

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2556

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Dated 19th October 1865.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th October 1865.*

No. 373. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Account), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 21st September 1865, No. 843 A :—

1. I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 2,048, dated 17th July 1865, forwarding certain Proceedings of the Government of Madras, in connection with the rules regarding the adjustment of water rents and other receipts as Public Works Revenue. In reply I am to observe that, as at present, there are no separate assessments of water rents from irrigation works in the Madras Presidency, in the sense employed in Chapter XX., Section 5, accompanying Standing Order No. 21 of 1865, so much of the Section as refers to the revenue realized from such assessments was of course not intended to be made applicable to that Presidency. The construction which the Government of Madras have put on the case in respect to the non-exhibition of such items in the estimate of Public Works Revenue is, therefore, quite in accordance with the intention of the Government of India.

2. But with reference to the concluding paragraph of the Resolution of the Government of Madras, in the Revenue Department, No. 1,510, dated 3rd July 1865, accompanying your letter under acknowledgment, I am to explain that the intention of the Government of India was certainly that any tolls on canals maintained by Imperial Funds, and the maintenance of which is provided for in the Public Works Budget estimates, should be shown from 1st May 1865, as Public Works Revenue, whatever may have been the previous practice.

3. I am to request, therefore, that in accordance with this procedure, the amount of such tolls, if any, estimated to be received during 1865-66, in addition to the sum of Rupees 34,488 entered in the estimate* of Public Works Revenue for the current year on account of Cochrane's Canal, may be reported to the Government of India at an early date, in view to that estimate being corrected before it is supplied to the Financial Department.

4. As regards the mode of accounting for rents of public buildings, I am to intimate that the new rules had reference principally to the rents derived from Officers' quarters, or other Military buildings. Any other buildings under charge of the Public Works Department, and rented by its agency, should, however, be brought to account in the same way as Public Works Revenue. In fact the agency or management determines the incidence of the revenue. The mere circumstance that a building was constructed by the Public Works Department would not entitle that Department to be credited with the revenue derived; this would only be done provided the letting of the building and the custody of it was vested in that Department.

5. I am to request that this principle may be borne in mind in accounting for these receipts, and in the preparation of the annual estimate of Public Works Revenue required to be submitted to the Government of India.

* Submitted with your letter, No. 2,187, dated 1st August 1865.

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19th October 1865.*

Referred to the Revenue Department.

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

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
6th October 1865.

No. 374.

ORDER THEREON, 19th October 1865, No. 2,556.

Local Funds, No. 20.

Civil Works.

Communicated to the Revenue Board, who will
report whether any tolls from Canals maintained from
Imperial Funds are now credited to Local Funds.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Requesting attention on
certain points in con-
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regarding the adjustment
of water rents & other re-
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