

Public Works (1897) Department.

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DATED 26 July 1897

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Adherence to Budget Estimates: Govt of
India Resolution regarding the necessity
for strict — and prompt report of all
anticipated excesses, Comptroller & Officers
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following paper:—

From Colonel W. S. S. BISSET, R.E., C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Account—General), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 13th July 1897, Circular No. 3. P.W.

Resolution.—The Government of India have recently had under consideration certain cases in which expenditure had been incurred in excess of Budget grants owing to insufficient provision having been made in the Budget Estimates, to timely action not being taken to supplement grants which were known to be insufficient, or to subordinate officers having failed to take adequate action on the orders issued by their superior officers modifying allotments. It appears desirable that Local Governments and Administrations should be reminded of their responsibilities as regards adherence to Budget programme and that they should impress upon disbursing officers the necessity for a strict adherence to the grants placed at their disposal as modified from time to time by superior authority and for prompt report of all cases in which excesses are anticipated. All officers alike, should be made clearly to understand that the Budget grant, imposes an obligation upon them to control or regulate expenditure by it, whether they consider it sufficient or not, until it is supplemented in due course. Should an officer foresee that the exigencies of due maintenance of the works in his charge are likely to involve expenditure in excess of the grant at his disposal, it is incumbent on him to take immediate steps to inform the controlling authority of all the circumstances of the case, in order that an additional grant may be applied for without any avoidable delay.

The Governments of Madras and Bombay (General and Railway), Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, Punjab and Burma.
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The Resident at Hyderabad.
The Agents to the Governor-General for Central India, Rajputana, and Baluchistan.
The Superintendent of Port Blair and Chief Commissioner, Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
The Accountant-General, Public Works Department.
The Director-General of Military Works.
The Director-General of Telegraphs.
The Director-General of Railways.
The Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways, Calcutta, Lucknow and Assam.

Ordered, also, that a copy be forwarded to the Finance and Military Departments for information.

ORDER—No. 2024 W., dated 26th July 1897.

Communicated to officers of the Public Works Department for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ all Superintending Engineers.
„ the Executive Engineer, Lighthouse Division.
„ the Consulting Architect to Government.
„ the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

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Secretary to the Govt. of India.

The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras.
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