

Public Works (189 ) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Military Works. End of the <sup>the</sup> Govt of India P.W.D forwarding copy of letter from Govt of India, India Deptt, stating that no — should be commenced before detailed estimates have been sanctioned by competent authority & command to the S.E.S I, IV & VI Circles —

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Endorsement of the Government of India, Public Works Department, forwarding copy of letter from the Government of India, Military Department, stating that no — should be commenced before detailed estimates have been sanctioned by competent authority, communicated to the Superintending Engineers, I, IV and VI Circles.

## GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.  
Military Works.

READ—the following paper:—

From O. C. LEES, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Civil Works—Miscellaneous), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 14th August 1899, No. 835 C.W.M.

The following is forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, for information, with the request that the attention of all officers concerned may be drawn to the instructions contained therein.

## ENCLOSURE.

From P. J. MAITLAND, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Quarter-Master-General in India, dated Simla, 9th August 1899, No. 1947 M.W. (Communications—Roads).

I am directed to say that several cases have come to the notice of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council in which Military Works have been commenced in anticipation of the sanction of the Government of India. In some instances this has been done under the plea of urgency, in others the provision of funds in the budget has been taken as authority to execute the works for which funds have been thus provided. I am therefore to request that, under the orders of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the attention of all officers concerned may be drawn to the provisions of the Public Works Department Code, Volume II, Chapter IV, paragraph 29 and Chapter VI, paragraphs 1 and 2, copies of which are attached for facility of reference. These regulations lay down in the most explicit manner that two things are necessary before any work can be commenced, viz., first provision of funds in the budget, and secondly, properly detailed estimates of the expenditure sanctioned by competent authority. It is clearly stated that the mere inclusion of a work in the budget is not to be accepted as an admission of the necessity for the work, still less as authority for its commencement, and that, except in cases of real emergency, to be immediately reported and explained to the next superior authority, this rule is not to be infringed.

2. I am to request that the strictest adherence to these regulations may be enjoined on all officers, under the orders of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, who may in future be charged with the construction of works other than field works, and I am to suggest that the Lieutenant-Generals Commanding the Forces in the four commands should be requested to impress on their Chief or Superintending Engineers the necessity for the observance of the regulations under all circumstances.

ORDER—No. 2292 W., dated 1st September 1899.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineers, I, IV and VI Circles, for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, I Circle.  
" " IV Circle.  
" " VI Circle.

Fsd, P. Seetharam,

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From

The Govt of India

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## SUBJECT.

\* There are the only circles in which there are military works in charge of P.W.D. The Supt. Engr. I Circle, Supt. Engr. IV Circle, Supt. Engr. VI Circle. Forwarding copy of letter from the Govt of India to the Supt. Engr. I Circle, Supt. Engr. IV Circle, Supt. Engr. VI Circle. Dept. stating that no military works should be commenced before details estimates have been sanctioned by competent authority.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

M I L I T A R Y      D E P A R T M E N T.

Simla, the 9th August 1899.

The Quarter Master-General in India.

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I am, &c.,

(Sd.) P. J. MAITLAND,

Secretary to the Government of India.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. 1047 M.W.

Simla, 27th August 1902.

To

The Quarter Master-General in India.

Sir,

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Military Department memorandum No. 1947 M. W., dated 9th August 1899.

Copy of the following forwarded to the Public Works Department, for favour of communication to Local Governments and Administrations, with a view to similar orders being issued to all officers in charge of Military Works funds.

Communications.  
Roads.

No. 1947 M. W., dated 9th August 1899.

From—Major-General P. J. MATTLAND, C.B., Secretary to the Government of India,  
Military Department,

To—The Quarter Master General in India.

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Public Works Department memorandum No. 835 C. W.—M., dated 14th August 1899.

The Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, North-Western Provinces and Oudh, Punjab and Burma.

The Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, Assam and Coorg.

The Resident at Hyderabad.

The Agents to the Governor General for Central India, Rajputana and Baluchistan.

The Accountant General, Public Works Department.

The following is forwarded to the Local Governments, Administrations and officers noted in the margin, for information, with the request that the attention of all Officers concerned may be drawn to the instructions contained therein:—

Copy of a letter No. 1947 M. W., dated 9th August 1899, from the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Quarter Master General in India.

Exd.—J. N. D.