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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1571 — Press ~~Mis.~~

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Dated 10 - 7 - 1865.

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No. 144. Read the following letter from Captain J. F. FISCHER, R. E., Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 27th June 1865, No. 517 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to G. O. No. 1,396, dated 23rd May last, and to the orders in the Revenue Department, communicated therewith, I have the honor to observe that the authority* quoted in my letter of the 5th May 1865, No. 74, is of a more recent date than the Financial Resolution of the Government of India, dated 30th June 1862, and that the course sanctioned in this Resolution is no where allowed in the orders now in force. I have reason to believe that the principles which then governed the financial system have now been greatly changed, for example : In February 1863 the Government sanctioned the construction of certain works for the benefit of the Principal Civil Engineering College, *the expenditure to be covered by the sale proceeds of two out-buildings*, and this sanction was given under the authority of the Financial Resolution of the 30th June 1862 then in force. In April 1864 it comes to the notice of the Secretary to Government of India, Public Works Department, that the expenditure in putting up iron rails and gates from England for the Government House was partly met *from the sale proceeds of material appertaining to certain old buildings* in the Chepauk compound, in objecting to which proceeding, Colonel Strachey remarks, " 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." Neither in these remarks, nor in the rules in the new code, do I find any exception made as to the proceeds of the sale of an old building being appropriated to the construction of a new one *of precisely the same character*. Further, there does not appear to have been any similarity between the character of the works sanctioned on the 14th February 1863 and the buildings from the sale proceeds of which that work was ordered to be executed, under the authority conveyed in the Financial Resolution of the 30th June 1862; and if this authority could have been made applicable to that case, it should also, in my opinion, have supported the proceeding of Government in the case of the iron gates and rails for the Government House, but I observe that the Government passed over the objections of the Government of India in this case unnoticed.

* Letter dated 23rd July 1864, from Colonel Strachey, and Financial Resolution, dated 19th July 1864.

2. With these observations I have to state that under the new system of accounts, the sale proceeds of the old Talook Cutcherry at Coimbatore should be credited in the accounts as Public Works revenue, that the funds for the construction of the new Cutcherry should be obtained from the drawing account to the credit of the Executive Engineer in the treasury as for all other works, and that the appropriation of funds for this work should be noted in the Appropriation Return in the same manner as for other works.

G. O. No. 385, dated 14th February 1863, Estimate Rupees 1,190.

Referred to the Revenue Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
29th June 1865.

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

No. 145.

Miscellaneous.

ORDER THEREON, 10th July 1865, No. 1,571.

The Controller Public Works Accounts will be requested, through the Department Public Works, to explain on what principles or under what rule he claims as Public Works revenue the sale proceeds of an old Native Palace converted into a Cherry at the assumption of the territory by the British Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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The Contractor to D.W. acct.
Like to requested that the D.S.W.'s
Explain & what principles
under what rule he claims
as Public Works the sale
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10th July/65

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Revenue Department.

Chas. A. Dana
Col. & A.C.
Sec'ty to Gov. P.R. &c

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From the Controller of P.R.
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The Commissioner of C.P.
Secretary
To The Secy to Gov. & C. P.R.
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With Order

Submits further explanations for the objections taken by this Office to the Proceedings of Sp. authorizing the distribution of a new Salary & Secretary & Commissioner from the Sale proceeds of the old Bonds of that kind.
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