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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department.
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No. 710. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department:—

Communicating to Revenue Department Proceedings of the Government of India, Financial Department, on the Budget estimates of the several local Governments for 1868-69 and 1867-68. } (Here enter 21st April 1868, No. 201.)

No. 711. ORDER THEREON, 30th April 1868, No. 1,180.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Financial Department, No. 201.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,

21st April 1868.

No. 32. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort William, 31st March 1868, Circular No. 1798.

Accounts.

The Budget Estimates for 1868-69 and 1867-68, submitted by the several local Governments and Accountants General, and the actuals for 1866-67, show a tendency to a rapid increase in the Civil Estimates of charges for petty construction and repairs. The serious attention of the several Provincial Officers of account is drawn to this circumstance, which may arise from a lax audit in their offices. No charge for petty construction, or repairs, that appertains to a building which comes within the category of Public Works, as defined in the Public Works Code, Chapter X., Section I, Arts. 13 and 14, should be admitted in the Civil Department, however small may be its amount, and although it may have received competent sanction. The expenditure should be adjusted in the Public Works Department, from the Public Works allotment, even when it is incurred by Civil Officers. The instructions on this point in the Public Works Code, Chapter VII., Section II, Arts. 1, 2, and 7 to 20, are so explicit that there can be no misunderstanding between the local Accountants General and the Controllers of Public Works Accounts respecting the adjustment in the Public Works Department of such charges for petty construction and repairs as ought not to be paid in the Civil Department. Such payments in the Civil Department, if allowed to go unchecked, would add large sums, indirectly, to the Public Works allotment, which is annually regulated according to the means of the Empire, and the Governor General in Council trusts that by a strict enforcement of the Audit Rules the Provincial Accountants General will be able to show a large diminution of the expense for petty construction and repairs in the actuals of the approaching year, and in the Budget Estimate of the following year.

(Signed) E. H. LUSHINGTON,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Public Works Department.
,, all local Governments and Administrations.
,, Comptroller General of Accounts.
,, Provincial Officers of Account.

(Signed) J. E. COOKE,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 32.

Order of Reference, 21st April 1868, No. 201.
Communicated to the Revenue Department.
(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.

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