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[Despatch Abstract.]

Requesting the Astronomer to report at an early date what expenditure has been incurred since the date of Govt. Order No. 21-11-93, in connection with the establishment of the Solar Physics Observatory at Kodaikanal and from what sources the expenditure has been met, and to submit a detailed estimate of the probable expenditure during the current year.

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From

The Accountant General
Madras.

Order

No. 1268

Dated 29th March 1898.

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SUBJECT.

Fixing the value of
English Sights & Stores
for the Koorakamab
observations at the
rate of exchange.

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FORT ST. GEORGE,

Accountant-General's Office,

29th March 1898.

No. 1268

From

J. L. Harrison Esq.

ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL TO THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE Chief Secretary to Government,
Financial Department.

SIR,

With reference to G.O. No 290 H, dated the 18th March 1898, I have the honour to state that the accounts from the India office for the current official year have been received only up to January last. The value and English freight of stores for the Kodakanal Observatory therein charged for amount to £ 668-6-.. To this, if Indian freight viz £ 0-7-11 is added, the cost of the stores will be £ 668-13-11. This converted at 1s. 2½d the rupee will together with 3 per cent, departmental charges on value of stores amount to about Rs 11,398/-

I have the honour to be,
Sir

Your most obed^t servant.

Accountant General

1039
C. No.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.
THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E.
THE HON'BLE MR. BROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT.

Incidence of the cost of instruments
etc. supplied to the Kodaikanal Observa-
tory

Ref

FOR ORDERS.

The flagging of this paper
file is all wrong - see
note in G.O. 1062 and 10.12.97
Set it right through Cms
The references have
been flagged with reference
to notes in G.O. 1062 and 10.12.97
6/5/98

vide papers in G.O. No. 290 Finl.
d/18th March 98

In G.O. No. 1062 Finl., d/17th Decr
1897, an attempt was made to convince
the Acct. Genl regarding the transfer
of the cost of instruments supplied to
the Kodaikanal Observatory to Imperial
That officer referred the matter to the
Comptroller General, who replied that
the only method of obtaining relief to
Provincial revenues would be for this
Govt. to apply to India for a contribu-
tion under I Land Revenue Adjustments,
to recoup the expenditure, but that
such an application would not be suc-
cessful, as India would require the
transfer of a corresponding amount of
Famine expenditure (incurred in 1897-8)
from Imperial to Provincial. The tran-
sactions however extend over several
years, and the cost up to the end of
January 1898 exceeds .13 lakh. Submit-
ted that India should be addressed with
a view to rectify the classification
of the expenditure itself, without say-
ing anything about contributions between
Imperial

+
1896-97 - Rs 1,838
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13,236

Imperial and Provincial.

Drafts are accordingly submitted for approval.

(Intd.) A.G.
16-4-98

B.C.

The bulk of the expenditure (Rs.11,398) has been incurred in 1897-98 the amount shown against 1896-97 being under Rs.2,000. Even if the debits are reversed, Provincial will not gain anything as the closing balance for 1897-98 will still be 10 lakhs under the arrangement mentioned in paragraph 5 of India's letter on page 11 of G.O.No.824 Finl., d/5th October 1897, /repeated in a later letter of this year which should have been put up/ In these circumstances it seems scarcely worth while moving India unless we can make out a better case. The only thing to be done apparently is to watch the expenditure in 1898-99. Who ^{is} ordering these instruments? If Public or P.W.D. they should not order any unless the budget provides funds. Draft accordingly please.

(Intd.) S.M.S.
19-4-98

Telephone to P.W.D.

Please let me know which department indents for instruments, apparatus etc. required for the new solar physics observatory at Kodaikanal. Is it not a part of the fixtures attached to the buildings themselves?

Reply

Your telephone regarding indents for stores required for the new solar Physics observatory at Kodaikanal.

Para. 1. P.W.D.

" 2. Yes

C.A.

The charges have been incurred since 1896-97 and will probably continue till the buildings are completed. The cost up to the end of January 1898 exceeds .13 lakh. Submitted therefore that India should be addressed with a view not to obtain any contributions from Imperial ^{and} Provincial, which is unnecessary in this case, but with a view to overrule the Comptroller Genl's decision in regard to the classification itself. The main grounds for the Continuation are that the instruments obtained from England are not for the Madras Observatory which alone is included in the Provincial contract but for the Kodaikanal observatory, all charges in connection with which have been wholly Imperial since 1894.

2. Both Public and P.W.D. have been indenting, it would appear, without reference to Budget provision. On further search in the A.G's office, it would appear that A.G's statement showing .13 as the total expenditure is not

quite
not accurate. Reference is therefore put
up to the Govt. Astronomer.

A.C.
(Intd.)

29-4-98

C.S.

Public should, it is submitted,
be asked for the information as
the G.A. is under it. Draft
submitted.

C.M.S.
6/5/98

July 5. 98

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(a) Imperial or Provincial)
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Order No. 1069 of 9. May 1920

Memorandum

Will Public Department

please
ascertain and
what
expenditure has been incurred since
the date of G.O.No.940 Pub., d/21st
November 1893, in connection with the
establishment of the Solar Physics Ob-
servatory at Kodaikanal (in
cluding buildings, apparatus, instru-
ments, fittings, furniture etc.) , and
from what sources the expenditure has
been met. An estimate of the probable
expenditure that may still have to be
incurred should also be submitted, with
particulars as to the budget heads
under which the various items of ex-
penditure are classified, would also

be useful.
(Intd.) A.C./29-4-98

C.M.S.
6/5/98

July 5. 98

To
Public Dept. and

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P.W.D. for favour
of Comptroller

The Govt. Astronomer, in communication with the P.W.D., will be requested to report at an early date what expenditure has been incurred since the date of P.O. to Govt. P.W.D. 21.11.97, in connection with the establishment of the Solar Physics Observatory at Kodaikanal (including building apparatus, instruments, fittings, furniture etc.), and from what sources the expenditure has been met. An estimate also should be submitted of the probable expenditure of the proposed observatory during the current year, that may still have to be incurred, with particulars as to the budget heads under which the various items of expenditure are classified.

* (a) Imperial or Provincial
(b) Budgetary or other

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