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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st September 1865

No. 15. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Passing orders on a letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, submitting, with explanatory observations, Statement shewing the increased establishment required to work out the new system of accounts in the several Departments of his Office. } (Here enter 23rd Aug. 1865, No. 2,452.)

No. 16. ORDER THEREON, 1st September 1865, No. 2,065.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

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No. 542. Read the following letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts:—

Submits Statement showing the increased Establishment required to work out the new system of accounts in the several Departments of the Office with explanatory observations. } (Here enter 14th Aug. 1865, No. 977.)

No. 543. ORDER THEREON, 23rd August 1865, No. 2,452.

ESTABLISHMENT No. 69.

1. In a letter dated 17th May 1864, No. 128, the then Controller laid before Government an application for such an increase to his establishment as, in his opinion, was required to bring into operation the new system of Public Works Accounts; and in Proceedings, dated 11th April last, No. 994, on a reference from the present Controller, the Government authorized him to carry out the arrangements suggested by Colonel Wilkieson with certain modifications which Captain Fischer considered necessary, but which did not involve any excess over the amount which had been recommended for the sanction of the Government of India, and included in the Budget. As Colonel Wilkieson possessed a thorough knowledge of the new system of accounts which was about to be introduced, full reliance may, the Government think, be placed on his estimate of the additions that are required to place the Controller's Office on an effective footing to meet any extra labor that may devolve upon it by the change, and this Government having so lately appealed to the Government of India for the increase to the Controller's Office, which an Officer so well qualified to form an opinion of its wants considered sufficient, His Excellency in Council is not disposed to entertain the propositions now submitted by Captain Fischer, which would involve an additional expenditure of Rupees 2,000 per mensem, or 77 per cent. on the present charge.

2. It is observed that this large increase would be caused both by an augmentation of the number of employés, and of the salaries to be apportioned to them. As regards the former, it appears that the number now employed in the Office is 34, and that an addition of 20 is stated to be needed, chiefly as Clerks in the correspondence branch; and with respect to the latter, that Captain Fischer has thought fit not only to adopt a scale of remuneration similar to that on which salaries are regulated in Calcutta, but in many instances to have considerably exceeded it, although it is well understood that in this respect a great difference prevails between the two Presidencies. It is further observed that Captain Fischer's scheme of establishment provides for twelve hands in excess of the number employed in the Controller's Office in Bengal, although the expenditure which is audited and adjusted in the latter, exceeds that of Madras by nearly 20 lacs of Rupees.

3. The Government are of opinion that, with intelligent regulation, and a proper distribution of duties, the Controller's present establishment, which numeri-

cally does not contrast disadvantageously with that employed in Bengal, as compared with the relative amounts of expenditure, should be quite capable of disposing of all the business necessarily devolving upon it.

4. Printed forms should be brought into use to the utmost possible extent, and all needless and harassing references avoided.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES, A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

/True Copy/

Charles A. Orr Colonel R.E.

Secretary to Government

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Revenue Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Revenue 1865. Department of Govt. Records.
No. 2387.
Proceedings of the Madras Govt. in the P.W. Department.

Dated 23d Augt.
Recd 29th Augt. 1865.
No. 2602.

Passing orders on a letter from the Controller of P. W. Accounts submitting, with explanatory observations, Statement showing the increased Establishment required to work out the new System of accounts in the several Departments of his office.

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