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25th June 1866.

No. 544. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Requesting to obtain, from the Board of Revenue, certain explanation with reference to the allotment under the heading "Communications" in the Local Fund Public Works Budget Estimate for 1866-67. (Here enter 21st June 1866, No. 1,943.)

No. 545. ORDER THEREON, 25th June 1866, No. 1,559.

Local Funds, No. 12.
Account.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue, who will furnish the explanation required in paragraph 5 of the Proceedings of the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 1,943.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 463. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Public Works Department, (Account), dated Simla, 14th May 1866, No. 455A :—

Madras Local Fund Public Works Budget-Estimate for 1866-67.

OBSERVATIONS.—The Governor General in Council observes with satisfaction that this estimate has been submitted before the commencement of the official year to which it relates, much more punctually than the estimate for the preceding year, which was only received at the end of July 1865.

2. The total grant assigned from Local Funds for expenditure on Public Works during the current year, amounts to Rupees 8,54,558, appropriated in the following manner as compared with 1865-66 :—

	1866-67.	1865-66.
	RS.	RS.
Original Works	4,31,633	4,74,564
Repairs	3,02,365	2,24,181
Reserve	63,258	49,365
Establishment	57,302	62,538
Total ...	8,54,558	8,10,648

Funds for these grants being derived from the following sources :—

	1866-67.	1865-66.
	RS.	RS.
District Road Funds...	7,23,652	5,89,929
Educational Funds	1,30,906	2,20,719
Total ...	8,54,558	8,10,648

3. The chief item in the proposed expenditure on Original Works from Educational Funds is the Presidency College, Madras. The estimate for this work amounts to Rupees 2,50,000, Rupees 69,000 has been expended, and the grant for 1866-67 is Rupees 30,000 ; at this rate of appropriation the building will take about four years more in building.

4. The grants from the District Road Funds are chiefly for a variety of small road projects.

5. In respect to the assignment for Repairs, the Governor General in Council observes that the Budget-Estimate submitted does not provide for any allotment under the heading "Communications," although Rupees 2,06,621 was set aside for this purpose in the estimate for 1865-66. The grant on this account for 1866-67 seems to have been included with that for Miscellaneous Public Improvement, for the assignment under this head amounts to Rupees 2,94,970, against Rupees 8,550 in 1865-66 ; explanation is desired as to whether this is the case, if so, the amount appertaining to the heading "Communications" should be stated.

6. The grant for Establishments, amounting to Rupees 57,302, consists of a contribution of Rupees 40,556 for assistance rendered by the Imperial Establishment for expenditure on Public Works from Local Funds, and Rupees 16,746 for work Establishment, and Establishment to be employed directly under Civil Officers in the collection of Tolls.

7. But the Establishments employed on this latter account are not proper *Public Works* charges, and should consequently have been omitted from the Local Fund *Public Works* Budget-Estimate. This should be done for the future.

8. In respect to the grant-in-aid from Local Funds for assistance rendered by the Imperial Public Works Establishment, the Governor General in Council observes that, according to Financial Department Resolution No. 2,938, dated 14th October 1864, the grant should be fixed at 10 per cent. of the expenditure incurred by that Establishment from Local Funds. During the year 1866-67, such expenditure is estimated to amount to Rupees 4,43,832, the grant for Establishment should, therefore, be Rupees 43,832 instead of Rupees 40,556 as provided for in the Budget-Estimate. No explanation has been furnished as to the cause of the difference, but from the marginal remark made in paragraph 10 of the letter* from the Madras Government, submitting the Imperial Public Works Budget-Estimate for the current year, it would appear to be due to the per-centage for Establishment on account of expenditure from Educational Funds having been calculated, not on Rupees 75,746, the total anticipated outlay from this source, but on Rupees 36,200 the *fresh* budget provision for the year, the balance, Rupees 39,146, being an amount brought forward from the Budget-Estimate for 1865-66, not likely to be expended during that year, and on which the Establishment contribution has already been calculated. The distinction thus made between the grants of two years, seems to involve needless trouble, and the Governor General in Council, therefore, requests that, instead of this, the estimated contribution for Establishment may be based on the total estimated expenditure of the year, and the actual charge on the actual expenditure. Double charges will thus be avoided.

* No. 406, dated 1st February 1866.

9. The total allotment for Public Works from Local Funds, which amounts to about 43 per cent. of the total anticipated outlay from this source during 1866-67, is thus classified:—

	Original Works.			Repairs.	Total.
	As entered in Budget-Estimate.	Share of Reserve.	Total.		
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Civil Buildings...	1,19,891	...	1,19,891	7,395	1,27,286
Communications	2,81,006	60,958	3,41,964	...	3,41,964
Miscellaneous Public Improvement	30,736	2,300	33,036	2,94,970	3,28,006
Total...	4,31,633	63,258	4,94,891	3,02,365	7,97,256
Establishment					57,302
Total					8,54,558

10. The figures shown above may, however, require alteration on receipt of the information called for in paragraph 5.

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11. The expenditure proposed to be incurred from Local Funds during 1866-67 by Officers of the Public Works Department, and by Civil Officers may be thus summarised:—

	Expenditure by the Public Works Department.			Expenditure by the Civil Department.			Total.
	District Road Funds.	Educational Funds.	Total.	District Road Funds.	Educational Funds.	Total.	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Original Works	2,04,866	72,221	2,77,087	1,06,876	47,670	1,54,546	4,31,633
Repairs...	1,63,220	3,525	1,66,745	1,31,750	3,870	1,35,620	3,02,365
Reserve...	...	...	...	63,253	...	63,258	63,258
Total...	3,68,086	75,746	4,43,832	3,01,884	51,540	3,53,424	7,97,256
Add for meeting a portion of the cost of Imperial Public Works Establishment expending Local Fund grants	36,936	3,620	40,556	...	...	...	40,556
Add for Establishment under Civil Officer ...	...	...	...	16,746	...	16,746	16,746
Total ...	4,05,022	79,366	4,84,388	3,18,630	51,540	3,70,170	8,54,558

12. In conclusion it is observed that, in the Madras Imperial Public Works Budget-Estimate for 1866-67, provision has only been made for the expenditure to be incurred from Local Educational Funds by Officers of the Public Works Department, that from District Road Funds, which was stated to amount to Rupees 3,69,360 having been omitted, owing to delay in preparing the estimate of the latter. It is hoped next year that it will be found possible to prevent a similar omission, in which case the expenditure to be incurred by the Public Works Department need not be detailed in the Local Fund Budget-Estimate, but only entered in the lump in the manner prescribed in Article XL. of Standing Order No. 62 of 1864.

ORDER.—Ordered, that the foregoing Observations be forwarded to the Government of Madras, for information, and for the purposes indicated in paragraphs 5 and 8.

Ordered also, that a copy be forwarded to the Financial Department for information.

(Signed) G. W. KELLNER,
For Secretary to the Government of India.

ORDER THEREON, 21st June 1866, No. 1,943.

No. 464.

LOCAL FUNDS, No. 41.
Account.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Officers and Departments concerned.

2. The Board of Revenue will be requested, through the Revenue Department, to supply the information which is required by the Government of India in paragraph 5.

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21st June 1866.

3. In the preparation of future Budgets, the Director of Public Instruction will be guided by the orders contained in paragraph 8.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To all Superintending Engineers.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Educational Department.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Accountant General.
,, Director of Public Instructions.
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Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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