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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 17th July 1865.

No. 292. 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, dated Madras, 26th June 1865, No. 513:—

SIR,

1. In G. O. No. 1,145, dated 30th May 1865, by the Revenue Department, communicated to this office in Public Works Department Order No. 1,521, dated 5th June 1865, sanction is accorded for the expenditure, by the Public Works Department, of a sum of Rupees 11,609-1-10 during the current year for the formation of a Pearl Oyster Nursery at Tuticorin, in the Tinnevelly District.

2. The Government ordered that the expenditure on this work during the last official year, though incurred through the agency of the Public Works Department, should not appear in the Books of the Public Works Department, but be treated as a Civil charge. Although these instructions have been carried out, this office held a different view of the matter, and considered that the course ordered by Government was not in accordance with the Orders* from the Government of India in the Financial and Public Works Departments. This was referred for the consideration of the Accountant General, who in reply stated his opinion, that the expenditure must be treated exceptionally under the peculiar circumstances of the case. As there are rules† in the Code on the revised system of Public Works Accounts to be observed from the current official year, which make the subject very clear, I extract the same below in juxta-position with the orders of the Government of India above referred to.

Vide G. O. No. 2,129, dated 21st November 1864, Revenue Department.

Vide G. O. No. 3,484, dated 6th December 1864, Public Works Department.

* Financial Department Order No. 1,327, dated 19th July 1864.—*Vide* Madras Public Works G. O. No. 2,388, dated 20th August 1864.

Letter from Secretary to Government of India, Public Works Department, No. 585½ A-4,966, dated 3rd October 1864.—*Vide* Madras Revenue G. O. No. 2,193, dated 2nd December 1864.

Paragraph 13 of letter from do. do. do. No. 155A-2,628, dated 17th June 1864.—*Vide* Madras Public Works G. O. No. 3,498, dated 8th December 1864.

† Chapter 19, Section 2, paragraph 107.
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3. Having done so, I have now to request the orders of Government as to whether, in accordance with the new system of Accounts by which the Executive Engineer is to be in account only with the Controller, the expenditure by the Public Works Department on the work in question during the current year is to be accounted for to this Office, or whether the rule in the new code is to be set aside in this particular instance only, and the arrangement of last year to be continued, viz., the Executive Engineer *receiving separate funds for this work*, and accounting for the same to the Civil Department.

EXTRACTS.

From orders of Government of India.

"The Executive Engineer will obtain funds "solely by means of *cheques* against *one* "*Drawing Account.*"

"Such money should be brought to account "publicly in their Cash Accounts, and *ac-* "*counted for to the Public Works Con-* "*troller like all other money in their* "*charge*, so that there should be *one Cash* "*Account only for all their transac-* "*tions.*"

"The important point to be observed is that "the Executive Engineer is to have *only* "*one Drawing Account, that against his* "*letters of credit, and only one general* "*Account to be kept with the Controller* "*for all the expenditure incurred by* "*him.*"

From the Bengal Code.

"Further the Executive Engineer shall be "in account *only with the Public Works* "*Controller* in respect of *all* the public money "under his charge from *whatsoever source* "received, and whether Local or Imperial."

"The Officers of the Public Works Depart- "ment are *placed in funds solely by means* "*of the monthly credits* granted to Executive "Engineers at the Treasuries or Branch "Banks."

4. If these rules are to be observed, it will be necessary to order the transfer from the Civil to the Public Works Department Budget of the amount sanctioned in Government Orders quoted in paragraph 1 supra.

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. 293.

Miscellaneous.

ORDER THEREON, 17th July 1865, No. 1,646.

The Government see no objection to the proposed transfer from the Civil to the Public Works Budget.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 1646.
To Sec. to Govt. Revenue Dept.
The Sec. to Govt. Public Works Dept.
The Accountant General.
The Board of Revenue.
The Chief Engineer for Public Works Budgets.

W.D.

17th July 1865.

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Referred to the
Revenue Department.

Chas. L. Fox
Col. R. C.
Secty to Govt. P.M. Genl

Fort St. George
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From
The Contractor Clergy of Pr.
Accounts

To The Secy to Govt. of Mad.
For Info.n

Dated 26th
Rec.d 28 June 1865.

No. 513

Requests orders
on the subject of accounting
for the expenditure incurr
ed by the PWD in the
formation of a Pearl
Oyster Nursery at
Tuticorin in Tinnevelly
District.

With an Order
Referred.
No. 1640. 17th July

Exd. S. T. Augustin.