

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th August 1864.*

No. 399. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works
Department:—

Passing orders on the funds placed at the disposal of the }
Collector of Godavery for payment of compensation for } (Here enter 20th August 1864, No. 2,396.)
lands taken up for Channels, &c.

No. 400. ORDER THEREON, 26th August 1864, No. 1,559.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for
their information, with reference to the Proceedings, dated 21st
April 1864, No. 691.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings, Public Works Department, No. 2,396.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th August 1864.*

No. 424. Read the following letter from Colonel R. STRACHEY, R. E., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 23rd July 1864,
No. $\frac{531}{373}$ C:—

SIR,

1. I am directed by the Governor General in Council to communicate the following observations and orders with reference to the undernoted entries in the Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department for the month of April 1864.

2. Nos. 282-3. *Fall of the Lower Coleroon Anicut and Bridge.*

I am to request that a detailed account of the accident and the nature of the foundations of the work may be forwarded for the information of the Government of India, as it would doubtless be useful to the officers of this Department in upper India as illustrating the nature of the Madras anicuts and of the injuries they are liable to.

3. Nos. 286-8. *Advance for Iron Rails and Gates procured from England for the Government House partly recovered by sale proceeds of materials appertaining to certain old buildings in the Chepauk compound adjusted by a transfer from the Reserve.*

The proceedings of the Madras Government in this matter are in error. The disbursements all took place in 1860 and 1861, whatever is now necessary is only a book adjustment, and debit against the Budget grant for 1862-63, is an obvious mistake. No disbursement of cash now takes place. I am also to remark that the direct application of the proceeds of sales of Government property to cover expenditure is contrary to financial rule and should not be permitted hereafter. All receipts must be credited in full in the public accounts as income without exception, and all charges appear in full without set off.

4. Nos. 477A-B. *Funds placed at the disposal of the Collector of Godavery for payment of compensation for lands taken up for channels, &c.*

I am to remark that the transfer of public money from the Public Works Department to the Collector does not constitute a disbursement of the year, and that all balances of such advances remaining unexpended at the end of the financial year would lapse like all other balances.

5. 519 and 639. *Salaries of Lieutenant Law and Captain Magnay ordered to be charged to the works on which they are employed.*

This is directly contrary to repeated orders, as it removes all check over Establishment charges. See Public Works Department Circular No. 45, dated 26th May 1862. The charges must be made to appear against the head of Establishment.

6. Nos. 608 and 628. *Formation of a Tank and provision of Fence in the Town of Madras.*

These seem Municipal rather than Imperial works.

7. Nos. 610-11. *Purchase and removal of Fishermen's Huts on the South Beach, between the Dewan's house and Pycroft's road.*

The grounds on which the outlay of Rupees 46,000 on this account was sanctioned are very imperfectly stated in the Government order. The objects to be gained by so large an outlay should have been more fully explained, and I am to request that this may now be done.

8. In conclusion I am to state, with reference to the remark made in paragraph 2 of entry No. 682, that the Madras Government is mistaken in supposing that the Government of India is opposed to transfers being made from the Budget allotment for Repairs to New Works; what the Government of India does object to is a transfer from New Works to Repairs.

No. 425. ORDER THEREON, 20th August 1864, No. 2,396.

1. Paragraph 2 of this letter will be communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, with a request that he will submit, at his early convenience, a detailed account of the late accident to the lower Coleroon Anicut and Bridge, adding thereto a short report upon the work itself, and the nature of the foundations. A plan and sections of the work, showing the arches which suffered last year, would no doubt be useful to the Government of India.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th August 1864.*

2. With reference to paragraph 4, the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, will be desired to communicate with the Collector of the Godavery District, and to report the amount which was actually paid during the past official year from the sum of Rupees 1,00,000, allotted in the Orders marginally noted, on account of lands taken up for public purposes. The balance which remained unexpended on the 30th April last will, under the Orders of the Government of India above recorded, lapse like all other balances on that date.

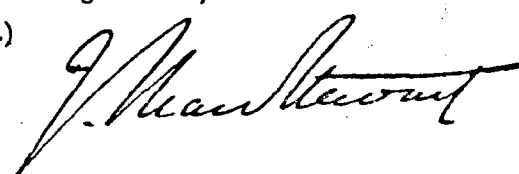
3. Paragraph 5 will be communicated to the Superintending Engineers, 1st and 7th Divisions, and to the Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts, for information and guidance. The latter Officer will arrange for the payments made to Lieutenant Law and Captain Magnay, from the Estimates for the works on which they are respectively employed, being adjusted in the manner indicated by the Government of India.

4. Paragraph 7 will be referred to the Public Department for disposal, with reference to the Orders in that Department No. 399, dated 6th April 1864.

5. The Government of India will be informed, with reference to paragraph 8, that the orders quoted therein contain no remark to the effect that that Government were "opposed to transfers being made from the Budget allotment for Repairs to New Works."

(Here enter No. 2,397, dated 20th August 1864.)

(True Extract.)



Major, R. E.,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

" do. 6th Division.

" do. 7th Division.

To all other Superintending Engineers.

To the Collector of the Godavery District.

" Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.

" Accountant General.

" Public Department.

" Revenue Department.

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Proceedings of the
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