Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 2460 W

DATED 3 September 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Lawrence Asylum Buildings Ootacamund: Pros: Educational Dept. stating that the Committee will not be required to make any contribution towards the cost of the extension of the Boys' latrine in the — the accounts of which have been closed Comtd. to S.E. IV Circle and the Examiner of P.W. Accts.

J.C.
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[P.W. 25.
5,000—30-11-96.]

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Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 8314

From The Educational Dept.

B/ No 2460 W.(D) 3-9-97

Order

Communicated to the S.E. IV & the Secy P.W. Dept. with refce to G.O. No 1932 W of 2 July 1896.

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25/8/97

No. 474

Dated 14-8-97

Received } 20.8.97
Registered }

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SUBJECT.

Sanctioning, with remarks, an expenditure of Rs 3300 towards certain additions to the Lawrence Asylum buildings Ootacamund.

S.E. IV Circle }
Secy P.W.D. } R 4/9/97

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2,000—13-5-97.

Educational Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper :—

Endorsement of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, No.3512, dated 29th March 1897, submitting the following letter from the Vice-Chairman, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund, No.2479, dated 20th March 1897:-

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4. The sum of Rs.1700 for the enlargement of the ~~Boy's~~ boys' Latrine was ordered to be placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department, in G.O.No.298, Educational, dated 16th May 1896, paragraph 5. The money has not yet been paid, and, if His Excellency the Governor in Council will be pleased to cancel this debt and order the money to be expended on the proposed building and plant, a further sum of Rs.1600 only will be wanted.

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ORDER, No.474, dated 14th August 1897.

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2. The Committee will not be required to make any contribution to-wards the cost of the extension of the Boys' latrine, the ~~amounts~~ accounts of which have closed.

(True extract)

for Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
" " Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

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GENERAL.
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Government { 1897 } of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Recd. } 1897. *Enclosures*
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G.O., No. 2462 W., 3rd September 1897.

SEPTEMBER.

Credits.

Observing that the amount of——issued for Famine Relief works is largely in excess of the expenditure actual and prospective and directing the Superintending Engineers, I and III Circles to investigate the matter at once and report the result, arrangements being made in the meanwhile to cancel credits found in excess of requirements.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General. Account.

Read—the following :—

Letter from E. A. **DENNYS**, Esq., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, Madras, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 24th August 1897, No. 526-A.

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Bellary Division... ... ...
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1	Bellary	8,12,291	4,43,978	6,20,000	6,00,000	5,80,000	5,00,000	35,56,269	5,55,000	30,01,269	
2	Cuddapah	2,94,867	2,51,066	1,90,000	3,02,000	2,85,000	2,00,000	15,22,933	1,05,000	14,17,933	
3	Kurnool	2,68,971	3,83,249	2,50,000	2,71,200	4,14,000	2,00,000	17,87,420	2,06,000	15,81,420	
4	Ganjam	52,042	81,823	2,20,000	70,800	...	50,000	4,74,665	1,22,000	3,52,665	
5	Vizagapatam ...	75,649	61,150	1,20,000	20,000	60,000	50,000	3,86,799	96,000	2,90,799	
6	Godavery Eastern ...	1,403	...	...	...	...	...	1,403	1,000	403	
7	Public Works Stores ...	29,836	22,998	...	...	...	...	52,834	5,000	47,834	
8	North Arcot ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,000	−1,000	
	Total...	15,35,059	12,44,264	14,00,000	12,64,000	13,39,000	10,00,000	77,82,323	10,91,000	66,91,323	

Note.—1. The figures in column 4 represent the approximate outlay wired by the Executive Engineers concerned.
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From the Financial Department, No. 1829, dated 2nd September 1897.

Order—No. 2462 W., dated 3rd September 1897.

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(True Extract.)

D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, I Circle.
,, Superintending Engineer, III Circle.
,, Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.
,, Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Financial Department.

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INDIAN TELEGRAPHS.

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Financial (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 2626

Order

From

The Public works Dept.

No. 1235 D.

Dated
Received 26-8-97
Registered
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SUBJECT.

Transferring letter from the Examiner P. W. Accounts No. 526 A. submitting a statement, with remarks, showing the financial position as regards Famine Relief works in charge of the P. W. D. from 1st april to 30" september.

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2	Cuddapah ..	294867	251066	190000	302000	285000	200000	1522933	105000	1417933	
3	Kurnool ..	268971	383249	250000	271200	414000	200000	1787420	206000	1581420	
4	Ganjam ..	52042	81823	220000	70800	..	50000	474665	122000	352665	
5	Vizagapatam ..	75649	61150	120000	20000	60000	50000	386799	96000	290799	
6	Godavery Eastern ..	1403	..	..	..	..	..	1403	1000	403	
7	Public Works Stores ..	29836	22998	..	..	..	..	52834	5000	47834	
8	North Arcot ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1000	-1000	
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2. The figures in column 5 exclude the Supplemental credit of Rs 300000 since issued

E. a. Dlung

Examiner P. W. Accoun

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N.B.—In any future communication on this subject, the number and date of this letter should be quoted, and the communication should be addressed to the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, Madras, and not to any officer by name.

[E. No. 94.]
3,000—26-4-97.

FROM E. A. DENNYS, ESQ.,
EXAMINER OF P. W. ACCOUNTS, MADRAS,

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

No. 526 A Madras, 24th August 1897.

Corr. 2604/97. File

P. 1214 D
12-8-97

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Bellary Division
Kurnool Division.

What are bona fide credits? The credits of which a balance of 14 lakhs remain on 1st August were bona fide drawings for GO.
Cws

Copy attached

No. 1212 D
23.8.97

of your last wire of yesterday's date. The amount is included in the sum of Rs.10,00,000 shewn as estimated supplemental letters of credit for september in column 8.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant,

E. A. Denny

Examiner P.W.Accounts, Madras.

A.P.K.
24-8-97

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To
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Copy of No. 1212 D dated 23rd August 1897. -

Telegram from the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, to the Examiner, P. W. Accounts, dated 23rd August 1897. -

"Credits to extent of twentyone lakhs in excess of existing grants can be issued. This includes two lakhs for Bellary, and one lakh for Kurnool. Order follows."

(True copy)
R. W. Lons.
Head clerk, P. W. Secretariat

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To 6
C. No. 2626

No. 1235D

Urgent

CURRENT No. 2626

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

~~MEMORANDUM.~~

~~Endorsement~~

Recd 26/8/97
5.40 PM

Ootacamund
Dated ~~Madras~~, 26: August 1897.

From the Examiner, P. W. Accounts, No. 526 A dated 24th August 1897.

Transferred to the Financial Department in continuation of Endorsement No. 1214D dated 24th August 1897.

C. No. 2604/97 A

G. W. Campbell Col. R. E.,
Secretary to Govt.

To

The Financial Department
with a copy of telegram
No. 1212D dated 23rd August 1897

P. W. 41'
1,000—14-7-97

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P.W.D. must wait for a specific allotment until we get a further Grant.

HS

The way the Exam^r. is going on seems out of proportion. The actual P.W. expenditure up to June inclusive was 15.35, in July 12.44, total 27.79. It is pretty certain that the Aug^t. expenditure will not exceed the July expenditure. Say, however, that it comes to 13.00. If so, it will be more than covered by the 14.00 cash & drawing acct. balances on Aug^t. 1. For Sept., it is, I should think safe to say that 10.0 will suffice. Say 12.00, of which 1.00 will be met by the surplus of the cash & drawing acct. balances of Aug^t. 1 over the probable expenditure of Aug^t. The further requirements up to the end of Sept will therefore be 11.00. But the Exam^r. has actually issued letters of credit as under:–

For Aug^t.	12.64
– Sept.	13.39
	26.03
And he estimates that for Sept. he will have to issue further credits for	10.00
Total	36.03

or 25.00 more than will probably be needed. Now I don't suppose that the Exam^r. can hold his hand. The Ex^{ve}. Eng^{rs}. of div^{ns}. are, I believe, the officers who ask for credits and the Exam^r. can't possibly say that they don't want them. But why are they allowed to ask for so much more than they can possibly need? The Supt. Eng^{rs}. should be told to go into the matter & to direct that credits in excess of requirements be cancelled. In the meantime we may take it that the P.W.

C. No. 2600 – is a reference from the P.W.D. as to how much of the add^l. grant of 14.96 is to be taken to that dept. As by the a/cs showing in the papers already circ^d the add^l. 14.96 will have been utilized wholly in the Civil dept before the end of this month the disposal on this paper must, it is sub^d, await India's sanction to the additional allotment which it has been proposed to apply for.

C. No. 2626 (see last ~~pap~~ file in the box) contains the explanation of the Examiner P.W. Accounts of his estimate sent by telegraph which ~~[illegible]~~ is ~~[illegible]~~ now in circ:. The Exam^r. harps on "credits" & overlooks the fact that these are out of all proportion to past expend^{re}. & that if he goes on issuing his "credit notes" at this rate money will get locked up where it is probably not needed & run short where it is

L.D.
27/8/97

Chm S.
27.8.97

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has actually drawn 25.00 more than it can use up to the end of Sept. & that unless something quite unforeseen happens it can't possibly want more up to the end of the famine. Indeed, it can't want so much. Of course one Ex. Engr. may have drawn less than he needs while others have drawn more. But it seems to me that the Sf. Engr. should set right inequalities of that kind

28/8/97

28/8/97

A.H

C. S.-P.

The Collector & the O.E. PW [illegible] to raise a further question regarding the relations between the D.P.W. & R.D. The position as I believe [illegible] responsibility for the accounts of relief works & the [illegible] [illegible] I presume accountants [illegible] the O.E.: but on the other hand the Subdivisional & Executive [illegible] [illegible] under the orders of the Collector & [illegible] quite independent of the [illegible] in their [illegible] it is not [illegible] [illegible] whether [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Collector regarding the Subdivisional & Executive [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] accounts [illegible] [illegible]. The matter is very [illegible].

2/9/97

W

The S.W. D. is responsible for the accounts of Professor

Agency works: and the Supdg. Engr's position in this matter is recognised by para 193 of the Famine Code. The officer responsible for the accounts is virtually responsible for the whole administration of the works. If the S.E. has no locus standi on Relief works, as the Rev: Dept. recently attempted to show, para 193 of the Code should be expunged or altered.

The divided responsibility now existing under orders of Govt. is likely to have very serious consequences. But this Dept. of the Secretariat cannot intervene. The only thing that can be done is to transfer the papers to the Rev: Dept.

R.S.

2-Sep-97

Transferred to the Revenue Department.

The irregularities brought to notice are not serious & probably account for the want of agreement between the letters of credit issued & the expenditure.

I would suggest that the Collector be directed to take an explanation & [illegible] for an account of this unexpended balance.

2/9/97

W

Excess credits.

The Govt. directs that "the Supdg. Engr. should now be told to go into the matter and to direct that credits in Excess of requirements be cancelled", and further that "the Chief Engineer should set right irregularities of that kind."

The first thing to be done is to arrive at the actual facts - the nature of which has been already surmised, and the present direction of the Govt. gives the Chief Engr. power to act. The accompanying draft telegram to the S. E~~stn~~ III Circle is accordingly submitted.

If as is surmised, funds are being locked up by Tahsildars and Paymasters, the Govt. can be made acquainted with the fact, and the Correspondence by the S. E. III in the file will be amply justified. He will moreover now receive that authority which seemed to be lacking

Meanwhile, the transfer to the Rev. Dept of the papers sent up by the S.E. III Circle might be deferred. The matter is at present in the hands of the F. & C. Dept.

R.S.

Yes

3-Sep-97

3/9/97

It appears to me that the famine [illegible] is either that of the [illegible] or Revenue Tahsildars & Superintendents. [illegible] may have applied for credits in excess of requirements & the money only be lying in the Treasuries. I should have thought if this were the case the matter would be known in the financial return as I suppose they give details of [illegible] balances.

If on the other hand the Tahsildars & Superintendents have received from the [illegible] far more than they have expended the money balance [illegible] must be in their personal custody

3/9/97

D.

P. W. D.

Telegram.

No. 1281 D., d/ 3rd September 1897

To

Suptg. Engineers I and III
Circles.

Credits

Issue of ~~creidts~~ for Famine works is largely in excess of expenditure actual and prospective. Is money being locked up. If so by whom. Reply briefly by wire and follow with detailed report after full investigation. Credits in excess of requirements to be cancelled.

3/9/97

W.

Despd 3-9-97

R.S.

[F. / 23]
1,000—25-11-96.

P. W.

~~Financial~~ (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. ~~2600~~

Rd 3-9-97

From P. W. D.

C. No. 2600 & 2626

~~Order~~ Endt. No. 1829 dd 2nd Septr. 1897.

Retransferred to the Public Works Department with reference to the attached notes

Chief Secretary

Cmd.
2/9/97

No. 1210 D.

Dated 23 } Augt: '97
Received 23
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SUBJECT.

Transfg: Govt: of India communication, enquiring what sum out of the sanctioned 85 lakhs was expended by the P.W.D. officers in connection with famine.

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W/s P.W.Es

Famine Orders

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Public Works department

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~~Letter, from the Govt. of India, P.W. Deptt. No 187 A.G., d/ 19th July 1897.~~

Letter, from the Examiner of P.W. accounts, No 526 A., d/ 24th August 1897.

~~From the Supdg. Engineer I, III Circle, No 3231 W., d/ 28th Aug. 1897~~

~~From~~ Note the Financial Department, No 1829., d/ 2nd Septr 1897

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Rev. Dept
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The Financial Department Despd 8/9/97

S.C.S. despatched 9+10/9/97

P.W.Ct C 23/9/97

Cno 8596

Hc/o

I presume the action required of E.W. is being taken at Ooty? If so this copy can be attached to the memo. issued from here, & note made of its disposal.

C 9/9/97

P.W.Ct.
Cr 9.9.97

Cr. 8996

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Public works (1897) department

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Government {1897} of Madras.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General
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Number.	Divisions.	Expenditure to end of June 1897.	Expenditure during July 1897.	Cash and drawing account balances on 1st August 1897.	Letters of credit for August 1897.	Letters of credit for September 1897.	Estimated supplemental credit for September 1897.	Total.	Grant as now stands.	Probable excess expenditure.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Bellary	8,12,291	4,43,978	6,20,000	6,00,000	5,80,000	5,00,000	35,56,269	5,55,000	30,01,269	
2	Cuddapah	2,94,867	2,51,066	1,90,000	3,02,000	2,85,000	2,00,000	15,22,933	1,05,000	14,17,933	
3	Kurnool	2,68,971	3,83,249	2,50,000	2,71,200	4,14,000	2,00,000	17,87,420	2,06,000	15,81,420	
4	Ganjam	52,042	81,823	2,20,000	70,800	...	50,000	4,74,665	1,22,000	3,52,665	
5	Vizagapatam ...	75,649	61,150	1,20,000	20,000	60,000	50,000	3,86,799	96,000	2,90,799	
6	Godavery Eastern ...	1,403	...	...	...	...	...	1,403	1,000	403	
7	Public Works Stores ...	29,836	22,998	...	...	...	...	52,834	5,000	47,834	
8	North Arcot ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,000	−1,000	
	Total...	15,35,059	12,44,264	14,00,000	12,64,000	13,39,000	10,00,000	77,82,323	10,91,000	66,91,323	

Note.—1. The figures in column 4 represent the approximate outlay wired by the Executive Engineers concerned.
2. The figures in column 5 exclude the supplemental credit of Rs. 3,00,000 since issued.

From the Financial Department, No. 1829, dated 2nd September 1897.

Order—No. 2462 W., dated 3rd September 1897.

His Excellency the Governor in Council observes that the amount of credits issued for Famine Relief Works is largely in excess of the expenditure actual and prospective. It would thus appear that money is remaining unutilised either in the hands of Revenue, or Public Works, subordinates. The Superintending Engineers, I and III Circles will now be directed by wire to investigate the matter at once and report the result as soon as possible, and meanwhile to arrange for cancelling credits found to be in excess of requirements. The Government will look to the Chief Engineer to set right irregularities of the kind brought to notice.

(True Extract.)

D. A. Campbell
Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, I Circle.
,, Superintending Engineer, III Circle.
,, Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.
,, Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
,, Revenue Department.