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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st July 1868.*

No. 371. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Works Department:—

Sanctioning the entertainment of an Accountant
on a salary of Rupees 150 per mensem for
the office of the Controller of Public Works
Accounts for the maintenance of complete
Registers of appropriations from Local Fund
grants. (Here enter 15th July 1868, No. 2,255.)

No. 372. ORDER THEREON, 21st July 1868, No. 2,006.

Local Funds, No. 8.
<i>Establishment.</i>

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. SEWELL,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 2,255.

No. 348. Read the following letter from the Acting Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 7th July 1868, No. 1,031 :—

1. It being absolutely necessary, for the purposes of correct check and audit, that all appropriations from Imperial and Local Funds, and that all additions to, and reductions of, those appropriations should be methodically recorded in the books of this office, the Government of India have laid down certain rules and forms for the guidance of Controllers, and the Accountant General of the Public Works Department has, by his Circular of the 26th June 1866, No. 21, imposed upon this office the duty of maintaining certain Registers, and of furnishing the Provincial Accountant General with monthly returns of Local Fund expenditure.

2. The Appropriation Registers, so far as regards Imperial Funds, have been kept up to date, and are quite complete, but they have not been maintained in the case of Local Funds, the only record in this office of grants from that source being a statement of sums placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department by the Accountant General of Madras, which is a very imperfect document, and from which it would be impossible to check the sums actually appropriated, or to trace any omission of credits.

3. Feeling the necessity and importance of correct records of Local Fund allotments being maintained in this office, I have endeavoured to detach one of the Accountants for employment on the duty of keeping up the Registers required under the rules, but regret to state that I have found it impossible to do so without throwing the work of another department into arrears.

4. The large increase in the amount of Local Funds at the disposal of Government; the frequent changes of appropriations which are made; the system in force in this Presidency, under which the Controller is required to apply to the Accountant General, whenever a new grant is sanctioned, to place the money at the disposal of the Public Works Department, and, whenever previous sanctions are modified, to withdraw money already granted, or to transfer allotments from one District to another; and last, though not least, the necessity of recording all sanctions, appropriations, and credits, against the Funds* to which they respectively appertain, render it indispensable that the whole time and attention of a thoroughly competent Accountant should be devoted to the important duty of maintaining complete Local Fund Appropriation Registers.

- * 1. District Road Fund.
- 2. Jungle Conservancy Fund.
- 3. Educational Building Fund.
- 4. Port Fund.
- 5. Pagoda Fund.
- 6. Cochrane's Canal Fund.
- 7. Sadras do. do.
- 8. Nanul Grass, &c. Funds.
- 9. Income Tax Fund.
- 10. Bungalow Fee Fund.
- 11. Endowment Fund.

5. I have, accordingly, the honor to request the sanction of Government to the entertainment of an Accountant on a salary of Rupees 150 per mensem as a maximum, and to debit the charge to the 10 per cent., which is now allowed upon

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all Local Fund expenditure by Officers of the Department Public Works. The salary bills of the Accountant will be paid by the Northern Range Officer at the Presidency from Local Funds, but, at the end of the year, the entire charge will be distributed proportionately over the several Ranges, without entailing any excess over the 10 per cent. just mentioned.

No. 349.

ORDER THEREON, 15th July 1868, No. 2,255.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 44.

Recognizing the value of maintaining complete Registers of appropriations from Local Fund grants, and accepting the Controller's assurance that the duty of keeping up such Registers cannot be undertaken by his present establishment, His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves, in compliance with the recommendation of that officer, to sanction the entertainment of an Accountant on the proposed rate of salary,* and to direct that the entire expense be debited to the 10 per cent. which is now charged on outlay from Local Funds by Officers of the Department of Public Works, to cover a proportionate share of the cost of the Public Works Establishments.

* Rupees 150 per mensem as a maximum.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
„ Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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*At the meeting of the
Sanctioning the
entertainment of an
Accountant on the salary
of Rs. 150 per mensem
for the purpose of the
Controller of Public Works
Accounts for the purpose
of the proposed rate of salary
of Rs. 150 per mensem
from Local Fund Grants.
With order*

As per the order with No. 2255 dated 15th July 1868.

21st July/68.

*Dated 15th July
Received 18th July 1/68
No. 2255.*

*Comd to the
Revenue Board.*

22nd July 1868.

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