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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
20th June 1866.

No. 106. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 6th June 1866, No. 1788.

Authorizing, in anticipation of the approval of the Government of India, the Controller of Public Works Accounts, Madras, to organize his Establishment on the scale recommended in his letter of the 15th December last. (Vide Proceedings, Public Works Department, dated 6th June 1866, Nos. 124 & 125).

No. 107.

ORDER THEREON, 20th June 1866, No. 612.
To be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

*ings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
6th June 1866.*

Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Establishment), dated Simla, 10th May 1866, No. 74 E :—

Establishment for the Controller of Public Works Accounts, Madras.

338 of the 29th January 1866, and enclosures, from the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Madras.

VATIONS.—An Establishment for the Office of the Controller of Public Accounts, Madras, at a monthly cost of Rupees 2,600 per mensem, was in Financial Department Resolution No. 1,667 of the 27th March 1865, communicated to the Government of Madras, in Public Works Department No. 14 of the 14th April 1865.

In August 1865, the Controller specially brought to the notice of the Government that he found the establishment sanctioned, too weak to carry on the duties which had devolved on it, and submitted a proposal for a revised establishment costing Rupees 4,500 a month. This was refused by the Government of Madras.

In December last, the Controller again brought to the notice of the Government the continued insufficiency, as shown by further experience, of his establishment, and submitted another proposal for reorganizing his Office, at an estimated cost to Rupees 3,290 a month. He also proposed to introduce in it the scale of salaries now generally obtaining elsewhere, of salaries increasing yearly up to a maximum for approved service.

On this scale the Government of Madras recommends should be adopted. The question of introducing the system of salaries, varying with length of service, should be settled by the Government of India.

There can be no doubt of the necessity of strengthening the Controller's Office, which is at present very weak compared with the similar Offices in other parts of India. This difference is quite sufficient to account for the comparatively backward state of the accounts in that Presidency, and in view of the Governor General in Council, the scale now proposed will be found sufficient to dispose of the accounts with the punctuality and regularity required by the system established. The exceptional organization of the Public Works Department adopted in that Presidency, doubtless increases the amount of the Controller's work in Madras, that Officer having to deal directly with the accounts of about 90 independent executive disbursing Officers, whereas in other parts of India, from 30 to 35 independent disbursers would be found sufficient to deal with a larger expenditure than takes place at Madras. But the system of the Madras Public Works Department has been deliberately maintained after a prolonged discussion, and the Governor General in Council desires a reconsideration of the matter on a subordinate point of the

Having regard to the experience obtained from the working of other Government Offices, in which the system has now been for some time established,

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the Governor General in Council considers that an office of the numerical strength and minimum cost, as proposed by the Government of Madras, with salaries increasing within certain limits in each grade, should be now sanctioned.

7. Such a scale prepared in this Department is given below, and should be recommended to the Financial Department for approval. The case being urgent, provisional sanction to the Establishment is accorded in this Department, subject to further orders in the Financial Department.

Detail.	Salary.		Annual increase.	Years to reach maximum.	Number proposed.	Cost.		
	Minimum.	Maximum.				Minimum.	Maximum.	Mean.
Head Accountant ...	350	450	20	5	1	350	450	400
2nd Grade " ...	260	340	16	5	2	520	680	600
3rd " " ...	180	230	10	5	2	360	460	410
4th " " ...	120	160	8	5	6	240	360	300
5th " " ...	80	110	6	5	6	480	660	570
6th " " ...	50	75	5	5	8	400	600	500
Clerks, 1st Grade ...	30	45	3	5	25	2,830	3,810	3,320
Ditto, 2nd " ...	15	25	2	5	10	150	250	200
Total ...					47	3,340	4,600	3,970

8. The organization of Accountants into six grades, it may be observed, is different from that adopted elsewhere, and has been seems to fit better the existing state of things in the Madras Presidency, and is more economical.

9. The sanction given as a special case by the Madras Government to the arrangement, that the present Head Accountant shall rise from his salary of Rupees 400 to Rupees 500 per mensem, is approved.

ORDERS.—Ordered that a copy of the foregoing, with letter now read, be forwarded favorably recommended to the Financial Department, for early orders.

Ordered also, that a copy be forwarded to the Government of Madras, for information and guidance, with request that the usual conditions of variable salaries noted below, may be observed in organizing the Establishment on the new scale:—

I.—Men promoted to a grade, to enter on the minimum salary of that grade, and to be entitled to the prescribed annual increase after every clear year's approved service, at the discretion of the head of the Office.

II.—Men now in the office appointed to a grade, the minimum of which is less than present salary, to continue to draw present pay, with the annual increment after a year's service.

His Excellency in Council is of opinion the opportunity should now be taken to make the Controller's Office thoroughly efficient, even by bringing in capable men from outside if necessary, and that men in the Office should not be appointed to fill the new grades created, unless really capable of discharging the duties required.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Lieut.-Colonel, R. A.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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No. 125. ORDER THEREON, 6th June 1866, No. 1,788.

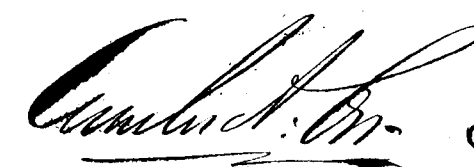
ESTABLISHMENT, No. 12.

1. As the organization of the Office of the Controller of Public Works Accounts on the scale provisionally sanctioned in the Proceedings above recorded would involve an immediate expenditure of Rupees 1,500,* and a prospective outlay of Rupees 10,020† per annum in excess of the scale which was proposed by Captain Fischer and recommended by this Government, without securing any augmentation of the number of employes or otherwise increasing the efficiency of the office, and as the rates of salary which have been fixed for the various grades of Accountants are quite disproportionate to those assigned to similar appointments in the other Account Departments of this Presidency, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council resolves, to move the Government of India for a re-consideration of their orders.

2. The necessity of strengthening the Controller's Office having, however, been admitted by the Government of India, His Lordship in Council resolves, in anticipation of the approval of that Government, to authorize the Controller to organize his Establishment on the scale recommended in his letter of the 15th December 1865, No. 2,485.

3. Captain Fischer will make arrangements for at once dispensing with the temporary Establishment which was authorized to be entertained in the Proceedings of Government, No. 1,518, under date the 11th May 1866.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
.. Financial Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No 5 May/65 No 21-224

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