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No. 282. Read the following letter from T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 7th November 1873, No. 5,084 :—

THE District Engineer of Vizagapatam having forwarded, for my information, copy of a letter addressed to the Collector of that district, in which a request is made that the balance of compensation due for land taken up for certain roads should not be paid till sanction is received to revised estimates, I have the honour to suggest that all District Engineers be informed that payment for land *actually taken up* for public works should not be withheld for any such reason. I need hardly add that claims for compensation for lands actually taken up should be adjusted as soon as possible, and that there should be no difficulty in re-allotting funds to meet such claims.

2. I would invite attention to my Circular No. 19 of the 4th October 1873, on this subject. A copy of that Circular has already been forwarded to Government, but a spare copy is enclosed for ready reference.

From T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Officer in charge, dated Fort St. George, 4th October 1873, Circular No. 19.

I HAVE the honour to request that the present practice of making advances to Civil Officers to enable them to make payments for land required, or taken up, for public works, may be discontinued. Civil Officers will, in future, make payments from Treasuries on bills which they will prepare and submit for audit to this office, and you will be duly informed of such payments.

2. On receipt from this office of advice of payment, the amount should be brought into your accounts by an entry at foot of the abstract of cash receipts (Form S of the Manual) in the manner prescribed for divisional transfers (*vide* Section II., paragraph 16 of the Manual of Accounts), and the debit thus raised should be cleared in the usual way by being charged in the Monthly Progress Report to the work for which the land may be taken up. In all such cases it will be necessary to apply to the District Engineer for additional allotments, if the allotments for the works concerned are not sufficient to meet the debits for land.

No. 283. ORDER THEREON, 20th November 1873, No. 2,808.

ACCOUNT, No. 25.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor in Council agrees with the Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts that all claims to compensation for land taken up for public works should be promptly adjusted, and the instructions issued in the Circular referred to in paragraph 2 of this letter are calculated to remove one element of the delay which has heretofore so frequently occurred. District Engineers will now be informed that technical objections should not be allowed to interfere with payment for land which has been actually appropriated.

(True Extract.)

G. W. Walker Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To District Engineers.
To the Executive Engineer, Wynaad.
,, Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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To

DISTRICT ENGINEERS,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated November 20th,

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