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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

23rd May 1877, No. 124 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Account.

Read the following papers:—

No. 238. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 16th April 1877 No. 1,445-A.

From L. C. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, Madras, to the Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 10th April 1877, No. 33.

With reference to the Orders of Government in the Revenue Department, Nos. 69 and 1,287 of 9th January and 2nd April 1877, requesting me to place Rupees 1 lakh at the disposal of the Collector of Madras for the payment of compensation for lands taken up for the Junction Canal, I have the honor to inquire how the payments are to be charged and adjusted. Ordinarily such disbursements, if the land is taken up by compulsory process under Act X of 1870, would, in accordance with the orders of the Comptroller-General, be treated in the Civil Accounts as remittances to the Public Works Department; and, though audited by this office, the bills should be sent to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts for adjustment against the Public Works Budget, and I presume the ordinary procedure should now be adopted, so much of the expenditure on the Junction Canal as may be found eventually debitable to the Famine grant being so charged by the Examiner.

2. I apprehend it will not be considered right to debit as a Famine charge the expense of taking up this land.

Miscellaneous.

The Governor in Council observes that the Junction Canal would not have been put in hand without a regular budget allotment but for the famine. Its execution was sanctioned as a Famine relief work, and all charges connected with it must, therefore, be debited in the first instance to Famine Relief, Imperial.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

No. 238-A. From Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Joint Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Buildings and Roads Branch, dated Fort St. George, 14th May 1877, No. 9 B.

I HAVE received through the Accountant-General a copy of G.O. No. 1,445-A, dated 16th April 1877, ordering that payments for the compensation of the land required for the Junction Canal are to be debited in the first instance to Famine Relief, Imperial.

2. With reference to this order, I have the honor to point out that the orders which have been received both from the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, and from the Comptroller-General are both to the effect that the actual value of the work done is to be charged to the proper head of service concerned and only the excess above normal rates is to be charged to Imperial Famine, the adjustment being carried out as early as practicable.

3. In the case of payments for compensation for land there can obviously be no excess over normal rates, and the whole is chargeable in this case to Provincial; I have therefore respectfully to ask for a reconsideration of the Orders of Government as to the debit of this expenditure. There is no obvious object in debiting it to Imperial in order to transfer it back to Provincial and by making due provision to meet the debit at once, other expenditure will have to be deferred, and any inconvenience at the end of the present official year which otherwise may be caused by these heavy debits if normal expenditure proceeds, will thus be avoided.

No. 239.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1877, No. 124 W.

RECORDED, with reference to Public Works Department Order No. 66 W of the 15th May 1877, under which the course described in the 2nd paragraph of Captain Gordon's letter will be adopted.

(True Extract.)

E. A. Smith Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Presidency.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Revenue Department.
" Financial Department.

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