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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 3170 Press Mis—

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Dated 14 th December 1869

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No. 8,162.

From J. GROSE, Esq., Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

SIR,

IN accordance with Government Order, 11th October 1869, No. 3,280, (Public Works Department,) communicated to the Board with Government Order, 22nd October 1869, No. 101, the allotment provided in the Revenue Budget for Petty Construction and Repair is to be transferred to the credit of the Public Works Department.

2. No detailed instructions are given, but the Board presume that it will be necessary to furnish the Controller of Public Works Accounts with statements showing the distribution of the allotmen t and expenditure up to date. This will be done as soon as possible.

3. With regard to sanctioning estimates and manipulating the remainder of the Reserve and future savings, the Board wish to know whether they will still retain the power accorded to them by Government Order of the 3rd May 1869, No. 1,202, and the 25th May 1869, No. 1,472, or whether applications for funds will be disposed of by Government in the Public Works Department? I am to urge that the Board being intimately acquainted with the requirements of the various salt stations where the bulk of the allotment is expended, and being immediately interested in the administration of salt revenue, can best say where economy can be practised as well as where works cannot be postponed without injury to the State.

4. I am also to bring prominently to the notice of Government that this transfer of a large item from the Revenue Budget, which was unknown to the Board when their Proceedings of the 13th October 1869, No. 7,646, were passed, seriously affects the calculations contained in those Proceedings.

5. The orders of the Government of India on the subject do not refer to the grants in the Revenue Department, and the works "starred" in the list received from Government as such as should come under the supervision of the Public Works Department (excluding such as have already been postponed for this year) will probably not engross more than a quarter of the whole allotment. The audit of the Controller in no way differs in character from the audit of the Board. Under these circumstances, I am to submit that whilst the transfer at present must disturb the financial arrangements of Government it cannot possibly do any harm if it is postponed to the commencement of the next official year.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

J. Grose
Sub-Secretary.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Madras,
4th November 1869.

Copy to the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

Proceedings of the Madras Government Revenue Department, 14th December 1869.

No. 188. Read the following letter from the Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 4th November 1869, No. 8,162:—

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No. 189. ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1869, No. 3,170.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government observe, that in accordance with the Orders issued for the transfer to the Department Public Works Budget of the provisions for Petty Construction and Repair, the Controller should be furnished with the statements referred to in paragraph 2 of the Board's letter.

2. The general control will, however, still remain with the Board of Revenue for the reasons given in their letter, the funds being treated in the same manner as Imperial Funds allotted to Civil Officers for expenditure.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department
No. 3170

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Dated the 14th Day of December 1869

Read the following
report from the Board
of Revenue
No. 3170 dated 1st November 1869

Ordered that the following
Estimate for Petty Construction
Repairs of Public Buildings
in the Revenue Department
for the year 1870-71 and
the Statement of Savings
in the Budget Estimate
for 1869-70 be submitted
to the Government of India
in the Public Works Department
= with a request that
the amount may be granted
= accordingly

W.C.

M.G.O. 1st November 1869 No. 8152

The Government agree
that in accordance with the
orders issued for the transfer
under which the Budget of
to the P.W.D. the provision
the provision for Petty Cons.
the Madras Presidency
= exception of that for Repairs,
the Controller is to make
the Controller with the Madras
furnished with the Madras
= ments respectively for inclusion
in

Govt. of {1869} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated December, 14th.

Read. Encl.

G. O., 14th December 1869, No. 3,170.

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