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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 14th August 1872.

No. 247. Read the following letter from the Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 31st July 1872, No. 970 :—

With reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 1,715, dated 17th July 1872, I have the honour to observe that the particular Range Officers to whom the sum of Rupees 15,000 was advanced are not specified in the Accountant-General's letter or memorandum, and it is now too late to ascertain this as well as to obtain particulars of the expenditure incurred out of that advance; it is therefore not practicable to make the adjustments in the accounts for 1871-72. Reference has been made to the Accountant-General for such information as he can afford, to enable adjustments to be effected so far as possible in the accounts of the current year.

2. Adverting to the Proceedings of Government, communicated with their G. O. No. 1,432 of the 10th June 1872, I would beg respectfully to draw attention to the confusion which has been caused, not only in the accounts of Range and Civil Officers with this office, but also necessarily in those which pass between this office and that of the Accountant-General, owing to the funds required for the famine relief works not having been obtained in the regular manner ordered in Circular of the Government of India, No. 87, dated 11th October 1869.

3. Much time has been lost in references, so that the official year has closed without the necessary information to enable adjustment according to rule being made, and it will therefore now be impossible to complete the records of that expenditure in the full and complete manner that is desirable in the annual accounts of the year to which the expenditure belongs. I would therefore suggest, with a view to prevent similar inconveniences for the future, that the Executive Officers of the department should be strictly prohibited from expending on their works any other funds than those placed at their credit in the usual manner through this office. In the event of additional funds being absolutely necessary, additions to the Budget grant, or transfers from one head to another, can very readily be obtained by a reference to Government. This course would be in strict accordance with the rules of the department, and would in no way prevent the expeditious execution of such works as may be considered emergent.

No. 248. Order thereon, 14th August 1872, No. 1,939.

ACCOUNT, No. 14.

The Governor in Council observes that no expenditure was incurred by Range Officers on the Irrigation repairs for which the special grant of Rupees 15,000 was made in 1871-72. The outlay of the current year will be met from appropriations by the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division out of the regular allotment for his division.

2. G. O. No. 1,432, of 10th June 1872, quoted in the Controller's letter, strictly prohibited all Revenue officers, and by implication all others, from supplying Public Works Officers with funds. The latter officers are consequently

prohibited from receiving and expending any sums but those placed at their credit in the usual manner, and further orders do not appear to be required on the subject.

(True extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
To Superintending Engineers.
,, Major R. B. Kennedy.
To the Revenue Department.
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Exd. S. T. Austin.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE OFF. CONTROLLER of PUBLIC

WORKS ACCOUNTS,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated August 14th

Rec'd. " 22nd Encl.

G. O., 14th August 1872, No. 1,939.

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Nos. 247-248

Irrigation Relief Works.—Passing orders on the letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts stating that no adjustment can be made in the accounts of 1871-72 in connection with the advance of Rupees 15,000 for irrigation relief works, and suggesting that Range Officers should be prohibited from receiving money otherwise than through the regular drawing accounts.

No. 137
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