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No. 381. Read the following endorsement of the Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated 11th October 1875:—

REPORT ON THE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS FOR 1874-75.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS BRANCH.

Imperial Ordinary, Public Works.

THE original budget grant was Rupees 8,99,000, but by a withdrawal of Rupees 20,000 by the Government of India on account of urgent requirements in other Presidencies from the provision of Rupees 46,000 in item No. 28 of the Budget, the final grant at the end of the year stood at Rupees 7,89,000 inclusive of Rupees 11,000 intended for expenditure in England. Against this final grant the amount of outlay was Rupees 7,87,453; but taking into account the fluctuations in the balances of stock and London invoices, and deducting for expenditure in England, the net debit on account of expenditure in India was Rupees 8,35,730; comparing this with the net grant for expenditure in India (Rupees 7,78,000), the outlay in India was Rupees 57,730 more than the sanctioned grant. This excess is due to the increase in the item of stock owing to the value of Mint stores (Rupees 60,031) brought on to the stock accounts of the Presidency Store Department.

2. *Military, Original Works.*—Under this head the original grant was Rupees 3,11,400, the final grant Rupees 3,41,076, while the outlay was Rupees 3,28,534; twenty-six works were brought forward in the budget, of which the following were not undertaken:—

Item No. 6.—Extending Smith's forges near the Grand Arsenal at the Presidency.

Item No. 7.—Quarters for the Warrant and the Non-Commissioned officers of the Commissariat Department at the Presidency.

Item No. 15.—Two Magazines for Native Infantry Regiments at Bangalore.

Item No. 18.—District Engineer's Office at Bangalore.

Item No. 19.—Roofing in latrines of the 38th Regiment, Native Infantry and followers of the Royal Artillery, &c., at Trichinopoly.

The grants for the 1st and 3rd items were cancelled by the Local Government* partly to meet the cost of certain alterations to punkahs in the Infantry and Artillery Barracks, &c., in Fort St. George; the provision made for the 2nd item was transferred† to meet the cost of the improvement to the Gun Powder Factory at Madras; while that made for the 4th item was disallowed‡ by the Government of India. The last item was not undertaken owing to the Military authorities deciding upon not carrying out the work. Of the remaining twenty-one works on which fair progress was made in comparison to the final grants of the year, one § work exceeded both the estimate and grant for the year, ‖ four works exceeded only the final grants, while on two ¶ works the expenditure was in excess of the estimates. As regards the other fourteen works the outlay was equal to or short of the final grant in each case.

3. *Military Repairs.*—The expenditure under this head, *viz.*, Rupees 2,32,218, has fallen short both of the budget and final grants, but on comparison with the past

* G. O., No. 1,552, dated 12th June 1874.
" " 1,654, " 19th " " "

† G. O., No. 2,040-A, dated 28th July 1874.

‡ In orders passed on the Madras Budget for 1874-75.

§ Item No. 22.
‖ Items Nos. 13, 14, 24, and 26.
¶ Items Nos. 3 and 23.

outlay it stands at a little above the average of the previous five years' expenditure, which amount to the following :—

	Rs.
1869-70	1,83,110
1870-71	2,23,005
1871-72	2,28,485
1872-73	2,43,069
1873-74	2,59,703

4. Other Services.—*Original Works.*—Under this head the original grant was Rupees 76,500, the final grant Rupees 29,821, and the outlay Rupees 28,634. This outlay is divided between Telegraph buildings Rupees 15,116, Postal buildings Rupees 9,537, and coal-boring operations Rupees 3,981.

5. Telegraph Buildings.—The grant of Rupees 50,000 for the Telegraph Office at Madras was disallowed by the Government of India, but a trifling expenditure of Rupees 208 was incurred on account of watchmen, &c., at site of the work where materials were collected. The Telegraph offices at Cocanada and Rajahmundry were completed this year, the former at a cost of Rupees 20,267 against an estimate of Rupees 22,470, and the latter at a cost of Rupees 7,743 against an estimate of Rupees 7,990. The construction of a Telegraph office at Masulipatam and of Signallers' quarters at Bellary was commenced this year on estimates of Rupees 5,880 and Rupees 9,030, and the expenditure incurred thereon was Rupees 5,204 and Rs. 7,000 respectively.

Other Services.—*Repairs.*—The outlay under this head has been Rupees 4,715 divided between Telegraph buildings Rupees 1,075 and Postal buildings Rupees 3,640 against the final grant of Rupees 4,520. There is nothing calling for particular remark under this head.

6. Establishment.—The charges under this head amount to Rupees 1,62,508* made up of 25 per cent. on the grant for Military Works and Other Services plus the amount of salary, &c., disbursed to Mr. Vanstavern specially employed on the coal-boring operations, and have been thus distributed under the orders of Government marginally quoted.† As it has been decided that the whole of the Public Works Establishments in this Presidency from the commencement of 1874-75 shall, for purposes of account, be considered Provincial, the cost of the entire establishment will be reviewed in the report on Provincial Services outlay.

	Grants.	Rs.	A.	P.
Military—				
Original Works ...	3,41,076			
Repairs	2,44,324			
At 25 per cent ...	5,85,400 =	1,46,350	0	0
Total, Military ...		1,46,350	0	0
Other Services—				
Original Works ...	29,821			
Repairs	4,329			
at 25 per cent ...	34,150 =	8,662	8	0
Establishment charges on account of coal-boring operations		7,495	12	6
Total, Other Services ...		16,158	4	6
Grand Total ...		1,62,508	4	6

† No. 2991-A, dated 20th Oct. 1874.
3,586, ,, 19th Dec. ,,
805, ,, 2nd March 1875.
760, ,, 16th ,, ,,

7. Tools and Plant.—The outlay has been Rupees 39,844 against a final budget grant of Rupees 16,950. Of the excess of Rupees 19,894, Rupees 11,232 represents the charges on account of the working of the Dowlaishweram Factory during the year under review, while the outlay of Rupees 30,844 includes a charge of Rupees 4,850-4-9, the proportion of the cost of English supplies falling to the share of this head of service.

8. Public Works Revenue.—In the budget, as passed by the Government of India, the revenue was estimated at Rupees 75,000, and the same figure was given in the regular estimate with slight variations in items. The actuals, however, are in excess by 40,039, caused chiefly in three items, "tolls, dues, fines, refunds; rents of buildings; and sales of buildings, old materials, &c.," of which the former is in excess of the budget by Rupees 55,900, and the two latter less than budget by Rupees 15,900. The excess in the former is on account of the sum of Rupees 60,000 credited to revenue by debit to the head of Stock, *vide* paragraph 1 of this report. The decrease in the item of sales of buildings, old materials, and tools and plant is owing to receipts on account of sales of tools and plant falling short of what was anticipated.

9. The following items remained classed as "objectionable" at the close of the year :—

Expenditure without Grant.

	Rs.
1. Telegraph Office at Madras	208
2. Re-roofing Surgery buildings at Trichinopoly	300
3. Repairing the Cattle Shed, new Rest-house at Bangalore ...	288
Expenditure in excess of estimate beyond prescribed limitation.	
4. Paving wells in the Cantonment of Cannanore	893
Expenditure in excess of grant beyond prescribed limitation.	
5. White-washing Royal Artillery and Royal Horse Artillery Barracks at Bangalore	1,286
6. New Recreation-room at Parade Barracks	832
New Canteen at Parade Barracks	
7. Completing the unfinished portion of No. 4 Barracks at Wellington	759
8. Paving wells in the Cantonment of Cannanore	383
9. Slaughter-house and Cattle Yard at Cannanore	699
10. New Officers' Quarters at Mullapuram	3,184

None of these items are of such importance as to call for any special remark.

(Signed) L. CONWAY-GORDON, Captain, R.E.,
Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, for the information of Government.

(Signed) L. CONWAY-GORDON, Captain, R.E.,
11*th October* 1875. *Controller of Public Works Accounts.*

No. 382. Order thereon, 16th November 1875, No. 3,276.

ACCOUNT, No. 9.

In the above report the Controller of Public Works Accounts reviews the Appropriation and Outlay Accounts for the year 1874-75 under Buildings and Roads Branch, Imperial, Ordinary.

2. The aggregate grant, as modified during the year under each head for Imperial Ordinary compared with the outlay, is shown below:—

	Final Grant.	Outlay.
Military.	Rs.	Rs.
Original Works	3,41,076	3,28,534
Repairs	2,44,324	2,32,218
CIVIL BUILDINGS.		
Postal, Telegraph, &c., Buildings.		
Original Works	29,821	28,634
Repairs	4,829	4,715
Establishment	1,58,000	1,62,508
Tools and Plant	10,950	30,844
Increase of stock	...	80,872
Do. in London Invoices	...	4,843
	7,89,050	8,73,168
Less reduction of grant to meet expenditure in England	11,000	...
Less expenditure in England ...	...	37,343
Total ...	7,78,000	8,35,730

thus showing an excess outlay of Rupees 57,730 mainly occasioned by the value (Rupees 60,031) of Mint stores having been brought on to the stock accounts of the Presidency Store Department.

3. The Honorable the Governor in Council observes that the outlays under the different heads fairly approximate with the grants, and it is eminently satisfactory to find that the grants made by the Government of India do not fail to be fully availed of.

4. There was a large excess in the actual receipts over the estimate thus—

	Rs.
Budget Estimate	75,000
Regular do.	75,000
Actuals	1,15,030

or Rupees 40,030 excess, resulting from larger collections having been made from tolls, dues, fines, &c., than were anticipated at the time of submission of the estimate.

5. Amongst the items classed as "objectionable" satisfactory explanation has been afforded by the District Engineer, Malabar, regarding Items 4 and 8, "paving wells at Cannanore;" the other excesses over appropriations and the expenditure without appropriation have already been passed in G.O., No. 2,863, dated 6th October 1875.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
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