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No. 288. Read the following letter from Colonel C. H. DICKENS, R.A., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—General,) to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 15th March 1875, No. 170 A.—G. :—

I AM directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter, No. 262, dated 29th January 1875, and in reply to forward, herewith, for information and guidance, the orders passed on the Madras Imperial Budget Estimate for 1875-76.

MADRAS BUDGET ORDERS, 1875-76.

The Madras Imperial Budget Estimate for 1875-76 for	RS.
Buildings and Roads has been prepared for a	
total of	12,14,000

But from this the following reductions are made :—

Provision for Light-houses at—	
Cocanada	1,00,000
Muttum	75,000
Cape Comorin	75,000
	2,50,000

Balance corresponding with the grant assigned by the Government of India, and excluding the provision of Rupees 30,000 for the maintenance of the Upper Godavery Navigation Works, and which will be Provincial	9,64,000
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From this grant the following further reductions are made :—

Provision for Telegraph and Post Office at Madras, disallowed	
	1,00,000
Provision for Minor Works and Repairs of Light-houses, disallowed	
	5,000

	1,05,000
Proportion of Establishment for do.	26,000

Making a total of	1,31,000
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And leaving the net grant for next year at...	8,33,000
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thus distributed, as compared with the grant of the current year, and the outlay of the two previous years :—

	Provision, 1875-76.	Grant, 1874-75.	Outlay, 1873-74.	Outlay, 1872-73.
MILITARY.				
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Original Works { Major Works	3,00,000	2,27,400	2,06,630	2,29,500
Repairs... { Minor "	84,000	84,000	62,830	54,620
Establishment	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,59,700	2,43,070
Plant	1,51,000	1,30,000	1,19,080	1,03,020
Suspense	15,000	8,600	15,100	20,890
	8,00,000	7,00,000	7,37,600	6,14,730
OTHER SERVICES.				
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Civil Buildings { Major Works	8,000	76,500	21,050	47,760
Repairs... { Minor "	10,000	2,500	4,000	3,400
Establishment	5,000	28,000	5,910	*50,270
Plant	6,000	2,000	710	2,020
Suspense	4,000	870		14,460
TOTAL ...	33,000	1,09,000	32,540	1,17,910
Original Works { Major Works	3,08,000	2,89,400		
Repairs... { Minor "	94,000	98,500		
Establishment	4,02,000	3,87,900	2,90,510	3,31,880
Tools and Plant	2,55,000	2,52,500	2,63,700	2,46,470
Suspense	1,57,000	1,58,000	1,24,990	1,53,290
	19,000	10,600	15,810	22,910
TOTAL ...	8,33,000	8,09,000	7,70,140	7,32,640

* Includes Civil Engineering College, Madras, now transferred to Provincial Funds.

2. Of this total grant, the provision for expenditure in England is Rupees 13,400, which apportioned ratably between the grants for Military and other Services leaves the sum for expenditure in India as shown in the following abstract :—

	In India.	In England.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Military	7,88,000	12,000	8,00,000
Other Services	31,600	1,400	33,000
	8,19,600	13,400	8,33,000

3. The provision of Rupees 2,55,000 for light-houses has been disallowed pending the settlement of the question as to whether Provincial or Imperial Funds are liable to bear the charges on their account. Also as the estimate for the Telegraph and Post Office at Madras has still to be sanctioned, and as an increased demand from Madras has to be met for Irrigation, the provision for the building has been disallowed.

ORIGINAL WORKS.

4. The provision of Rupees 30,000 (item 2) for conversion of the Public Works Workshop buildings at Chepauk into a Military Hospital is allowed to stand,

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but as the question of the revision of hospital accommodation is under consideration, the plan and estimate should be submitted to Government of India for sanction.

5. The provision of Rupees 20,000 for new buildings for European troops at Poonamallee (items Nos. 3 to 7) is allowed to stand pending a reference to the Military Department as to whether the buildings are to be allowed, and on the understanding that no outlay is incurred until the orders of the Government of India are received on the estimate for the works. But the provision of Rupees 20,000 for them may be placed under class B.

6. The provision of Rupees 50,000 under items Nos. 8 to 10 for the works noted in the margin in connection with the Race Course Parade Barracks at Bangalore is passed, subject to such further orders as may be passed on the estimates for the works now before the Government of India.

7. It is noticed that the water-supply project at Bellary estimated to cost Rupees 1,41,628, and on which Rupees 1,12,656 is likely to be spent by end of 1874-75, is entered under the head of class C. Explanation should be furnished as to why no specific grant has been made for the completion of the work during 1875-76.

8. Under class C has also been entered the work of providing new lines for Native Infantry at Poodoopett. Until the estimate for the project has been sanctioned and reported to the Government of India, and pending the result of a separate reference to the Military Department, the work should be removed from the class C category.

9. Item 53.—Soldiers' rest-house at Sholapore should also be removed from the Madras Budget, as the work finds a place in the Budget Estimate submitted by the Government of Bombay.

10. With the exception of the items 3 to 7, all the items from 1 to 14 should be considered class A works, the grants for which should not be reduced without the sanction of the Government of India.

REPAIRS.

11. Under the head of Repairs, Military, the only point that has to be noticed is the provision of Rupees 19,047 for repairs to the Esplanade roads, Madras. The Government of Madras have been called upon in Public Works Department letter No. 723 A—G, dated 27th November 1874, for a map of these roads, and asked to report whether, in the opinion of the Military authorities, it is really necessary that all the roads should be repaired, and what sum, if any, is obtained from grazing or other fees from the Madras Esplanade. The Government of India hope to receive an early reply to the letter mentioned.

ESTABLISHMENT.

12. The arrangement of the whole of the establishment in Madras being considered Provincial, Imperial and Irrigation funds paying 25 per cent. of outlay on works and repairs, renders the control (irrespective of the actual control involved in the sanctions to establishment) to be exercised on the establishment

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portion of the Budget of two kinds—one, with reference to its total cost, and the other, the proportion borne by that cost to outlay. The latter can be done on receipt of the whole series of provincial and local Budgets. The former has to be done by means of a comparison of outlay for several years which is given in the following table:—

	Provision, 1875-76.	Grant, 1874-75.	Charge, 1873-74.	Charge, 1872-73.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
CHIEF ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS—				
Chief Engineer and Assistant ...	47,273	47,273	44,450	52,830
Office Establishment ...	30,396	30,396	42,330	30,510
Contingencies ...	600	600	3,680	1,150
			{ T. A. 160	T. A. 350
CHIEF ENGINEER, IRRIGATION—				
Chief Engineer ...	720	27,642	26,920	25,340
Office... ..	26,922	6,000	5,960	5,940
Travelling allowances ...	2,000	2,000	2,110	550
Contingencies ...	240	240	1,340	1,060
	1,14,151	1,14,151	1,26,950	1,17,730
DISTRICT ENGINEERS—				
Superintending and Executive Engineers...	2,87,393	2,52,600	3,43,150	1,86,460
Office... ..	91,764	96,444	96,940	69,070
Travelling allowances ...	34,000	39,000	36,920	20,780
Contingencies ...	13,400	11,080	10,740	8,220
	4,26,557	4,68,705	4,87,750	2,84,530
CONSTRUCTION—				
Engineers ...	3,75,585	3,60,495	3,12,410	4,72,040
Upper Subordinates ...	3,33,400	3,31,400	3,13,660	2,85,220
Petty Establishment ...	1,60,000	1,50,000	33,050	47,700
Office ...	2,27,232	2,26,332	2,44,530	2,47,220
Special allowances ...	10,755	9,167	...	...
Survey ...	25,000	35,000	...	...
Travelling allowances ...	2,00,000	2,00,000	1,90,640	1,94,340
Contingencies ...	18,470	16,000	17,290	19,520
Lithographic ...	12,216	12,216	...	...
Store... ..	10,446	9,023	...	...
	13,73,104	13,60,979	11,11,580	12,66,040
ACCOUNTS—				
Controller and Deputies ...	1,800	1,800	28,590	28,880
Accountants... ..	28,440	28,440	...	...
Travelling allowances ...	62,400	67,584	57,780	53,220
Contingencies ...	2,000	1,416	1,720	2,170
	4,600	2,000	6,910	6,710
	99,240	1,06,840	95,000	90,980
CONSERVANCY ...	1,11,601	1,03,249	95,700	94,250
CIVIL ENGINEERING COLLEGE ...	...	...	...	36,700
GRAND TOTAL...	21,24,653	21,53,024	19,16,980	18,90,230

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13. Thus the charge in 1872-73 was ...	RS. 18,90,230
Of this the provision for the Civil Engineering College at Madras now transferred to Provincial Funds is ...	36,700
Leaving as the net charge ...	18,53,530
The provision for 1875-76 is ...	21,24,653

Increase ...	2,71,123
Of this increase, about... ..	1,20,000

is nominal only, being due to the circumstance that while the entire provision for that portion of the Petty Establishment chargeable to Local Funds is shown in the Budget, the practice in the accounts is to make a direct debit to Local Funds, so that the real increase is ... 1,51,123
Of this ... 17,351

arises under the head of Conservancy Establishment, while the remainder ... 1,33,772
arises under all heads of the Budget.

It is difficult to select the item under which the increase arises, as the changes made in the classification by the arrangements of District Engineers have prevented the means of accurate comparison. But the attention of the Government of Madras is drawn to the matter of the increase as one calling for inquiry.

PUBLIC WORKS REVENUE.

The estimates submitted amounts to ...	RS. 78,500
The probable receipts of 1874-75 are expected to amount to ...	80,000
The actuals of 1873-74 were... ..	99,529
And those of 1872-73 ...	77,883

FORT WILLIAM,
15th March 1875.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Colonel, R.A.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 289.

ORDER THEREON, 14th April 1875, No. 995.

ACCOUNT, No. 11.

THE foregoing orders of the Government of India on the Imperial Public Works Budget Estimate for 1875-76 will

be communicated to the officers of the department in continuation of G. O., No. 261, dated 29th January 1875.

2. The amount originally assigned by the Government of India for Imperial Public Works in this Presidency was Rupees 9,64,000, but this has now been reduced by 1,31,000 Rupees, made up of the following items:—

Telegraph and Post Office ...	RS. 1,00,000
Minor Works repairs to Light-houses ...	5,000
Proportion of Establishment ...	26,000
	1,31,000

thereby leaving the net grant for 1875-76 at Rupees 8,33,000.

3. The attention of the Consulting Architect to Government is requested to paragraph 4 of the orders. His Excellency the Governor in Council observes that

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no information has been laid before Government regarding the details of the scheme for the conversion of the Chepauk Workshops into a Military Hospital since the submission of Mr. Chisholm's letter, No. 241, dated 16th September 1874, wherein he then proposed to place himself in personal communication with Dr. Massey, C.B., on the subject.

4. With reference to paragraph 7, the Superintending Engineer, Bellary, is requested to expedite the submission of the information called for in G. O., No. 3,118, dated 2nd November 1874; he will forward a statement showing the total expenditure on the water-supply project from the date of its commencement to the 31st March 1875, the estimated amount required for its completion, and the sum that may be profitably spent during 1875-76.

5. The works alluded to in paragraphs 8 and 9 will be removed from the budget in accordance with instructions.

6. With reference to paragraph 11, regarding repairs to the Esplanade roads, a report with plan has been received from the Municipality, through the District Engineer, Presidency, and the question is now under consideration in the Military Department with the view to the opinion of the Military authorities being elicited.

7. District Engineers will distinctly understand that they are not at liberty to undertake any of the works entered in Class C, without further special orders appropriating funds for the same. And His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will be requested to order the preparation of a statement of the sanctioned works entered in that class, with which it is desirable to proceed, arranged according to their urgency. All works entered in Classes A and B will be proceeded with without delay excepting Nos. 2 to 7, for which estimates have not been submitted, No. 17 of which the site is not fixed, and No. 18 which would appear to require further report.

(True Extract.)

 Colonel R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
To Superintending Engineers.
To District Engineers.
To the Special Executive Engineer, Wynaad.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Examiner of Railway Accounts.
" Consulting Architect.
" Public, &c., Departments.
" Military Department.
" Revenue Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Accountant-General.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Post Master-General.
" Superintendent of Telegraphs, Madras Division.
" Master Attendant.

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To

THE CHIEF ENGINEER FOR IRRIGATION.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated April 14th.

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