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Read again G. O., 26th November 1872, No. 1565.

No. 111. Read also the following Memorandum by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 20th January 1873, No. 27.

With reference to the call for his opinion made in paragraph 6 of Financial Order, No. 1565, of 26th November 1872, the Chief Engineer has the honour to name the items numbered 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 12 as the only ones which should be excluded from the computation of proportion of cost of establishments chargeable to Local Funds.

2. In the Civil Engineering College, item No. 2, are trained all the upper subordinates of the Public Works Establishments, through whom most of the work of the Department, including Local Fund work, is done.

3. The Consulting Architect, No. 3, is called on to plan schools and other buildings for the construction of which local funds are applied.

4. The Coimbatore Irrigation Range, No. 7, does quite as much general work as any other range; it is simply so named from including in it the three great irrigation channels of the district.

5. The Lithographic and Presidency Store Departments, Nos. 10 and 11, are resorted to for Local Fund purposes as well as any others.

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dated 26th November 1872, No. 1565, the Government approved the principle recommended by the Board of Revenue, that, in calculation of the cost of the Public Works Establishment, the cost of such tend no aid to Local Fund works should be excluded from the computation requested the opinion of the Chief Engineer with reference to the items to be left out on this account.

2. In his reply the Chief Engineer objects to the exclusion of the following items as proposed by the Board of Revenue:—

1. Civil Engineering College.
2. Consulting Architect.
3. Irrigation Range Establishment Coimbatore.
4. Lithographic Press.
5. Presidency Store Department.

3. Though it is the case, as urged by the Chief Engineer, that upper subordinates of the Public Works Department who do Local Fund work receive their training in the Civil Engineering College, yet, looking at the nature of the institution, the Government see no reason to depart from the course adopted in G. O., dated 20th March 1872, in which its exclusion is directed. The charges connected with it having been recently transferred to Provincial Services, the cost of the establishment must be added to the Provincial share. The services of the Government Architect have not yet, so far as Government are concerned, been called into requisition by the Local Fund Boards, and, at the present time, their demands upon his time can be but slight. The Presidency Store Department and Lithographic Press are doubtless useful for local as well as for other works, but the Government consider

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that it would be better to exclude the cost of those establishments from the computation, and charge for work done.

4. Under the explanation submitted by the Chief Engineer that the Coimbatore Irrigation Range does quite as much general work as any other there seems no reason for desiring its exclusion, and in proposing it the Board of Revenue were probably misled by the name.

5. The items to be excluded from the computation referred to in Rule XXVII. are, therefore, as follow :—

1. Extraordinary.
2. Civil Engineering College.
3. Consulting Architect.
4. Petty Establishment, East Coast Canal.
5. Presidency Range Establishment.
6. East Coast Canal Range.
7. Irrigation Range Establishment, Bangalore.
8. Temporary Survey Establishment.
9. Lithographic Department.
10. Presidency Store Department.
11. Conservancy.
12. Local Fund Petty Establishment.

6. The Local Fund Petty Establishments will be debited wholly with the costs of the works and the heads of services to which the works are charged, and the works are decided in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secy.

To the Revenue Department.

- „ Board of Revenue.
- „ Public Works Department.
- „ Accountant-General.
- „ Director of Public Instruction.
- „ Presidents of the several Local Fund Boards.

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