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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

30th April 1877, No. 1376.

Provincial and Local Funds.

Read the following papers:—

No. 270. *From L. C. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 10th March* 1877, *No.* 913.

Book Department.

I have the honor to ask for the orders of His Grace the Governor in Council upon the instructions issued by the Government of India in Financial Resolution, No. 982, dated 19th February 1877, and supplemented by Circular No. 7, dated 24th February 1877, by the Comptroller-General.

2. The objects which their resolution apparently aims to secure are practically—

(*a.*) The complete separation in the Provincial accounts without addition or diminution of the receipts and disbursements in connexion with the Departments separated off to Imperial account under the Provincial Service scheme of December 1870 from all other transactions in which the Provincial Governments are directly or indirectly interested; and

(*b.*) The maintenance of an equilibrium between the assets and liabilities of these two sections of Provincial finance by the appropriation of aid from the surplus to the deficit section by the transfer of some particular work or service to the section wherein the surplus exists rather than by the grant of a lump assignment for general purposes from the one section to the other;

and I beg to inquire what action, if any, His Grace in Council proposes to take in furtherance of those objects.

3. I take this opportunity to invite the attention of the Government to the Resolution of the Government of India, No. 2998, recorded in the Financial Department on the 21st September 1876, wherein it was directed that in the estimates of Provincial Funds provision should be made for "only a scale of expenditure which shall be so well within the estimated available assets as to leave a moderate balance at the end of the year," and to report in connexion with this subject that the accounts of Provincial Services for the three years 1873-74, 1874-75, and 1875-76 actually closed with deficit balances that the same account for the current year is expected to close with a nominal balance under Rupees 500, and that the Budget Estimates for 1877-78 have been framed to exhibit a surplus of only Rupees 76,360.

No. 271. *From L. C. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 5th April* 1877, *No.* 6.

Book Department.

With reference to G.O., Financial No. 953, dated 17th March 1877, I have the honor to refer to my letter, No. 913, of the 10th idem, and respectfully to remark that

some further action than the communication to the Board of Revenue and to the several Municipalities of the Comptroller-General's circular on the subject appears to be necessary in order to give full effect to the instructions received from the Government of India in Financial Resolution, No. 982, dated 19th February 1877.

No. 272. ORDER THEREON, 30th April 1877, No. 1376.

The Accountant-General will report in detail the action which he would recommend in connexion with the circular from the Comptroller-General referred to.

2. In some cases the charge of a particular service has already been transferred to a local fund, but where this has not been done, the Government would prefer that any rectification of the existing practice should take the form described in paragraph 2 (*b*) of the Comptroller-General's circular, viz., direct debit of the share chargeable to each fund, as is now done in the case of medical subordinates lent to Local and Municipal Boards.

3. Grants on account of Public Works are now divided under the heads of "Works" and "Establishment;" and in the final accounts the amount of the grant under each head is deducted by the Examiner of Public Works Accounts from the gross charge shown in the Local Fund Circle accounts. The Government desire to adhere to this system so far as grants from Local Funds for Public Works are concerned.

4. A considerable portion of the amount shown in the Provincial Budget for 1877-78 under the head of Contributions to Local Funds and Municipalities has not as yet been distributed, but orders will shortly be issued on the subject.

5. The Government had not overlooked the necessity of guarding against a repetition of the deficit balances referred to in paragraph 3 of the first of the Accountant-General's letters above recorded, but the circumstances of the present year are such as to render it impossible to provide a large unallotted Provincial balance. It will be considered in the Public Works Department what steps should be taken to ensure the submission of a satisfactory Regular Estimate of Public Works expenditure from Provincial Funds, at least three months before the close of each year.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Accountant-General.
" Revenue Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Public Works Department.
" Presidents of all Municipalities.

Exd. J. Wright.

APRIL.
Nos. 270—272.

Provincial and Local Funds.—The Accountant-General to report in detail the action which he would recommend in connexion with the circular from the Comptroller-General, dated 24th February 1877, No. 7.

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To

The ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL,
&c. &c. &c.

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