GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper :—

Resolution of the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, dated Simla, the 25th October 1895, No. 5102-Ex.

The Governor-General in Council has had under consideration the question of diminishing work by giving to Local Governments more general powers to dispose of petty cases involving expenditure which under strict rule requires the sanction of the Government of India. As a step in this direction His Excellency in Council has decided to issue the following orders.

2. Local Governments (including Chief Commissioners) may, subject to the provisos stated below, without reference of each case to the Government of India, sanction expenditure, whether Provincial or Imperial, on objects customarily recognised as fit objects for the expenditure of public money, in cases in which a reference to the Government of India has hitherto been required either (*a*) by the terms of any rule or order, or (*b*) because the conditions or limitations prescribed in any rule or order are not completely fulfilled, or (*c*) because there is no rule or order authorising the expenditure : provided that—

(1) the sanction relates only to a single payment and does not cover any recurring payment ;

Note.—This does not prohibit a payment calculated at so much per day, or per month (*e.g.*, joining time over 30 days), but merely excludes periodical payments, running into future dates.

(2) the sanction does not involve the setting aside of any existing rule of the Government of India as distinguished from the granting of an exemption from its operation justified by special circumstances ; and that it does not establish a new rule or practice involving expenditure ;

(3) the total amount payable under the sanction does not exceed Rs. 1,000 in any case if charged wholly or partly to Provincial or Local, and Rs. 500 if charged wholly to Imperial ;

(4) the expenditure is within the power of the Government of India to sanction and does not require a reference to the Secretary of State.

3. Each sanction given under the powers conferred in this Resolution must quote the Resolution for the information of the Account officer concerned ; and a quarterly list of all such sanctions shall be prepared by the Account officer and submitted through the Local Government to the Government of India in the Finance and Commerce Department in the form appended to this Resolution. If no orders are received regarding any item entered in the statement, it may be assumed that the orders have been accepted and confirmed by the Government of India.

4. Although it is desired that the fullest use be made of the powers conferred in this Resolution, it is not to be taken as indicating the application of any new principles in the regulation or control of expenditure, which must necessarily be limited with the same strictness and attention to economy, as heretofore. The authority given must not be delegated.

5. The resolution applies (1) to all payments in the Civil Department, (2) to all payments under the Civil Service Regulations in the Public Works Department.

Ordered that this Resolution be forwarded to all Local Governments and Administrations, to the Comptroller and Auditor General, and to all Accountants-General and Comptrollers.

(Signed) R. M. DANE,
Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Enclosure.

Number and date of order of Local Government.	Particulars of the case as brief as possible.	Amount of payment sanctioned. (To be forward-totalled each Financial year).		Remarks (if any) of Accountant-General and Local Government in submitting the case.
		Imperial.	Provincial.	
	(The object being to show the nature of the payment and why it commended itself to the Local Government.)			

Order—No. 911, Financial, dated 21st November 1895.

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2. All sanctions under this Resolution will be dealt with in the Financial Department.

3. The quarterly statement referred to in paragraph 3 of the Resolution should be submitted to this Government by the Accountant-General before the 20th of the month following the termination of each quarter.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Departments of the Secretariat.
„ Accountant-General.

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Powers of Sanction.

Recording, with remarks, Resolution of the Government of India extending the powers of Local Governments to dispose of petty cases of expenditure.

Ch: Engr for Irrign
Consg. Engr for Ays
Exr. P. W. Accts.

With order