

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th November 1865.*

No. 491. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Works Department:—

Passing orders on Proceedings of the Government of India, forwarding to the Financial Department of that Government application from the Government of Madras relating to an additional grant for purchase of land for Railway purposes in Trichinopoly, and requesting this Government to instruct the Consulting Engineer to prepare a proper estimate, for land, for 1866-67.

(Here enter 22nd November 1865, No. 3,540.)

No. 492. ORDER THEREON, 25th November 1865, No. 2,911.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 3,540.

Exd: S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
22nd November 1865.*

No. 540. Read the following Proceedings of His Excellency the Governor General of India in Council, Public Works Department, (Account), dated Simla, 28th October 1865, No. 979A :—

Purchase of land for Railway purposes in the Trichinopoly District, Madras.

Read letter from the Under Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, No. 2,708, dated 14th September 1865, applying for an additional grant of Rupees 95,000 for the purchase of land for Railway purposes in the Trichinopoly District, during the current year.

1. RESOLUTION.—The Governor General in Council observes that this application appears to be occasioned by the requirements of the Trichinopoly station, for which land costing Rupees 48,000 is required.*

2. In the Budget estimate of 1865-66, only Rupees 30,000 were asked for and passed for the Trichinopoly District; it is now reported that owing to the rise in price, the total charge is likely to be Rupees 1,25,000, and therefore an additional grant of Rupees 95,000 is asked for.

3. It appears, however, from the papers sent up, that the Collector's original application to the Consulting Engineer was for Rupees 90,000 and not Rupees 30,000, the sum entered by the latter in the estimate submitted to the Government of India, and passed, and that the increase of the cost of the land which is reported to have taken place is really only Rupees 35,000, and not Rupees 65,000 as might at first sight be supposed. There appears to have been a want of clear understanding between the Collector and the Consulting Engineer, in preparing the estimate, as to what was required, and the subject was apparently not sufficiently considered by the latter.

4. The extra grant now applied for of Rupees 95,000 appears to be necessary, and will be recommended to the Financial Department, but the Governor General in Council considers that the attention of the Madras Government should again be directed to the necessity for greater precision in dealing with the estimates for land. The amounts to be dealt with are very large, but the proceedings in dealing with the disbursement thereof seem to be conducted in a very far from complete and satisfactory manner.

5. The estimates for 1865-66 are very meagre and incomplete, and not at all in accordance with the forms supplied, as regards the amount of detail required to be shown, and the Governor General in Council hopes that the needful instructions may be issued to the Consulting Engineer to prepare a proper estimate for 1866-67, and that the responsibility may be placed on him for its being accurate and reliable.

ORDER.—Ordered that the foregoing Resolution be forwarded, together with the original papers and office notes thereon (to be returned), to the Financial Department for consideration and for the issue of the necessary orders for placing the amount applied for, Rupees 95,000, at the disposal of the Madras Government, as an additional grant of the current year for the purpose specified.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
22nd November 1865.*

Also that a copy be forwarded to the Government of Madras for information and guidance.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Lieut.-Colonel, R. A.,
Secretary to the Government of India, P. W. D.

No. 541.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd November 1865, No. 3,540.

RAILWAY, No. 49.

1. Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, with reference to the Orders of Government under date the 14th September last, No. 2,707.

2. Colonel Anderson's particular attention will be drawn to the remarks in paragraphs 3 and 4, and he will be requested, with reference to paragraph 5, to submit a more detailed estimate of the land to be taken up in 1866-67, than that submitted with his letter of the 10th instant, No. 560. To save time, the latter will at once be forwarded to the Government of India, with an intimation that further details will be furnished in the regular Public Works Budget to be submitted hereafter.

3. A copy of these Proceedings will be furnished to the Consulting Engineer for the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, for information and guidance in preparing his Budget for the ensuing official year.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

„ Revenue Department.

„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

„ Accountant General.

Consulting Engineer for the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.

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