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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th July 1865.

No. 163. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Passing orders on certain correspondence relative to the submission of Registers of lands transferred by the Revenue Department to the Irrigation Company, and payment of compensation for those lands. } (Here enter 6th July 1865, No. 1,895.)

No. 164. ORDER THEREON, 11th July 1865, No. 1,581.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE'

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

Read the following papers:—

No. 136. From Captain J. MULLINS, R. E., Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department of Public Works, dated Madras, 15th June 1865, No. 25.

SIR,

1. Paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of the Government of India, dated 1st May 1865, No. 39,* requires that all expenditure for land given by the State in connection with guaranteed enterprize shall be controlled by the Consulting Engineer to Government, and Chapter† XX., Section 4, paragraph 5 of the revised system of accounts of the Department of Public Works directs that as a rule the expenditure for the purchase of land shall be made on bills pre-audited by the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

1 Form.

* *Vide* G. O. in the Financial Railway Department, No. 332, dated 1st June 1865, and No. 1,600 of the 10th idem, in the Public Works Department.

† *Vide* Procs. Madras Govt. No. 1,474, dated 1st June 1865, in the Public Works Department.

2. Under the arrangements sanctioned in the Orders, as per margin,‡ lands required by the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company are surveyed by the Company and examined by the Deputy Collectors, after which the Land Plans and Schedules are sent to this Office, and when it has been ascertained that the land is of the extent and class required for the works which have been sanctioned by Government, one copy of the Land Plan and Schedule is countersigned and returned to the Collector of the District, with a request that the transfer of the land may be ordered.

‡ Procs. Madras Govt. dated 21st July 1860, Nos. 1,564 and 1,565, in the Public Works Department.

3. Hitherto quarterly Registers of the lands transferred have been furnished to this Office, and these have been checked against the sanctioned Schedules, but the expenditure incurred has not been in any way examined by me, but an account of it has been submitted, through the Revenue Board, to Government and sanctioned.

4. In order to carry out the recent orders of the Supreme Government the following changes appear to be necessary:—

First.—That monthly Registers of transfer in the same form as that used now be prepared, instead of quarterly Registers, and forwarded to this Office.

Second.—That an abstract or bill§ for the expenditure shown in such Registers be forwarded therewith to this Office, and, after examination, countersigned and transmitted to the Controller for audit, who will return it direct to the Deputy Collector.

§ Form enclosed.

5. It will be noticed that the Controller's audit is confined to seeing that Budget provision has been made for the expenditure proposed, while in this Office the examination extends to the ascertaining whether the land on account of which the expenditure is intended to be made is included in passed Schedules.

Referred for the report of the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
17*th June* 1865.

No. 137. Memorandum from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 19th June 1865, No. 470.

1. With reference to the suggestions of the Consulting Engineer* Irrigation and Canal Company for passing of claims on account of compensation for lands taken up, referred for the report of this Office, the undersigned has the honor to state that it is not clear what course is intended to be adopted for obtaining the sanction of Government to each claim. Bills can be passed by this Office only *upon* sanctions of Government, as will be seen by paragraph 5, Section 4, Chapter XX. of the New Rules, and the form of Register given therein, a like Register is kept in this Office under instructions in Circular No. 44 of 1864 of the Accountant General Public Works Department, communicated in letter to Government No. 1,061, dated 6th September 1864.

* Letter to Government, No. 25, dated 15th June 1865.

2. If the sanctions of Government to the taking up of land and compensation to be paid in each case are communicated to this Office at the same time with the monthly Register of Transfer, and the bills duly examined and countersigned by the Consulting Engineer are submitted for pre-audit, the latter can be *at once* passed for payment, or otherwise there will be delay in the disposal of the bills.

(Signed) J. F. FISCHER, Captain, R. E.,
Controller of Public Works Accounts.

No. 138. ORDER THEREON, 6th July 1865, No. 1,895.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 13.

1. Under the system now in force quarterly Registers of lands, transferred by the Revenue Department to the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company after the necessary preliminary arrangements, are furnished to the Consulting Engineer, and an account of the compensation disbursed is submitted to Government for sanction through the Board of Revenue.

2. As the Government of India have recently pointed out that the Consulting Engineer is the "controlling authority"* in matters affecting the expenditure of money on lands taken up for the purposes of a guaranteed Company, and as paragraph 5, Section 4, Chapter XX. of the new system of Accounts directs that such charges should be disbursed by the Civil Department on bills pre-audited by the Controller, Captain Mullins makes the following proposals.

* Paragraph 2 of Proceedings dated 1st May 1865, Circular No. 39.

3. That monthly instead of quarterly Registers in the present form should hereafter be prepared and forwarded to his Office by the Collector's Department, accompanied by an abstract or bill for the expenditure exhibited therein, and that this abstract, when examined and countersigned, should be transmitted by the Consulting Engineer to the Controller for audit, who should return it direct to the Deputy Collector.

4. The Controller, to whom these proposals have been referred for report, points out that Captain Mullins has omitted to mention the course which is to be adopted for obtaining the sanction of Government to each claim for compensation, and that the new rules preclude him from passing any bills without such sanction. To meet this, the Government are of opinion that, in future, the Registers to be submitted monthly to the Consulting Engineer should exhibit the lands which it may be proposed to make over to the Company, and the amount of compensation payable in consequence. These Registers, with the abstracts in the form proposed by Captain Mullins, should be forwarded by that Officer to Government with as little delay as possible. The bills when sanctioned will be transmitted to the Controller, who will despatch them direct to the Collector with a view to the transfer of the land being effected and the compensation adjusted. In cases of emergency land

may be made over to the Company in anticipation of sanction, but the circumstance should be immediately reported to Government through the Consulting Engineer. The Collector's Department will furnish the Board with copies of the Registers of lands required by the Company, but their submission to Government by that authority will be unnecessary.

5. The Board of Revenue will be requested to report whether there is any objection to these arrangements being sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company.
" Manager for do. do.
" Board of Revenue.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Revenue Department.

Rrd. S. T. Augustin.

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11th July/65