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CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM.

Addressed to Lieutenant-Generals

Commanding the Forces.

SUBJECT HEADING.

Defences—Frontier.
Accounts—Budget.

Forwarded* for information, and guidance and compliance, with reference to Quarter Master General's Circular No. 7, dated 12th April 1894.

* Extract paragraphs 1 and 2 of a letter No. 1947-M.W. "Communications—Roads," dated 9th August 1899 (with annexures), from the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Quarter Master General in India.

By order,

ALFRED GASELEE, Brigadier-General,
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MEMORANDUM.

Submitted † for the information of the Government of India, in the Military Foreign Department.

† 10 copies.

W. PEACOCKE, Colonel,

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MEMORANDUM.

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Extract paragraphs 1 and 2 of a letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, No. 1947-M.-W. "Communications—Roads," dated 9th August 1899.

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, *vis.*, 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.

Volume II, Chapter IV, paragraph 29.

29. Before any new Major Work can be carried out, it must have been authorised by the Government of India, either specially, or in the orders on the budget.

The mere inclusion of a work in the authorised budget programme is not to be accepted as an admission of the necessity for the work, nor as authority for the commencement of the work, *vide* also Volume II, Chapter VI, paragraph 1.

Volume II, Chapter VI, paragraphs 1 and 2.

1. It is a fundamental rule that the commencement of the execution of public works shall not be definitely authorised by any authority whatever, unless a properly detailed design and estimate have been prepared and approved. Permission granted by Government in orders on a Budget estimate, for the retention of an entry of proposed expenditure during the year on a work, conveys no authority for the commencement of outlay until the above condition has been fulfilled. Such permission is granted on the implied understanding that, before any expenditure is incurred, the estimates shall have been duly examined and sanctioned by competent authority. Excepting with regard to certain classes of petty works for which special rules are provided, *vide* Volume I, Chapter IX, paragraphs 48, *et seq.*, and in cases of real emergency to be immediately reported and explained to the next superior authority, this injunction may not be infringed.

2. On the other hand, the sanction of a design and estimate by the Government of India, or any other authority, not excepting Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, conveys no permission for the commencement of expenditure on the work except as it may have been provided for in the Budget estimate of the year. For each work a design and estimate have to be approved, and provision has to be made for the outlay within the official year out of the grant allotted for the head of classification under which the service falls.

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EXAMINER,
P. W. ACCOUNTS,
19 JUN. 1899

DESCRIPTION OF ENCLOSURES—

2 Journals of Conductor Smith for November & December 97

2 Journals of Mr. Munner for November & December 97.

Sent to this office for reference &c with
reference to the list on Trav. Allow bill
for February 98.

W. Jackson
a/c

FROM
THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
Light House Division,

TO
THE EXAMINER OF
P. W. ACCOUNTS,
Madras.