

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. <i>1682</i>	Press ~~Mis.~~
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
23rd October 1867.*

No. 196. Read the following Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department.

Read also the following letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works; dated Madras, 12th September 1867, No. 2300.

With reference to G. O., 3rd September 1867, No. 1414, on the Inspector General's No. 1495, dated 27th August

2 Copies of correspondence.

commented on by G. O., No. 2363, dated 5th August 1867, had reference to the monthly* Abstracts of Receipts and Disbursements, which should be submitted by Civil Officers for audit, and incorporated in the monthly accounts of the Presidency. The irregularity with which these accounts are sent in is the only cause of such large sums remaining unadjusted; for clearances are granted on *them*, and the expenditure shown by them is credited each month at once (when they are received) to the Civil Officers concerned.

2. The bills referred to by the Inspector General of Police are submitted when the works are completed, and they alone require "Completion Certificates" from the Officers of the Public Works Department, and not the Monthly Abstracts of Receipts and Disbursements, on which credit is afforded on the current expenditure, on the same principle that monthly clearances are granted to every disbursing officer for his expenditure.

G. O., 19th August 1865, No. 2413.

No. 1515, dated 20th August 1867, from Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, and No. 103, dated 4th August 1866, from Captain Hunter to Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.

3. I would here submit copies of communications for the information of Government, illustrative of the cause of delay in granting certificates.

4. While on this point I would recommend that the prescribed Abstracts of Receipts and Disbursements for each month be submitted direct to this office, instead of coming through Superintending Engineers, just as Range Officers send their monthly accounts direct. This would remove the unnecessarily circuitous manner in which the correspondence between Civil Officers and this office is now kept up, and facilitate the despatch of official work, while the prescribed check by the Executive Officers will be maintained in all its integrity by the requisite completion certificates to bills after completion.

5. I would further recommend that the present system of making advances to Junior Officers of the Civil Department be discontinued, and that advances be made only to recognized heads, such as Collectors and Deputy Collectors, Superintendents of Police, &c., and not to Tahsildars, Moonsiffs, Inspectors of Police, &c. The superior officers may distribute the advances received by them, but *they* alone should be in account with this office.

Copy of docket, No. 242, dated 5th August 1867, from the Supervisor in charge of Kadlghi Range, to the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

Your docket, No. 1283, dated 31st July 1867.

Informs that the Superintendent of Police was requested in docket, No. 221, dated 19th July 1867, to forward a true copy of the estimate for the Police huts at Hurpunhully, in order that the

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work may be checked with the estimate; besides this, two out of fourteen huts remain incomplete. Owing to these circumstances, the submission of the completion certificate has been delayed.

No. 1515, dated 20th August 1867.

Copy forwarded to the Controller of Public Works Accounts for information, with reference to his Memorandum, No. 1162, dated 25th ultimo.

(Signed) A. S. MOBERLY, Major, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division

From the Executive Engineer, Kistna, to the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division; dated Masulipatam, 4th August 1866, No. 103.

In accordance with instructions contained in your Memorandum, No. 1287, dated 31st March 1866, I have the honor to inform you that I have inspected the Police huts at Nedoomole, Caza, and Codoor, and certify that in each case work has been done probably to the amount expended.

* Completion Certificate attached.

Those at Codoor are the only ones that are finished,* and as a bill is furnished for them, I can state that work to the full amount seems

to have been executed. In both the other cases the works are done on contract, and are stated to be incomplete. I can only certify them in these cases that there has been work performed, but the huts, especially those at Nedoomole, are far from complete; one of them has no roof.

Order, 19th September 1867, No. 2915.

Communicated to the Judicial and Revenue Departments, with reference to the Orders noted in the margin.

2. The suggestions contained in paragraphs 1 and 5 of the Controller's letter are approved.

(True Extract).

(Signed) J. H. M. S. STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

No. 197. ORDER THEREON, 23rd October 1867, No. 1682.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Proceedings of Government be furnished to the Inspector General of Police, and that his attention be drawn to the remarks of the Controller of Public Works Accounts in paragraphs 1 and 2 of his letter, dated the 12th ultimo.

2. Ordered also that the Proceedings be communicated to the several Collectors and Civil Judges in the provinces.

(True Extract).

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Police.

„ Collector of

„ Civil Judge of

„ Public Works Department.

Edw. J. Tulloch.

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