Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd November 1869.

No. 240. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Communicating to the department and officer concerned, circular from the Government of India stating that funds for famine relief works should henceforth be provided from ordinary Public Works Grant. } (Here enter 5th November 1869, 3,549.)

No. 241. ORDER THEREON, 22nd November 1869, No. 3,012.

Miscellaneous.

THE Resolution of the Government of India recorded in the foregoing Order will be published in the *Fort Saint George Gazette* for general information..

2. As the orders which have been issued from time to time, authorizing District Officers and others to incur expenditure in providing famine relief works, had reference only to the special emergency under consideration on each occasion, no further orders are needed at present.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
„ the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant-General.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Govt. of India, 1869. 5 Nov.
REVENUE.
THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Dated Fort St. George, 5th November 1869.
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G. O., 22nd November 1869, No. 2012.
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Nos. 2009-11.
Famine Relief Works—Resolution of Government of India regarding the provision of funds for, and the expenditure incurred on, famine relief works during the year 1868-69.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 5th November 1869.

No. 120. Read the following circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account,) dated Simla, 11th October 1869, No. 87:—

Funds for Famine Relief Works.

RESOLUTION BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

THE Governor-General in Council having had under consideration several applications recently preferred from different parts of the country for additional grants for famine relief works, and the large expenditure that was incurred on such works during 1868-69 in addition to the annual public works grant first given, His Excellency in Council deems it necessary to notify that the funds for such works when needed must henceforward always be provided for out of the original Budget grants.

2. The Public Works grant is given in view to providing for outlay on the most pressing public works in each province, and these works are accordingly selected for entry in the Budget Estimate, and approved as being the most fitting to undertake. If during the course of the year, owing to scarcity or other causes, other works are shown to be still more pressing, that constitutes a sufficient reason for diverting funds from the object for which they were originally intended to this new purpose, but it is no reason necessarily for spending more money in the aggregate. Funds for public works constructed out of revenue must necessarily be regulated by the surplus available and not by any supposed standard of actual wants, which, compared with the means, are practically quite unlimited and illimitable.

3. The Governor-General in Council also considers it necessary to notify that all expenditure on famine relief works from Imperial funds disbursed by other agency than that of the Public Works Department must be accounted for month by month to the Controller of Public Works Accounts of the province concerned, precisely in the same way as all other expenditure incurred against the Public Works grant, the outlay being, of course, covered, in the first instance, by formal appropriations from the ordinary Public Works Budget grant. This principle has been neglected during the past year in some provinces, where a considerable expenditure has been incurred by Civil officers on relief works against neither the Civil nor Public Works grant, and of which the Public Works Department had no distinct cognizance until quite the end of the year, the result being a large unforeseen excess over the Public Works allotment. It is of extreme importance that such excesses should not be allowed to occur again, and the Governor-General in Council relies on the aid of the several Governments and Administrations to ensure complete financial regularity in this respect for the future.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council.)

(Signed) G. CHESNEY,
Deputy Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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No. 121. ORDER THEREON, 5th November 1869, No. 3,549.

ACCOUNT, No. 51.

COMMUNICATED to the Revenue Department for the issue of the necessary orders, and to the Controller of Public Works Accounts for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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To

THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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