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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2665

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th November 1867.*

No. 188. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Works Department :—

Passing orders on letter from Controller of
Public Works Accounts, pointing out some
misapprehension in regard to Mr. Fraser's
proceedings on the Salt Works of the Madras
District. } (Here enter 2nd November 1867, No. 3,395.)

No. 189. ORDER THEREON, 11th November 1867, No. 2,665.

Separate Revenue, No. 11.

Salt. "

1. Communicated to the Revenue Board, who will give the necessary instructions to the Collector of Madras in regard to the Salt works the execution of which is being supervised by Mr. Fraser, C. E., and will take care that funds are duly made available for all the minor Salt works included in the Board's Distribution List, which, though supervised by officers of the Department of Public Works, are chargeable to the Revenue Budget provision, and have their accounts kept under the Collector's own control apart from those of the Public Works Department.

2. The Board will take the necessary precautions to guard against irregularities in regard to the execution of Local Fund works.

3. The Government are, however, under the impression that the estimated cost of all such works to be executed by the Department Public Works is invariably placed to the credit of the Superintending Engineers as soon as the orders on the Local Fund Budget are issued.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, } With Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 3,395.
„ the Accountant General, }
„ the Public Works Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
2nd November 1867.*

No. 28. Read the following letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 23rd October 1867, No. 2,858:—

1. With reference to G. O. No. 3,057, dated 2nd October 1867, communicating G. O. No. 2,263, dated 28th September 1867, in the Revenue Department, for information and guidance, I have the honor to point out that there appears to me to be some misapprehension in regard to Mr. Fraser's proceedings on the salt works.

2. The Government distinctly state in the Memorandum after this Office letter No. 2,364, dated 17th September 1867, "that no portion of the expenditure incurred from that source (viz., sums provided for salt works) should appear in the accounts of that (Public Works) Department," and in paragraph 5 of G. O. No. 2,263, just below the above-named Memorandum, they are under the impression "that Mr. Fraser is supervising the execution of these works for the Revenue Department."

3. I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that Mr. Fraser is virtually carrying out the works in question, from credit orders granted to the Superintending Engineer for *bonâ fide* Public Works. In forwarding

This Office letter No. 2,708, dated 12th October 1867, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, and that Officer's reply No. 3,486, dated 21st idem. Copy of the Proceedings, Revenue Board, dated 30th September 1867.

correspondence in original, to be obligingly returned, I would point out that on the sanction of the Government being first obtained to any work of a local character being carried out by Public

Works Officers, funds should be regularly placed, agreeably to existing rules, at the disposal of Superintending Engineers, who will incorporate them with the funds already granted, as per Budget orders. From these aggregate amounts whatever may be required, from time to time, will be drawn by means of credit orders alone.

4. These rules are not observed in many instances, occasioning much confusion in account between the Civil and Public Works Departments, and causing considerable correspondence before it can be made clear.

Revenue Board's Proceedings No. 6,445, dated 8th October 1867, and Mr. O'Shaughnessy's No. 286, dated 19th October 1867. In original, to be returned.

which authority the Board of Revenue afterwards ignores; and again, another case,

Controller's Circular X of 1867. Letter No. 1,884, dated 9th October 1867, from Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to Controller, and Controller's reply No. 2,719, dated 12th October 1867. In original, to be returned.

5. I would submit for instance, as per correspondence noted in the margin, the fact of a Collector authorizing local works to be executed by a Range Officer, where another Superintending Engineer actually states that the practice has been to receive monies from, and to account for expenditure direct to, Collectors without any reference to this office.

6. I have, therefore, the honor to request that such definite orders may be issued by the Government, not only with reference to Mr. Fraser's proceedings, but as a guide for the action of all Superintending Engineers and Collectors in the matter at issue. I would add that the idea did suggest itself to me that

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the Superintending Engineers may be directed to grant credits to Range Officers only to the extent of their probable expenditure, month by month, on actually sanctioned Imperial and local works. This would be perfectly correct, and would effectually prevent any outlay except under the cognizance of the Superintending Engineers; but in the present instance it would, owing to the irregularity of the proceedings in Mr. Fraser's case having passed unnoticed for so long a period, create confusion, and might prove injurious to the works he is executing.

7. I would, therefore, suggest that the sums still remaining to be expended by Mr. Fraser be regularly transferred to the Public Works Department.

No. 29. ORDER THEREON, 2nd November 1867, No. 3,395.

ACCOUNT, No. 3.

1. The special provision of two lacs of Rupees which is made in the Civil estimates of the current official year for appropriation to salt works is not available for expenditure by Officers of the Public Works Department, nor can the allotment be transferred to the credit of that department without the special sanction of the Government of India. This being clearly understood, it follows that no portion of the outlay from the grant in question can appear in the accounts of the Department Public Works, but there is no objection to the Officers of the professional department giving the Collectors their aid and advice in the planning and execution of works.

2. Under these orders, the expenditure incurred by Mr. Fraser, which it appears is chargeable to the provision of two lacs in the Civil estimates, must be expunged from the Public Works accounts, and the Controller will see that this is done without further delay.

3. Orders will be issued in the Revenue Department to ensure the requisite funds being placed at the disposal of the Superintending Engineers for all Local Fund works which may be entrusted to the Officers of the Department Public Works for execution. This arrangement will prevent the irregularities noticed by the Controller, as it will enable Range Officers to draw such sums as they may require by means of the usual credit orders.

(True Extract.)

Colonel R. E.

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts, with nine Enclosures.
" Superintending Engineers.
" Revenue Department.
To Captain Kennedy.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

General Order No. 1867
Since the necessary instructions
the Govt. of Madras in regard to
the salt works have been being
by Mr. Fraser. On this the
that the Govt. are fully

Let funds from the Govt Budget
provision for the same salt
works. They are for which
at present only those included
in the Govt. Budget are

Let the Govt. take the
responsibility for the same
against irregularities in regard
to the execution of Local Fund
works. The Govt. are known
in the Govt. Budget that
the estimated cost of salt
works is included in the
Govt. Budget. It is in this place
the Govt. are to be charged
as soon as the order
the Govt. Budget are issued

Notes to the Govt. Secy
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For Govt. Secy
Staff. L.R.

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Revenue Department

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Under date the 11th November 1867. —

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(Here enter 2nd Nov^r 1867 N^o 3395)

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Revenue 1867. (M^o 11th Nov^r 1867)
By order of the Revenue
Board. 3016.

Proceedings of the
M^o 11th Nov^r 1867.

Order 2nd Nov^r 1867
Revenue 2nd Nov^r 1867

N^o 3395

Copy order
to the Public Works
Department in regard
to Mr Fraser's proceedings
on the Salt Works of the
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With order
of 20th Nov^r 1867

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