

# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

*Revenue* DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 364

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
10th February 1866.*

No. 194. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the  
Public Works Department :—

Passing orders on certain correspondence having  
reference to the transfer of funds for local  
works not provided for in the Budget, of Local  
Funds. } (Here enter 30th January 1866, No. 362.)

No. 195. ORDER THEREON, 10th February 1866, No. 364.

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| Local Funds, No. 10. |
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Communicated to the Board of Revenue, who will sub-  
mit, as soon as practicable, the statement called for in para-  
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(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 362.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
30th January 1866.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 760. From the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 9th December 1865, No. 2,397.

G. O., 25th October 1865, No. 3,199.

Do. 14th Nov. " " 3,406.

\* Dated 18th and 30th November 1865, Nos. 1,410, and 58.

1. With reference to the Orders of Government noted in the margin, I have the honor to forward, for the issue of such orders as may be necessary, two letters from the Superintending Engineers\* 6th

and 7th Divisions, respecting the transfer of funds for local works *not provided for in the Budgets of Local Funds.*

2. The Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, states that several small works are being undertaken by the Public Works Department on the application of the Collector, who reports the funds available for them, but for which no regular transfers through the Accountant General have been made, and points out that if the execution of these works be deferred pending sanction to such transfers being accorded either by Government or through the Board of Revenue, delay is likely to occur, besides frequent references to this Office and to Government. The recommendation of the Superintending Engineer, in paragraph 6 of his letter, that Monthly or Quarterly Statements of the sums thus placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department should be submitted, has my approval, but these Statements should give full particulars of the works to be undertaken, viz., the amount of estimates and dates of sanction, the source from which funds for the their execution is to be obtained, whether from District Road, or Jungle Conservancy Funds, &c., under the control of the Revenue Board or from Port Funds under the management of the Superintendent of Marine, and it should further be clearly shown whether any provision is made for such works in the sanctioned Budgets of those funds, or whether they are to be executed from surplus or additional balances now forthcoming.

3. In the cases of funds under the control of the Board of Revenue, the Quarterly Statement may be forwarded through that Board to the Accountant General for sanction of the necessary transfer, and for funds under the management of the Superintendent of Marine, and the Director of Public Instruction, similar Statements may be sent through those Officers, who will refer to Government if necessary on any project requiring special orders.

4. It will not be necessary to include in the Quarterly Statement in question the amount of such sanctions as may have been *already given by Government* on applications from the Board of Revenue or other authority, and upon which the Accountant General has or will hereafter authorize funds to be transferred to the credit of the Public Works Department, but in some cases the sanctions issued from the Public, Revenue, or Marine Departments of the Government Secretariat are not

Flag staff at Tranquebar to be executed out of Port Funds.

furnished to this Office, as in the case of the work alluded to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Captain Oakes' letter, and in

such cases this office will be unable to act; for, the Local Officers may be under the

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impression that these sanctions have been communicated to this Office, and may omit to take steps for obtaining a transfer of funds on their account.

5. The Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, alludes in paragraph 2 of his letter to a work undertaken in the Palghat Range from the Cochin Port Fund under G. O. 20th November 1864, No. 3,413, for which renewed sanction in the current year with a transfer of funds should be given.

6. The Statements recommended to be sent quarterly may be submitted one on the 31st December 1865, and the other on the 31st March 1866, so that sanction for the necessary transfers may be obtained before the expiration of the official year, but in respect of works which may be made over between the 31st March and 30th April 1866 and not included in the Statements, the Accountant General should be authorized to allow the transfer credits to be made soon after the expiration of the official year on the receipt of intimation of all such further transfers.

From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 9th Division, to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Tanjore, 18th November 1865, No. 1,410.

1. An estimate of Rupees 340 having been sanctioned by the Superintendent of Marine for putting up a Flagstaff at Tranquebar from Port Funds, I addressed the Secretary to Government in the Public Works Department, and requested that the amount might be transferred to the credit of the Department Public Works, under paragraph 3 of your Circular No. XXIII, dated the 25th August 1865.

No. 3, 11th September

2. In the Order passed thereon I am furnished with a copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Marine, stating that the Collector had

already been requested to place the amount of the estimate at my disposal; I have the honor to request that you will inform me whether this is sufficient, and whether such sums may be brought forward in the monthly estimate of funds and added to the allotment for the 6th Division. If not, I beg that steps may be taken, through Government, for having such sums transferred to the credit of the Department Public Works by the Accountant General, or at the close of the year there will be a difference between the sums stated by me to have been placed at my disposal and of those transferred by the Accountant General, of which intimation has been given to you, and this may lead to the withholding of an amount in the credit letter for April, when it can least be spared and when it may be too late to rectify matters, and the sum will be entirely lost to the District.

\* Sanctioned in G. O. No. 2,276, 31st August 1865.

3. The amount of the estimate\* for constructing a Jetty at Nagore was placed at my disposal by the Collector, but under the Order adverted to

above I informed him that I could not receive the amount, but that it should be transferred to the credit of the Department Public Works by the Accountant General on either the authority of the Government or the Revenue Board. This has not yet been done.

4. Works are being carried out from Local and Jungle Conservancy Funds by this Department, but the amount of the works under sanction has never been transferred to the credit of the Department Public Works, and is not therefore brought forward in the monthly estimate of funds required.

5. The Collector of Trichinopoly a few weeks ago asked me to have some furniture made up for him, and I was obliged to decline doing so unless the amount of the estimate were transferred

Rupees 20

to the credit of the Department. The putting up of a finger-post has been carried out from Local Funds by this Department, but the amount

was not included in the sum of Rupees 2,500 transferred by the Accountant General as per int. which accompanied your Circular No. XXIII, of the 25th August, and a special transfer is therefore required.

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6. I might mention other cases in which works are being or have been carried out without the amounts of the estimates having been transferred to the credit of the Department Public Works, or any intimation of their progress being made to you further than that they appear in the Progress Report.

7. Under these circumstances, I would suggest that when any small works are to be carried out by this Department from other than Imperial Funds, their amount should be added to the allotment for Public Works in the monthly estimate of funds, with a marginal remark stating from what source the amount is to be provided, and that such small sums should at the end of each month or quarter receive the sanction of Government for transfer to the credit of the Department Public Works by the Accountant General, with a view to his passing credit letters to the full amount available for expenditure in the Divisions from all sources, whether from Imperial, Local, Port or Miscellaneous Funds.

8. Unless some such arrangement is made, every petty work this Department is asked to undertake from Miscellaneous Funds must, even if the estimate, as in the Nagore Jetty case, has received the sanction of Government, be postponed till the amount is formally placed at the disposal of this Department; this will often delay the execution of works, and Government will constantly be harassed by applications for formal sanction for the expenditure of the most trifling sums or rather for permission to add such sums to the amount allotted to the Division.

9. The orders on this subject do not appear to be understood or at all events to be acted upon, or there must be great difficulty in procuring sanction for such additions as I have mentioned to the allotments for the Divisions, for not a single sum has been transferred to the credit of the Department Public Works this year, though on every occasion on which I have been asked to undertake works from Miscellaneous Funds, I have requested that the amount may be transferred to the credit of the Department Public Works.

From the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Channaray, 20th November 1865, No. 58.

Your letter No. 2,173 of 23rd November.

1. The work in question will be carried out by this Department, and the Superintendent of Marine should be moved to instruct the Accountant General to make this, and other similar transfers at once, without being called on specially on each occasion.

\* Reclamation of the foreland at Tranquebar sanctioned in G. O. 23rd September 1865, No. 2,620.

2. I observe from the Palghat Range Officer's Progress Report for October that he has therein for the first time entered an outlay of Rupees 1,421-1-11 on a work sanctioned in G. O. No. 3,413 of 20th November 1864. But I am not aware that the Accountant General has placed the funds required (Rupees 1,800) at the disposal of this Department from the Cochin Port Funds.

3. I take this opportunity of bringing to your notice an entry in the same Progress Report of expenditure to the extent of Rupees 1,454-15-4 on an estimate of Rupees 5,950, sanctioned in G. O. No. 2,360 of 24th November 1864, for which no funds have ever been provided. I am at a loss to understand Mr. Supervisor Smith's procedure, but write at once to call him to account.

Referred to the Accountant General with a request that he will report whether there are any objections to the arrangements recommended by the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Fort Saint George,

11th December 1865.

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

Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

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30th January 1866.*

No. 761. From the Accountant General to the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort Saint George, 9th January 1866, No. 223.

1. With reference to your endorsement No. 742, dated the 11th ultimo, referring to this office for report a letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts under date the 9th idem, No. 2,397, I have the honor to state that under the present system this Department looks to Government alone for orders directing the transfer of funds from Local Funds to the credit of the Public Works Department.

2. If it be required, when estimates are submitted to Government for sanction either by the Board of Revenue, the Director of Public Instruction or Superintendent of Marine, for work to be executed from the funds under their control, that Government shall be distinctly informed of the Department through whose agency the works are intended to be executed, and if on passing orders upon the estimates, the Government expressly sanction the execution of the work by such agency, there will be no room for the inconveniences pointed out by the Superintending Engineers of the 6th and 7th Divisions.

3. Collectors, moreover, should be required when making over to the Public Works Department works which they are authorized to sanction and which have not been previously included in the Budget, to report the same to the Board of Revenue in view to the sanction of Government being obtained for the transfer of the necessary funds to the Public Works Department. Every such transfer would thus be made with the sanction of Government, and communicated both to this Office and to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, and the Quarterly or Monthly Statements which it is proposed by the Controller to send to this Office would not then be necessary, as I would further point that under that arrangement, suggested by the Controller, the funds placed by the Collector at the disposal of the Public Works Department might very possibly not come under the cognizance of the Board, the controlling authority for certain Local Funds, until it was too late to interfere, and they would not come under the view of Government at all, and for which cause I am not prepared to recommend the adoption of the Statements proposed.

4. No delay such as that referred to by the Controller in the 2nd paragraph of his letter is likely to occur, as funds are drawn under the present system without reference to the source from which they are paid upon the same credit order for both the Imperial and Local Fund Works. All that will be necessary on a work being made over to the Public Works Department for execution before placing at their disposal the amount of its sanction, will be to include the sum in the Controller's next monthly application for credit orders, leaving the adjustment between the Imperial and Local Work Accounts to take place in due course. If the money be required earlier a supplemental application may be submitted at once.

5. I beg in conclusion to refer you to the Order of the Government of India No. 2,580, dated the 16th September last which requires expenditure incurred by Public Works Department on account of Local Funds to be adjusted "only at the end of the year."

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No. 762. ORDER THEREON, 30th January 1866, No. 362.

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| LOCAL FUNDS, No. 64. |
| Account.             |

1. The foregoing papers have reference to the transfer of funds to the credit of the Public Works Department on account of works, which though not specially entered in the Local Funds

Budget for execution by that Department are nevertheless to be carried out through the agency of its Executive Officers.

2. These works may be divided into two classes as follows:—

1st.—Those which require the sanction of Government.

2nd.—Those which are within the competence of the Local Officers\* to sanction.

\* Collectors, in the case of District Road and other Local Funds.  
Director of Public Instruction, in the case of Educational Buildings.  
Superintendent of Marine, in the case of Port Funds.

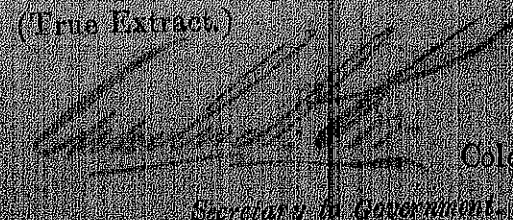
3. In the case of works which require the sanction of Government, the Officers by whom the estimates are sub-

mitted will in future specify the agency by which the works are proposed to be carried out, and the orders which will be passed thereon in the Revenue, Educational, or Marine Departments, will convey sanction to the requisite transfers of funds.

4. As regards works which are within the competence of the Collectors, the Director of Public Instruction or the Superintendent of Marine to sanction, the Government request that clear statements of such works may be submitted to them from time to time in order to sanction being accorded to the transfer of the necessary funds to the credit of the Public Works Department. The Collector's statement should be submitted through the Board of Revenue.

5. With a view to adjust the expenditure that may have been already incurred by the Public Works Department, on account of Local Fund New Works or Repairs for which no funds have yet been placed at its disposal, the Board of Revenue, the Director of Public Instruction, and the Superintendent of Marine will be requested to submit to Government a statement of all such works, and to report the sums which are required for the current year, and the source from which the money can be provided. On sanction being accorded to the proposals which may be submitted in these statements the irregularities which are adverted to in paragraph 2 of the Controller's letter will be rectified.

(True Extract.)



Colonel R. E.

Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts, with two Enclosures.

Accountant General  
Educational Department  
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Superintending Engineers

Ed. S. T. Augustus

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