

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2623

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Dated 26th October. 1865.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th October 1865.

No. 501. Read the following letter from the Controlier of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government in the Public Works Department, dated Madras, 28th September 1865, No. 1,406 :—

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of G. O. of the 23rd instant, No. 2,818, communicating, without any remark, G. O. of the 16th idem, No. 2,227, in the Revenue Department, from paragraph 3 of which I learn I am wrong as regards Tolls, under the Order of the Supreme Government, dated 23th January 1864, No. 516, Financial Department; with reference to this I beg to draw your attention to G. O. of the 10th May last, No. 1,277, forwarding the Resolutions of the Governor General of India in Council, together with sample forms for exhibiting the Public Works Imperial Revenue to be realized during the year 1865-66 in the Public Works Department; in these documents Tolls are included as such revenue, and I therefore submit I am not in error in this matter.

2. I regret to say I am unable to understand the concluding portion of paragraph 1 of the G. O. in the Revenue Department above referred to; but as regards the first part, I can only say, as the ownership of the building is doubtful any rent obtained from it should be held in deposit in the Government Treasury, provided the building is in their charge, otherwise the mere fact of collecting the rent without proper authority may lead to serious complications.

3. I must, in conclusion, point out the Resolution of the Supreme Government, referred to in this letter, and printed with G. O. of the 10th May last, No. 1,277, is absolute, and has been transmitted here for *information and guidance*; the concluding sentence of paragraph 2 of this Resolution declares "Definite rules on these points have been embodied in Section 5 of Chapter XX. of the revised system of accounts, lately published in Standing Order No. 21 of 1865, and the Governor General in Council desires that they may be carefully observed *throughout* the several *Local Governments* and Administrations, in dealing with this class of revenue." In obedience to these instructions I have dealt with this matter, and now I am told I am wrong by an order of a former date issued by the Supreme Government, and this is communicated to me without a word, for information or guidance in this Department; under these circumstances, I must beg of you to be good enough to let me know if I am to set aside the more recent orders of the Supreme Government, and abide by those quoted in paragraph 3 of G. O. of the 16th instant, No. 2,227: at present it is impossible to know what is to be done, for though the Supreme Government have directed that Section 5 of Chapter XX. of the new system of accounts is applicable *throughout* India, and this is communicated here in this Department for early report, but no sooner is this acted upon than by G. O. of this Government in the Revenue Department, the whole of these orders are ignored by reference to an order of the Supreme Government of an older date; I respectfully submit public business cannot be transacted in this manner without seriously impairing the efficiency of this Department.

Referred to the Revenue Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
3rd October 1865.

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

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No. 502. ORDER THEREON, 26th October 1865, No. 2,623.

Miscellaneous.

1. Captain Fischer must understand that the Government cannot permit an incidental provision for a possible item of receipt in an Account Manual to supersede specific orders of the Supreme Government as to the manner of dealing with certain revenue.

2. It is understood that a recent communication from the Supreme Government, in the Department Public Works, will set this matter of Public Works Revenue at rest.

3. Captain Fischer's remarks in paragraph 2, on the orders of Government, are out of place, uncalled for, and highly improper.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. T. O'Connor.

recent orders of the Supreme Government and abide by those quoted in parav. 3 of G.O. of the 16th instant No. 2227: at present it is impossible to know what is to be done, for the Supreme Government have directed that Section V of Chapter XX of the new system of accounts is applicable through-out India and this is communicated here in this Department for early report, but no sooner is this acted upon than by G.O. of this Government in the Revenue Department the whole of these orders are ignored by reference to an order of the Supreme Government of an older date. I respectfully submit public business cannot be transacted in this manner without seriously impairing the efficiency of this Department.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

W. H. Fischer Captain P.E.

Controller of P.W. Accounts

To
The Secretary to Govt. in the P.W.D.
Fort St. George.
W. H. Fischer

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