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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 6th February 1872.

No. 108. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Account—General,) dated Fort William, 5th January 1872, No. 11 A.G :—

Payment by Imperial Funds for Provincial or Local Fund Works taken over for Imperial purposes.

Read the following :—

Resolution by the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 19th October 1871, No. 4,447.

Read—

Office Memorandum from the Public Works Department, No. 543 A.—G., dated the 21st August 1871, referring for orders a claim by the Deputy Commissioner of Bunnoo, on the Public Works Department, for Rupees 625, as purchase-money for a Sessions house there, no longer of any use to the Civil Department, which is required for the accommodation of an officer in charge of a portion of the works of the Punjab Northern (State) Railway ; and proposing a rule to the effect that cash payments should be made when *Provincial* buildings are taken over for *Imperial* purposes, or *Imperial* buildings for *Provincial* purposes.

Resolution.—The Governor-General in Council observes that two principles should govern the decision in this case :—

1*st.*—It should be remembered that the greater portion of the Provincial revenues is an assignment of Imperial revenue, and not revenue raised by special Provincial taxation.

2*nd.*—A fundamental condition of the Provincial service scheme was as follows :—

"No services now rendered to oth departments at the charge of the departments made over to the control f the Local Governments are to be diminished, and no services now render to these departments at the charge of other departments are to be increased."

2. Accordingly, *no reduction was ma in the amount assigned in respect to any recoveries from other departments.* If such coveries had been contemplated their value would have been a set-off against t Provincial grants.

3. There can be no doubt that, u r the old system, before the Provincial servic e scheme was introduced, the G nment would have refused credit to Department Public Works, Ordinary, declined a corresponding debit to Extraordinary, on account of the old Co building at Bunnoo taken over for the State Railway ; and the Governor-Gen l in Council cannot allow any such charge now.

4. His Excellency in Council is not at present prepared to lay down any such rule as is proposed by the Department of Public Works, for the sale of Provincial buildings to Imperial and *vice versa*. As a rule, no doubt, if the appropriation for Imperial purpose of a ilding occupied for Provincial services *causes expense to the Provincial revenues*, it uld be made good and *vice versa*. But when, as in the present instance, no e nse is involved, no charge should be made.

ORDER.—Ordered that the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Public Works Department, the several Local Governments and Administrations, the Comptroller-General, and the several Accountants-General, and Deputy Accountants-General in independent charge.

Office Memorandum from the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 6th November 1871, No. 819 A.—G.

THE undersigned is directed to acknowledge receipt of Financial Department Resolution, No. 4,447, dated 19th October 1871, and, in reply, to request that it may be stated whether the principle therein laid down regarding payment for Provincial buildings is also applicable to works constructed from *Local* funds, but which may be transferred to Imperial funds.

2. The Sessions Court-house at Bunnoo, to which reference was made, was constructed originally from Local funds, and, in the opinion of this department, those funds have a fair claim upon Imperial revenues for the value of the building.

3. An early reply is requested as being desirable that the above point should be settled before the Financial Department Resolution under acknowledgment is circulated to the Local Governments and Administrations concerned in the Public Works Department.

No. 820 A.—G.

Endorsed by P[illegible] Works Department.

COPY forwarded to Secretary [illegible] Government of Punjab, Public Works Department, for information, with [illegible]nce to his letter No. 2,566, dated 28th September 1871.

RESOLUTION by the Government [illegible]ndia, Financial Department, dated 15th Decembe[illegible]1, No. 3,001.

Read again—

Financial Resolution No. 4,447, date[illegible] 9th October, deciding, with reference to a claim by the Civil on the Public Work[illegible]rtment for a Sessions house at Bunnoo, which was taken up for the Punjab No[illegible](State) Railway, that, if the appropriation for Imperial purposes of a building o[illegible] for Provincial services *causes expense to the Provincial revenues*, it should [illegible]e good and *vice versa*, but when no expense is involved, no charge should be ma[illegible]

Read—

An Office Memorandum from the Publ[illegible]rks Department, No. 819 A.—G., dated the 6th November, inquiring whether the [illegible]ciple laid down in the above decision regarding the payment for Provincial buildin[illegible]also applicable to works constructed from *Local* funds, but which may be transferre[illegible]mperial funds.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor-Ge[illegible]l in Council observes that, when a building has been constructed from "[illegible]? funds," the Imperial revenues should ordinarily pay for it if it is taken ov[illegible]

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 6th February 1872.

ORDER.—Ordered that the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Public Works Department, the several Local Governments and Administrations, the Comptroller-General, and the several Accountants-General, and Deputy Accountants-General in independent charge.

Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, North-Western Provinces, and Punjab.
Chief Commissioners of Central Provinces, British Burmah, and Oudh.

ORDER.—Ordered that the papers read be forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations noted on the margin for information and guidance.

(Signed) J. J. McLEOD INNES,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 109. ORDER THEREON, 6th February 1872, No. 357.

ACCOUNT, No. 20.

COMMUNICATED to the Financial Department and to the Superintending Engineers.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Financial Department.
,, Revenue do.
To Superintending Engineers.
,, Major R. B. Kennedy.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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To

THE FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

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Dated February 6th.

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Imperial Funds.—Proceedings of the Government of India communicating Resolution regarding the payment by Imperial funds for Provincial or Local Fund works taken over for Imperial purposes, communicated to the Financial Department and to the Superintending Engineers.

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