

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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7th July 1863.*

No. 129. Read the following letter from J. L. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Acting Accountant General, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort Saint George, 27th March 1863, No. 418:—

SIR,

With reference to the Order of Government No. 458, dated 4th instant, Revenue Department, requesting me to state whether, under the circumstances mentioned, I cannot arrange for the proceeds of tolls being treated as special funds, consistently with the rules of this Office, I regret to express my inability to suggest any course calculated to meet the views of Government, without, at the same time, infringing the rules of the Office, especially after the receipt of the accompanying Circular, No. 188a, dated 31st January 1863, from the Financial Department of the Government of India, in paragraph 2 of which, it is directed that "all receipts and disbursements appertaining to the *Fisc*, must be shown *without deduction* on their respective sides of the annual estimates and accounts."

FORT WILLIAM, FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, the 31st January 1863, No. 188a.

C I R C U L A R.

1. PROPOSITIONS having recently been submitted to Government in this Department, for charging certain items of expenditure under Debt, in order to exhibit against them the receipts from which they are met, His Excellency the Governor General in Council desires it to be understood that two of the most important objects of the Budget system are—

1st. To exhibit once in every year a complete Statement of the public income and expenditure, and—

2nd. To subject the whole of that income and expenditure to a thorough revision once in every year,

and that neither of these objects can be attained by crediting receipts by deduction, and charging expenditure against special receipts. Further, this practice involves a degree of concealment which is quite incompatible with financial lucidity and control.

2. Funds which have been appropriated to be managed at the discretion of local authorities for local purposes, in other words, what are technically called "Local Funds," do not of course come under this rule, but the entire *public* income and expenditure, that is all receipts and disbursements appertaining to the *Fisc*, must be shown *without deduction* on their respective sides of the annual estimates and accounts.

3. The estimates for 1863-64 should, as far as possible, be brought into conformity with this principle, and in this view, the Officers of the Audit Department will, as early as convenient, submit a Return of any estimated gross receipts and charges hitherto kept under "Debt," of which the net result only may have been shown in the Budget Estimate for 1863-64; the necessary additions to the Budget can then be made in this Office.

(Signed) E. DRUMMOND,

Secretary to the Government of India.

A copy to the several Departments, Governments, and Administrations.

- „ to the Auditor General of India.
- „ to the Military Finance Department.
- „ to the several Deputy Auditors and Accountants General.
- „ to the several Civil Paymasters.

Principal Assistant Secretary to the Government of India:

*as to the outlay of the funds
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No. 130.

ORDER THEREON, 7th July 1863, No. 1,215.

1. The object of Government is to ensure tolls being *first* devoted to the maintenance of the roads on which they are levied, any surplus which may remain after their maintenance is fully provided for being alone available for other public works. This object can be attained by departmental orders as to the outlay of the proceeds without infringing the rule quoted by Mr. Lushington. In supersession, therefore, of the Order dated 13th January 1863, No. 74, the Government consent to the gross proceeds being entered in the accounts, Imperial or Local as the case may be; it being understood, however, that the surplus proceeds after the road on which they are levied has been fully provided for, are alone to be applicable to other purposes, and then only under the orders of Government.

2. In other respects the Order of the 13th January last will hold good.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

Revenue Department

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Under date the 7th July 1863.*

*Read the following letter
from the Acting Accountant
General.*

*Reports on the order of
Government, No. 558, dated 14th
March 1863, regarding the arrange-
ment for the payment of tolls
being levied on a special fund con-
sistently with the office rules.*

*(Here enter 27th March 1863
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J. D. J.

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Instructions

Instructions of the
proceedings of the
Board on the 14th
are published with
the records.