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Directing that, in connection with the construction of a head sluice to the — on behalf of the French Government, recoveries be made on presentation of vouchers and completion certificates and that, in the meanwhile, the expenditure be debited to Miscellaneous Advances; and ordering that a copy of the proceedings be forwarded to the Government of India for infomartion.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following papers:—

From L. M. WYNCH, Esq., Acting Collector and Special Agent, South Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Political Department (through the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, Madras), dated Chengam, 30th March 1898, No. 257.

I have the honour to report the following case for the early orders of Government:—

2. Under articles 4 and 6 of the Convention dated 4th June 1897 (copy* enclosed), relative to the clearance of the North Malatar river by the French Government, the French Government was requested to place the amount of the estimate for constructing a head sluice to the Rampakam spring channel at the disposal of the Public Works Department (English), it having been agreed that the work should be undertaken and carried out by the English authorities.

* Enclosure No. 1.

3. In reply to my communication, the French Government, in its letter No. 21, dated 24th January 1898 (copy† enclosed), stated that, under the new system of accounts introduced in the French Colonies, advance payments could not be made in case of works undertaken by the English on behalf of the French Government and that all payments made by the French administration must be supported by necessary vouchers, completion certificates, &c.

† Enclosure No. 2.

4. I thereupon addressed the Executive Engineer on the subject and suggested that, under the circumstances brought to notice by His Excellency the French Governor, the arrangements proposed in paragraph 3 of his letter might be accepted.

5. The Executive Engineer referred the matter to the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, and enquired whether the expenditure might be accounted for under miscellaneous advances pending recovery on completion of works or whether any arrangements could be made with the Civil Accountant-General for the adjustment of expenditure incurred month by month and stated that, if the former course was preferred, the vouchers would have to be retained in his office for submission to the French Government and that the debits to miscellaneous advances in the accounts rendered to the Examiner would be unsupported.

6. In reply, the Examiner stated that any departure from the rules and procedure of his department—in regard to contribution works—would have to receive the approval of Government.

7. In accordance with this ruling, I have the honour to request that, in view of the difficulty explained by His Excellency the French Governor, Government may be pleased to instruct the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, to accept the procedure suggested by the Executive Engineer or adopt such other measures as may seem expedient to him under the circumstances.

8. The Executive Engineer's letter to the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, and his reply thereto are also *enclosed for the information of Government.

* Enclosure No. 3.

ENCLOSURES.

From the Executive Engineer, South Arcot Division, to the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, Madras, dated 27th February 1898, No. 41.

I have the honour to inform you that some works have to be carried out by the Public Works Department from contributions realised from the French Government.

2. From the extract of letter No. 21, dated 24th January 1898, from His Excellency the Governor of French Settlements to the Special Agent, South Arcot, it will be seen that vouchers have to be rendered to that Government for expenditure incurred. The course indicated is understood to mean that contributions would not be paid in lump but that arrangements should be made for debiting expenditure month by month or at fixed intervals supported by necessary vouchers.

3. I have to inquire whether the expenditure may be accounted for under miscellaneous advances pending recovery on completion of works or whether any arrangements can be made with the Civil Accountant-General for the adjustment of expenditure incurred month by month.

4. If the former course is preferred, the vouchers will have to be retained in this office for submission to the French Government and the debits to miscellaneous advances in the accounts rendered to you will be unsupported.

From the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, Madras, to the Executive Engineer, South Arcot Division, dated 11th March 1898, No. 828 B./A.

With reference to your letter No. 41 Exr., dated 27th February 1898, I have the honour to state that my departure from the rules and procedure of this department in regard to contribution works would have to receive the approval of Government; and if any such departure is contemplated, the Government may be addressed accordingly through the proper channel.

No. 273 W.

Forwarded, through the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

(Signed) C. C. RAWSON, Col., R.E.,
Suptg. Engineer, V Circle.

17th April 1898.

Office-note from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 6th May 1898, No. 1514 B./A.

[Your office-note No. 2304 C., dated 27th April 1898.]

It is not quite clear why the French Government are unable to pay in advance for works they require executed by the Public Works Department and to comply with the only recognized condition under which this department can carry out works for other bodies. Our rules (Public Works Department Code I, IX, 81 and 82 IV) allow of no latitude beyond that the deposits may be authorised by instalments in special cases. The works undertaken for the French Government may amount to no small number, and I doubt if a sufficiently good case has been made out for what is tantamount to the advancing of Government money and bringing outlay on to our books entirely unsupported by vouchers in the manner suggested. The arrangement would, at any rate, be a one-sided one and it is for Government to decide whether the circumstances warrant it.

No. 290 D.

Forwarded to the Political Department, with the suggestion that the French Government should be urged to comply with the rules in the Public Works Code which govern the execution of contribution works, *i.e.*, Vol. I, chapter IX, paragraphs 81 and 82 (IV). As the proposals of the French Government now stand, Madras State funds would have to be expended on behalf of that Government and recovered subsequently on presentation of vouchers. There is no particular objection to this except that it is contrary to rules, and will have to be sanctioned by Government.

16th May 1898. (Signed) W. B. DEWINTON,
Secretary to Government.

From the Political Department, dated 21st June 1898, No.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts, " 14th July " " 2428 B./A.
" Political Department, " 13th August " " 1707.

Office-note to the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated 5th September 1898, No. 3882 C.

Please say whether you consider a reference to the Government of India absolutely necessary, or whether this Government may accept the arrangement desired by the French Government as a special case.

(Signed) W. B. DEWINTON,
Secretary to Government.

Office-note from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated 9th September 1898, No. 3117 B./A.

What is necessary in the case of all expenditure incurred by the Public Works Department is to see that it is either covered by a grant or by a deposit of funds.

2. In the case under reference, there is no grant, and it is necessary therefore that there should be a deposit of funds *before the work is commenced.* Under the circumstances, it is necessary either that the approval of the Government of India should be obtained to the relaxation of the rule, or that, if the Madras Government accepts beforehand the arrangement in question, the facts of the case be reported to India for information.

ORDER—No. 2645 W., dated 12th October 1898.

In his letter, No. 257, dated 30th March 1898, the Collector and Special Agent, South Arcot, reported that the French Government had been requested to place at the disposal of the Madras Public Works Department the amount of the estimate for constructing a head sluice to the Rampakam spring channel, a work which is to be carried out by the English authorities at the expense of the French Government, and that, in reply, the French Government intimated that, under a new system of accounts introduced into the French Colonies, advance payments could not be made, and that all payments made by the French Administration must be supported by necessary vouchers, completion certificates, &c.

2. Under paragraph 81, chapter IX, Volume I, Public Works Code, when works are carried out by the Public Works Department for private parties or other bodies, the contribution should be realised before any liability is incurred on account of the work; or in cases where Government is satisfied that the money will be forthcoming when required, it may authorise recoveries from the contributor by instalments. The Examiner is of opinion that even when recoveries are made by instalments they should be made in advance, and that if any relaxation of the rules is sanctioned by Government, the facts should be reported to the Government of India.

3. This clearly being a case in which the money will be forthcoming when required, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to accept the arrangement proposed by the French Government, viz., that recoveries shall be made on presentation of vouchers and completion certificates. Pending such recovery, the expenditure incurred will be debited to Miscellaneous Advances.

4. A copy of these proceedings will be forwarded to the Government of India for information.

[Here enter No. 2646 W., 12th October 1898.]

(True Extract.)

A. Russell.
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
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