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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 24th December 1861.

No. 258. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 20th December 1861, No. 639 :—

Requiring the Collector of North Arcot to settle with all possible despatch the claims for compensation for lands, &c., taken up for Railway purposes, and forward direct to Government fortnightly reports of the progress he has made.

(Vide Financial Proceedings, 20th December 1861, Nos. 76—80.)

No. 259. ORDER THEREON 24th December 1861, No. 2,370.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for information.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department.

Passing remarks on the net amount of the Supplemental Budget in the Department of Public Works on account of the Department, and for the Irrigation and Canal Company, viz., Rs. 4,40,410, and sanctioning for entry in the Supplemental Budget only Rupees 3,15,000 out of it, excluding on the grounds shown, certain items covering the remaining portion of the amount. (Dated 10th December 1861, No. 2,273.)

From Lieutenant Colonel C. C. JOHNSTON, Consulting Engineer for Railways; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St George, dated 11th December 1861, No. 288.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government, No. 824 of the 10th instant, requesting me to state what sum I consider would be an approximate expenditure, on account of compensation for land, &c., taken up for Railway purposes, for the whole of the current year in all the districts traversed by the Railways, and to observe that when my letter, No. 274 of the 19th ultimo was written, I was not aware that the Collectors had furnished the Accountant General with approximate estimates of the sums required by them, nor, as stated in that letter, did I observe in the Budget any entry for the purpose. The Budget to which I referred is the "Budget of Public Works in the Madras Presidency for the official year 1861-62," a copy of which was furnished to this Office on the 12th March last.

2. On again looking through the Budget in question, I cannot find the amount (Rupees 85,600) for which Government observe that provision has been made. It is probable, however, that the amount may be included in some other item, which does not specially refer to Railways.

3. In paragraphs 6 to 8 of my letter of the 19th ultimo, I have shown why my estimate of Rupees 50,000 had proved insufficient, how much has been sanctioned by Government, and what would be the further additional sum that would be required for the current year.

* Rs. 40,000.

4. As to whether that sum will be sufficient or not, depends entirely on the claims for compensation in the Kavetnuggur and Kangundi Zemindaries (which, as noticed by the Collector of North Arcot, "are so heavy and intricate") being early adjusted. The Collector hopes that they will be so. On this point I can offer no definite opinion, but judging from the difficulty hitherto experienced in coming to any arrangement with the Zemindar of Kavetnuggur, it is very doubtful whether any adjustment of the "heavy and intricate" cases is likely to be effected within the remaining 4½ months of the current year.

5. From the Statement furnished by the Accountant General on the 30th ultimo, it will be seen that from the amount (Rupees 85,600) of the "original Budget," no more than Rupees 2,739-14-11 were disbursed in five Collectorates, and that in North Arcot, where provision to the extent of 2 lacs of Rupees has been made, the "payments made from May to October 1861," did not amount to more than Rupees 352-8-10.

6. Taking the sum already paid in round numbers at Rupees 2,800, and adding the sum* awarded as compensation, &c., for the Vedulucheru Tank, the aggregate would be Rupees 56,300. The Collector's estimates for 1861-62, amount to Rupees 85,600, deducting therefrom the sum of Rupees 56,300, there will be available for the payment of any further claims, the sum of Rupees 29,300.

* Rupees 53,500.

7. In addition to this sum there will be also available the value of the Materials used from the Vedulucheru Tank bund by the Madras Railway Company. I have called upon the Acting Agent for a Memorandum of the description and quantity of Materials taken, and on its receipt, I shall be able to estimate what will be the amount that may be expected from the Railway Company.

8. I consider, for the reasons stated in paragraphs 4 to 6 of this letter, that the amount* entered in the "original Budget," which is 4,400 Rupees less than the sums (Rupees 50,000 and 40,000) named by me, will be sufficient to meet the disbursements that are likely to be made during the current financial year.

*Rupees 85,600.

No. 42.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

1. In reply to the Official Memorandum from the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 9th instant, No. 486, (received yesterday), the Collector of North Arcot has the honor to state that his Deputy M. Narasimha Pantulu, was in the early part of the official year 1861-62, entrusted with the valuation of the lands taken up for the North West Railway, the necessary statistics having been previously furnished by the Zamindar of Kárvétinagar within whose Estate these appropriations took place.

2. Under the impression that the greater part of these compensation claims, including that of the Vedullacheruvu tank amounting itself to some Rupees 54,000, might be adjusted under the local arrangement just adverted to within the current year, the Collector estimated the probable amount to be disbursed on this account at Rupees 2,00,000 in his Supplemental Budget.

3. The sum of Rupees 50,000 mentioned by the Chief Secretary as being already provided in the sanctioned Budget does not appear in the extract furnished by the Accountant General to this Office, either under the column of "as per estimate of the Collector" or "as sanctioned by the Government of India." Mr. Leman's sudden illness, and Mr. Barlow's temporary absence have however disturbed these calculations considerably; and looking to the progress made thus far, the Collector now thinks that a sum of Rupees 1,40,000 will cover any expenditure likely to be incurred on this account within the present official year.

4. The Collector begs to state in conclusion that his estimate is based on accounts particular furnished by the Zamindar.

North Arcot, Collector's Office, Chittoor,
12th December 1861.

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,
Collector.

To T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

Order thereon, 20th December 1861, No. 639.

Ordered that the Supplemental Budget for the Department of Public Works, be altered according to the Orders passed in that Department on the several items of which it is composed.

2. For the reasons stated in the Consulting Engineer's letter of the 11th instant, the Government think it very probable that the sum of Rupees 85,600 entered in the original Budget and sanctioned by the Government of India, will be sufficient to meet the expenditure that is likely to be incurred during the current official year on account of "compensation for lands, &c., taken up for Railway purposes," but as it is very desirable that the claims in the North Arcot District which have been so long pending should be settled with all possible despatch, and the Collector will receive stringent orders to that effect, a further sum of Rupees 50,000 will be inserted in the Supplemental Budget, making with that in the original Budget Rupees 1,35,600 which will doubtless be ample.

3. With reference to the remark of the Consulting Engineer in the two first paragraphs of his letter, it is observed that the Budget alluded to in the Order of Government 10th instant, No. 824, was not the Public Works Budget, but the General Financial Budget for the Madras Presidency.

4. The Government do not consider the reasons assigned by the Collector of North Arcot, for the very great delay which has occurred in the settlement of these claims in his District to be satisfactory. When he found that he could not receive the assistance alluded to in the Order of Government of the 2nd June 1860, he should again have addressed them, and should have done the best in his power with the means at his command. In the Order of 7th December 1860, the Government were most peremptory in their instructions that the inquiry should at once be pro-

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ed with. This ... year ago and it does not appear what has been done since. The Government will not tolerate more delay which is a great injustice to individuals, and occasions much inconvenience to the public service. They desire that Mr. Robinson will address himself to the investigation with such means as are available to him, and will forward direct to Government fortnightly reports of the progress which he has made. He is warned that further dilatoriness in this matter will be very severely visited.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

...e Accountant General.
Consulting Engineer for Railways,
(with Pro. No. 2,273, P. W. D.)
Collector of North Arcot.
Revenue Department.

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