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Municipal—Accounts.

No. 185. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 10th December 1874, No. 3465:—

Read the following endorsement of the District Engineer, Presidency, dated Fort St. George, 6th November 1874, No. 4438.

From J. N. GRAINGER, Esq., General Superintendent of Public Works Stores and Workshops, to Lieut.-Colonel J. GODDARD, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, dated Chepauk, 5th November 1874, No. 1,218.

I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts on the subject of charging 15 per cent. on all Public Works Stores issued to Municipalities on account of Establishment.

1 Copy of letter, No. 15, from Controller of Public Works Accounts.
2 Price lists (to be returned.)

2. On receipt of G.O., dated 14th October 1874, No. 2,928, and the Controller's Circular thereon, No. 11 of 1874, I referred the question to the Controller as to their applicability to the Public Works Stores Establishment, which elicited the reply enclosed.

3. The 10 per cent. now charged on all stores issued to other than Government departments is on account of custom's duty—*vide* Orders of Government marginally noted—so that no charge whatever is now made on account of Establishment.

11th July 1862, No. 1,641.
23rd June 1864, ,, 1,837.

4. The Controller of Public Works Accounts considers 15 per cent. altogether excessive for simply issuing stores; but Mr. Moss apparently under-estimates the labor required for this duty, as the men are sometimes engaged for hours in taking out and weighing iron, taking and counting out tools and packing them for despatch to Municipalities, Railways, and Native States; so that the issue of stores involves the checking of the indents with the stock in store, the passing of quantities and pricing of the same, the taking out from storage rooms, the weighing or counting them, the booking in the issue and ledgers with advices of despatch to those concerned, and last bills for the stores issued, so that I am of opinion that some percentage should be charged on account of Establishment, nor do I consider 15 per cent., in addition to 10 per cent. for custom's duty on the value of stores issued, too high, seeing that even then the cost would be below local market rates by about 75 per cent. I enclose price lists from Messrs. Oakes and Company and Public Works Stores for comparison, and would solicit your attention to two items only, viz., hammers and mamooties.

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From T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to J. N. GRAINGER, Esq., General Superintendent of Public Works Stores, dated Madras, 2nd November 1874, No. 15.

With reference to your letters marginally noted, I have the honor to state that, in my opinion, the rate of 15 per cent. fixed as the charge for Public Works Establishment on occasions when Municipalities require the Public Works Department to execute works should not be applied to stores issued from the Public Works Stores Department to Municipalities. It seems to me that the 10 per cent. charge already imposed (for custom's duty) need not be added to, and certainly if 15 per cent. is considered a fair charge for Establishment in connection with engineering works carried out for Municipalities by the Public Works Department, that rate would be altogether excessive for simply issuing stores from the Store Department to Municipalities.

No. 1,179 of 29th October 1874.
„ 1,186 of 30th „ „

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SUBMITTED for orders with the opinion that the General Superintendent's proposal seems reasonable and correct. His prices are much below those of Messrs. Oakes and Company, *vide* metallic tapes, saws, planes, hammers, etc.

Two price lists (to be returned).

(Signed) J. GODDARD, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
District Engineer, Presidency.

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2. The following charges are sanctioned, viz., on—

Scientific Instruments	5 per cent.
Machinery	7 „
Tools, Plant, and Stock articles	10 „
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Metals	
Painters' stores	
Cordage	
Miscellaneous	

3. The above to be in addition to the charge already made on account of custom duty.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 186. ORDER THEREON, 25th January 1875, No. 134.

Copy furnished to the Presidents of all Municipal and Local Fund Boards.

2. It will be understood that the percentage in question is not to be charged on account of stores issued in connection with Local Fund or Municipal Works carried out by Officers of the General Public Works Establishment on payment of the fixed percentage on outlay.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To all Presidents of Municipalities.
„ „ of Local Fund Boards.
„ „ Public Works Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Govt. of [1875] Madras

FINANCIAL.

To

ALL PRESIDENTS OF MUNICIPALITIES,

&c., &c.,

Dated January, 25th.

Rec'd.

Read.

G.O., 25th January 1875, No. 134.

JANUARY.
Nos. 185-186.

Stores for Municipalities and Local Fund Boards.—Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department, sanctioning the charging of certain percentages on stores supplied by that Department to other than Government Departments, communicated to the Presidents of the Boards with the remark that it is understood that the percentage is not to be charged on stores for such of their works as are carried out by officers of the General Public Works Department on payment of the fixed percentage on outlay.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
10th December 1874.

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District Engineer, Presidency.

No. 189. ORDER THEREON, 10th December 1874, No. 3,465.

ACCOUNT, No. 12.

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(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Presidency, with two price lists.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Financial Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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Govt. of 1874 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER, PRESIDENCY,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated December 10*th*.

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G. O., 10*th December* 1874, *No.* 3,465.

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DECEMBER.

Nos. 188-189

It is submitted that in communicating to Local Fund Boards and Municipalities this order passed in the Pub. Dept. the following para should be added.

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All Revenue Collectors &c. of Local Fund Boards & Pub. Works Dept. 21

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Public Works Stores.—Sanctioning the charging of certain percentages on stores supplied by the Public Works Department to other than Government Departments or to the public.

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