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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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2nd April 1868.*

No. 78. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, Revenue Department, dated Fort William, 18th February 1868, No. 985 :—

In reply to your letter, No. 184, dated 22nd January 1868, I am directed to transmit a copy of Financial Resolution, No. 2,200, dated 30th April 1867, which authorized the transfer of the surplus proceeds of Cochrane's Canal to a Local Fund of the Madras Presidency, with effect from 1865-66 inclusive.

Resolution by the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 30th April 1867,
No. 2,200.

Read the following documents :—

From Accountant General, Madras, No. 2,832, dated 22nd October 1864.

,, Government of Madras,	,, 2,110,	,, 17th Nov. ,,
,, Public Works Department,	,, 981C,	,, 2nd ,, 1866.

1. RESOLUTION.—The Governor General in Council observes that the Accountant General's letter related to a return which had been called for in connection with an inquiry that had no practical issue, and the letter of the Government of Madras having been a comment on that of the Accountant General, orders were not passed on it at the time of its receipt.

2. The creation of a Convict Labor Fund in the Madras Presidency, which was desired by the Madras Government, was authorized in Financial Resolution, No. 1,057, dated 28th February 1866.

3. The rents and charges of the Sheeharecotta jungles being similar to those of the Jungle Conservancy Fund, which already constitute a Local Fund of the Madras Presidency, under Financial Order, No. 992, dated 22nd February 1864, their transfer to a Local Fund is authorized, with effect from the beginning of 1865-66.

4. The receipts and charges of the Cochrane's Canal may be similarly transferred to a Local Fund from the beginning of 1865-66, they being analogous to the Calcutta Canal and Nuddea River Tolls, which form a Local Fund in Bengal.

5. In giving effect to this order, only the net surplus of receipts over charges, where these latter have been carried in gross to the account of General Revenue and Charge, need be transferred to the Local Funds abovementioned.

6. In his Financial Statement for 1863-64, Sir C. Trevelyan, after reciting some grants for Public Works, observed that, "besides the preceding grants, an old Local Fund balance, amounting "to £58,700, which had long been due to the Government of Bengal, has been appropriated to the "construction of railway feeders." Under the impression, apparently, that this related to a refund from General Revenues of a surplus which, from year to year, had been credited to those revenues on account of the Calcutta Canal and Nuddea Tolls, the Government of Madras urged that "on the same principle as the Calcutta and Nuddea Tolls and their balances were made "over to the Bengal Local Fund, Cochrane's Canal, with its balances, may be made over to that of "Madras."

7. The payment to which Sir C. Trevelyan referred was, however, of an unspent balance of an old Ferry Fund that had, from the first, been held in balance, and not been carried to credit of Revenue, whereas the past receipts of "Cochrane's Canal" were credited to revenue as they accrued.

In cases where sums have been credited to revenue, which by law ought to have been credited to a Local Fund, a refund from general revenues of the amount erroneously credited thereto is allowable; but when, as a matter of expediency or propriety, the Government of India has transferred to a Local Fund receipts which it had been customary to credit to the general revenues, the

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transfer is made prospectively. In the present instance, the transfer has been allowed from the year 1865-66 inclusive.

ORDERED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Public Works Department, the Government of Madras, and the Accountant General, Madras.

No. 79.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd April 1868, No. 882.

Local Funds, No. 2.

Civil Works.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue and the Public Works Department, with reference to the Proceedings, dated 22nd January 1868, No. 183.

2. The effect of the Resolution of the Government of India is to refuse the application for the surplus receipts accumulated prior to 1865-66.

3. It does not appear that the Proceedings of the Government of India, dated 30th April 1867, No. 2,200, had previously reached this Government in any Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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Ordered to be communicated to the B. of Rev. and the P. W. Dept. with reference to the Progs. dated 22nd Jan^y 1868. No. 183.

The effect of the Resolution of the Govt. of India is to refuse the application for the surplus receipts accumulated prior to 1865/66.

It does not appear that the Proceedings of the Government of India dated 30th April 1867 at No. 2200 had previously reached this Government in any department.

To B. of Rev. Dept. 22nd Jan^y 1868.
21 P. W. Dept. 22nd Apr^l 1868.