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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th May 1868.

No. 116. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Passing orders regarding the audit of the expenditure on famine relief works, during 1866-67, by officers of the Revenue Department. } (Here enter 1st May 1868, No. 1,350.)

No. 117. ORDER THEREON, 5th May 1868, No. 1,239.

Miscellaneous. Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 1,350.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 1st May 1868.

No. 9. Read the following letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 17th April 1868, No. 155 :—

1. I have the honor to lay before you a precis of correspondence regarding the outlay on famine works in 1866-67 by officers of the Revenue Department, for the consideration and disposal of Government.

2. The Accountant General, Madras, informed me that, under instructions from the Comptroller General of Accounts, dated 21st September 1867, No. 628, a sum of Rupees 5,56,431-15-1, *advanced* by Collectors on public works for the relief of the poor in 1866-67, had been adjusted in the accounts of his office for March 1867 to the debit of the Public Works Department, and that he wished to know whether I was prepared to audit the expenditure on that account.

In his letter to me, No. 3,778, dated 11th October 1867.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Ganjam	15,000	0	0
North Arcot	1,00,000	0	0
South Arcot	15,883	8	11
Trichinopoly	875	0	0
Madura	12,508	2	0
Coimbatore	18,124	1	1
Bellary	3,59,543	6	0
Kurnool	22,000	0	0
Malabar	4,000	0	0
Salem	8,497	13	1
	5,56,431	15	1

3. A copy of the letter above referred to was sent by me to the Accountant General, Public Works Department, pointing out that, as the rules for audit in the Public Works Department are stringent as to estimates, sanctions, and vouchers, they could not be followed in the audit suggested by the Accountant General, Madras, and that any audit at all would be but superficial; and asking for information as to how the expenditure was to be adjusted in the books of this office.

My letter to the Accountant General, Public Works Department, No. 2,735, dated 14th October 1867, and reminder No. 4,698, dated 18th March 1868.

4. In reply, the Accountant General, Public Works Department, states that the expenditure incurred by Civil Officers on famine relief works should be debited to the Public Works Budget grant, just as expenditure incurred on ordinary Imperial Public Works; that in case the audit cannot be effected in strict accordance with the rules of the department for want of properly sanctioned estimates and detailed vouchers, the matter should be reported to the Government in the statement of objectionable items, as in the case of objectionable expenditure incurred by officers of the Public Works Department, and that the outlay under discussion should be adjusted in the accounts of 1867-68, under the prescribed Budget heads of service, and debited to the Public Works Imperial Budget grant assigned to [illegible] for that year.

Accountant General's No. 308, dated 4th April 1868.

The accounts for 1866-67 were closed and despatched in July 1867.

I have therefore to request the orders of Government as to whether I [illegible] audit of the bills of expenditure on the famine relief [illegible] 1866-67, submitting, for the disposal of Government, [illegible] which the audit cannot be effected in accordance with the rules of the department in the usual objectionable item statement. But I would recom-

mend that I be permitted some latitude in the audit, and that only very glaring cases of irregularity should be sent up to Government.

6. I presume the Government will not object to the debit of the sum of Rupees 5,56,431-15-1 to the Public Works Department grant of 1867-68, under the ruling of the Government of India in the Financial Department, No. 1,546A, dated 23rd July 1867, published with G. O., No. 2,062, dated 30th August 1867. This proceeding will result in causing an excess over the grant of the year.

7. On the receipt of a reply from you, I shall call in the bills from the Accountant General, if it be decided that they are to be audited by me, and I shall then be able to report the heads of service under which the sum of Rupees 5,56,431-15-1 should be debited.

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, 1st May 1868, No. 1,350.

ACCOUNT, No. 1.

1. The Controller of Public Works Accounts will undertake the audit of the expenditure on famine relief works during 1866-67 by Officers of the Revenue Department, and report in due course the heads of service to which the outlay should be debited.

2. The suggestion in paragraph 5 is approved.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Accountant General.
" Revenue Department.

Erd. S. T. Augustin.

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