretaries are to review the Budget Lists and appropriations of funds, the modus operandi can be considered hereafter

K.S.
20.9.

Please set down briefly on paper what you suggest. I will think it over. I will show to Hon. Secretaries

20-4-53

To W 2856

To enable the Civil Secretaries to have a voice in the selection of Provincial Works for entry in the Public Works Budget, it would probably be best to revert to the practice in force some ten or twelve years ago.

A list of all works brought forward by local authorities was prepared, and a selection from this was made at a special meeting of Council convened for the purpose.

The list could be printed, and copies distributed some days before the meeting, the date of which could be fixed as soon as possible after the Provincial Grant has been notified & purchased in the

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On the amount of the grant being decided, the same to be set apart for "Repairs," "Establishment," "Tools & Plant" and "Minor works" would be calculated in the Public Works Secretariat. The balance would be the amount available for "Major works" and the allotment to each work could be regulated accordingly.

The "Minor works" could also be shewn in detail in an Appendix to the Statement, and a selection made. The allotments in these cases would invariably be the full amount of the Estimate.

All works in progress, & the allotments would appear in the

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outgoing Budget under Class B.

It might also be decided at this meeting in what order the Class B works should appear. This would be a guide for actions during the year should funds subsequently become available.

It may be as well to lay down that any departure from the Sanctioned Programme would require the approval of the Hon. Member in charge of the P. W. Dept.

K.S.

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P.W. Dept

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W. Ward Howard
Col. R.E.
Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

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E&S.

No 2556 W Public Works Department.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 11th Octr/83

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Rec'd 18/10

The Chief Secy
The Revl: Secy } for counter initials.

Financial Dept:
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RJ

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