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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th July 1865.

No. 375.. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Calling upon the Controller of Public Works Accounts to furnish a revised estimate for the current year of such items only of Imperial Revenue as have hitherto been either assessed or estimated in the Public Works Budget or have been realized by Public Works Officers, with other explanations herein called for. } (Here enter 17th July 1865, No. 2,047.)

No. 376. ORDER THEREON, 20th July 1865, No. 1,687.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GORSE,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 2,047.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 441. 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, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 11th July 1865, No. 692:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of G. O. of the 8th instant, No. 1,919, communicating G. O. of the 3rd instant, No. 1,510, in the Revenue Department, and with reference to this latter document, I request you will be good enough to inform me in what manner the Government wish this Office to carry out their orders, contained in paragraph 2 of G. O. of the 10th May last, No. 1,277; after the orders which have been passed in this matter in the Revenue Department, I regret to say I see no way whatever to obey the orders contained in the last mentioned G. O.

2. On the receipt of this G. O. I addressed the Revenue Board on the subject as directed, my letter is printed with G. O. of the 14th ultimo, No. 1,645, and in this letter, paragraph 3, I pointed out to the Board the difficulties which it appeared to me existed to carry out literally the orders of the Government of India; in paragraph 4 of the same letter I suggested, as regards Executive Officers, that the records expected to be kept up by them could be furnished from the District Registers already existing; these are maintained in each District by the orders of this Government, and the instructions regarding them are contained in paragraphs 45 to 49 of Chapter V., Public Works new Code; and in paragraph 5 of my letter of the 16th May last, I noticed the duty now devolving in this Office, and suggested from my own experience a method by which this might be carried out.

3. I regret to say I fail entirely to observe that I have in any manner expressed a design to intrude on the functions of any other Department, or to create a change of any magnitude whatever: on the contrary, in my letter to the Board above referred to, paragraph 3, I said, "but I do not think the mixing up of the functions "of two separate Departments at all advisable, and it seems to me that as the "Government of India want only certain records to be kept in this Office and "returns furnished to them, it would be far better to arrange so as to provide these "than attempt *any change* either in the assessment or collection of the Nunjah "revenue." I respectfully submit there is nothing in this, involving a vast change in the Revenue system of this Presidency; however if the Government will be pleased to cancel their orders as contained in paragraph 2 of G. O. of the 10th May last, No. 1,277, I will advise the Accountant General, Public Works Department, of the orders contained in paragraph 6 of G. O. of the 3rd instant, No. 1,510, and send up to him the correspondence which has taken place in this matter for information.

No. 442. ORDER THEREON, 17th July 1865, No. 2,047.

ACCOUNT, No. 70.

1. In Proceedings of Government No. 1,277 of the 10th May 1865, the Controller was called upon to report on the Resolution of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, under date the 11th April 1865, No. 35, and he was directed, in paragraph 2, to apply to the Revenue Board and Accountant General for information regarding collections of water-rents from canals, &c., assessed and estimated annually by the Public Works

Department, and realized either in that Department or by the Revenue Officers. Having ascertained that such rents did not exist in this Presidency he ought to have so stated in submitting the required report, and the circumstances which render it impossible to include water-rents in the Return of Public Works revenue in Madras, would then have been explained to the Government of India in this Department. This explanation will now be given.

2. Captain Fischer will be called upon to furnish a revised estimate for the current year, in the form prescribed by the Government of India, of such items only of Imperial Revenue as have hitherto been either assessed or estimated in the Public Works Budget, or have been realized by the Officers of the Public Works Department. Any difference between the estimate now called for, and that furnished to the Government of India in the Budget for the current year, should be clearly explained.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched to the Government of India:—

(Here enter No. 2,048, dated 17th July 1865.)
(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.
Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Accountant General.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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