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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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26th November 1867.*

No. 479. Read the following letter from the Accountant General, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort St. George, 21st November 1867, No. 264 :—

1. I have the honor, with reference to paragraph 3 of the Order of Government, in the Revenue Department, No. 2,665, dated 11th instant, to observe that the present practice in this Office regarding sanctions for Local Fund Works to be executed by Public Works Department is, on the receipt of such sanctions, simply to retain them, pending the submission of an application by the controlling authority, whether of the Public Works, Education, or Marine Department, for the amount to be placed at its disposal.

2. This course was adopted for the following reasons :—

First.—Local Fund sanctions do not lapse with the year, a sanction granted in one year being available for expenditure in any subsequent year. The amount sanctioned is, therefore, placed at the disposal of the Public Works Officers only when applied for by that department.

Secondly.—Supplemental Budgets are sanctioned on account of Local Fund which include either in part or in whole works, for which provision was made in the original Budget, or sanction. In the Registers kept in this Office the amount for each work is not entered in detail, but only the abstract sums sanctioned for each district; this Office is, therefore, not in a position to distinguish fresh sanctions from others, nor is it necessary for it to keep details, as the expenditure in lump in each district is advised in accordance with forms prescribed for the guidance of the Public Works Department. The Controller of Public Works Accounts is, on the other hand, in a position to know and apply for the amount actually required to be placed at the disposal of Public Works Department, to prevent sums being more than once placed to credit of that department.

Thirdly.—The present system does not delay the execution of works; for even though the sanctions were at once communicated to Superintending Engineers as soon as granted, the latter would not be able to draw funds, except through credit orders, which are issued by this department only on application received from the Controller of Public

Works Accounts. An intimation, therefore, from that Officer in the form of a printed Memorandum* at any time, either before or after he applies for his general credit order, will be sufficient to place the required sum for Local Fund expenditure at the Superintending Engineer's disposal.

* Memorandum of sums required to be placed at the disposal of Public Works Department.

Authority.	No. and date.	Districts.	Fund.	Amount.

Controller P. W. Accounts.

3. I beg at the same time to point out that the sums sanctioned in the original Budget, and consolidated with the Imperial Public Works Budget, are at once placed to the credit of the several districts, without waiting for an application from the Controller.

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No. 480.

ORDER THEREON, 26th November 1867, No. 2,803.

Separate Revenue, No. 34.

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1. Communicated to the Department Public Works.
2. Copy to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department,
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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