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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Secy. 14-7-37

G.O. No.	1287	Press Mis.
Dated	8-7-	1837

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 14th July 1857.

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	557
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No. 2. From Lieutenant Colonel W. E. BAKER, Secretary to Government of India; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated the 27th June 1856, No. 2906.

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I have the honor to bring to the notice of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that Mr. W. Grant, the Senior Uncovenanted Assistant of the Central office of Public Works has been, during the past year, engaged in such intervals of leisure as his duties permitted, in collecting, arranging, and preparing for publication, the Circular and Standing orders of the Department, whether emanating from the late Board of Public Works, from the Chief Engineer, the local Government, from the Government of India, or the Honorable Court; and the work

having been now brought to a close, and being calculated to prove highly useful, I have on his application cordially assented to his publishing it at his own cost, and the volume is, consequently, already in an advanced stage of progress.

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3. The Code, as finally amended and communicated to this office in Extract Minutes of Consultation 29th February 1856 No. 318, contains 20 Sections of these, the following have already been Officially circulated to the Department.

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XIV. XV. XVI. XVII.	Supply of funds and forms of Accounts.	E. M. C. 30th September 1856, No. 1766.

4. The remaining and uncirculated Sections are as follows.

III. District Engineers.
IV. Special Executive Engineers.
V. Assistant to District Engineers.
VI. Executive Officers and Agents.
VII. Subordinate Department.
VIII. Vernacular language.
IX. Payment of Establishments.
X. Works of Irrigation and Communication.
XI. Buildings.
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5. Of the above, Sections IV, V, and IX would appear to be obsolete, the two former, as referring to a class of Officers not now, or likely to be, in existence, and the last as having been superseded by the preaudit system of salaries. Section VII will probably be modified by the decision which the Supreme, or the local Government, may arrive at, in regard to the rules for promotion and qualifications among the Subordinate grades. With the above exceptions, the remaining Sections contain rules for the most part already in observance, and their publication would be attended with advantage by removing that feeling of uncertainty under which the Departmental Officers now labor, in continual expectation of a new Code, the contents of which are unknown to them.

6. Of the 51 forms included in the Code, upwards of 32, have been made known to the Department at different times, and most of those remaining are already, in use, though not exactly in the shape prescribed by the Code, under these circumstances, it appears to me advisable that they also should be published for the information of the Department.

7. Should Government consider it necessary that the Rules or Forms be revised before publication, Mr. Grant will of course be instructed to conform to such instructions as he may

receive on the subject, and also to submit the proofs of the Code, if required, for the approval of the Secretary to Government in the D. P. W., I may here mention that I myself exercise a careful General Superintendence over the entire work, as each proof sheet is submitted to me before it is struck off, so that the work may be published under the authority of the head of the Department.

8. It is scarcely necessary for me to enter into an explanation to shew how useful a work of this kind will be to the Members of the Department of all grades, containing as it will do, all the orders of Superior authority, that are now in force, or which have not been affected by the transfer of the executive from the Collector's to the Engineer Department, together with a copious index to the whole. The necessity of publishing the many useful orders passed under the old system will be evident from the circumstance that by the separation of the eight Divisions into twenty Districts, nearly twelve of the latter have been left without the necessary records, in consequence of which continual references and questions are now submitted for disposal, which in point of fact, have been considered and decided long ago.

9. The Book will, it is believed, contain upwards of 600 pages, and is being printed upon the *best paper*, and with the *best type* available in Madras. The price has been fixed at the same amount as that of the Circular Orders of the Board of Revenue published by Mr. Maskell, viz. 10 Rupees, which was also that paid by Government for it.

10. In consideration of the public utility of the work in question, and the great labor bestowed on its compilation, I trust I may be permitted to recommend it for the liberal patronage of Government, and to suggest that 300 copies may be purchased for distribution among the Engineer and Upper Subordinate branches of the Public Works Establishment, as also the *First Class* Sub Overseers, consisting altogether of 406 persons.* As it is not unlikely that several private copies will be also purchased, the above number will probably be sufficient to meet the wants of the Department in this respect. I must acknowledge also, that I should be glad, Mr. Grant, to whose assiduity, Zeal, and knowledge of this branch of the Public service the compilation is solely due, should be protected in some degree, from the risk of pecuniary loss, a measure that apparently can best be effected by the Government honoring the work by their official approval, and by their consenting to purchase the number that I have ventured to recommend.

* Officers	106
Upper Subordinate Establishment.	204
First class Sub Overseers.	96
Total	406

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, No. 1309; dated 8th July 1857.

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XIV. The supply of funds and accounts.

XV. Register of estimates, and progress of works.
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XVIII. Dead Stock.
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2. The Government carefully considered the Draft Code submitted as above ; and, after making such amendations and additions as it seemed to them to require, returned it with Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 29th February 1856, No. 318, to the Chief Engineer, in order to its being immediately printed and circulated for the guidance of the members of the Department. Further, the Chief Engineer was requested to state what number of copies would be required, and in the letter first recorded, he suggested that 700 copies should be printed.

3. When however the Code was about to be printed, this Government learnt that a set of rules for the guidance of the Public Works Department was under preparation by a Committee which had been formed at Calcutta, and entertaining doubts whether the rules so prepared were designed to extend to the whole of India, or were to be limited in their application to the Bengal Presidency, this Government, on 1st March 1856, in enquiring the intentions of the Government of India expressed at the same time a wish to retain the Madras Draft Code, as being well adapted to the Public Works Department of this Presidency.

4. The Supreme Government, in replying to the above reference, stated (letter 15th April 1856) that when the proposals of the Committee should have been approved, a copy of the Code would be forwarded to this Government for report; and they requested that the publication of the Code drawn up here might be suspended, pending further orders. The Supreme Government at the same time desired to be furnished with a copy of the Madras Code, which was accordingly submitted with Mr. Bourdillon's letter of 21st May 1856, No. 753.

5. The Government of India finally signified their wish in the second letter recorded at the head of this Extract, that the Madras Code should be revised, so as to agree with the Notification of the Supreme Government dated 17th June 1856, and with the Budget Rules furnished to this Government with their letter of 31st March last. It was the intention of this Government to revise the Code accordingly, and afterwards to have it printed ; but as the question of the Public Works establishment in connection with the above Notification much engaged their attention, and caused frequent references to the Government of India, the revision was not undertaken. The Government however seeing that there was great want of method and exactness in the accounts of the Executive Department under the Engineers, resolved to circulate at once those parts of the Code bearing on the subject of drawing funds and keeping accounts ; and this was accordingly done in the Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 30th September 1856, No. 1766.

6. In the third letter above recorded, the Chief Engineer brings to the notice of Government, that Mr. W. Grant, the senior Uncovenanted Assistant in his office, has been engaged in preparing for publication a compilation of the several circular and standing orders connected with the Department, whether emanating from the late Board of Public Works, the Chief Engineer, the Local Government, the Supreme Government, or the Honorable Court; and that this work, which is now nearly completed, being calculated to prove highly useful, he has assented to Mr. Grant's request to publish it at his own cost. Colonel Faber at the same time, suggests that it will be very beneficial, if the members of the Department be put in possession of those sections and forms of the proposed new Code which have not yet been officially promulgated, and accordingly requests that Mr. Grant may be allowed to print them in the form of an Appendix to his forthcoming compilation. Lastly, in consideration of the public utility of the proposed work, and the great labor bestowed on its compilation, he recommends that, to protect Mr. Grant from pecuniary loss, and to mark approval of his work, 300 copies of it may be purchased for the use of the Officers, and of the subordinate grades, including that of first class Sub Overseers, 406 persons in all.

7. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to express his approval of Mr. Grant's proposed publication, which he is of opinion will prove very useful to all those connected with the Public Works Department.

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9. As the several orders referred to above will, with all others issued since the organization of the new Department, appear in Mr. Grant's compilation, though scattered throughout the volume according to their dates, it is not desirable that the Code should now undergo revision to the delay of the publication of Mr. Grant's work. Of the unpublished Section referred to in para. 4 of the Chief Engineer's letter last recorded, Nos. V. VII. VIII. and IX, need not be printed, as they have been set aside. The Government authorize the insertion in Mr. Grant's work of the other Sections viz., III. IV. VI. X. XI. XVIII. XIX. and XX. with the several forms referred to in them, which will be brought into full operation from the date of the proposed publication reaching the local Officers.

10. It is the wish of Government that to render the compilation thoroughly useful, it should be provided with a table of contents, and an Alphabetical index, as in Mr. Maskell's re-print of the Revenue Board's Circular orders, and the Government direct that in all future correspondence, when allusion is made to orders, the pages of Mr. Grant's Book in which they appear, be invariably quoted.

11. Colonel Faber recommends that 300 copies of the Circular Order Book may be purchased ; but he at the same time points out that they should be distributed to the Engineer Officers and superior Subordinates of the Public Works Establishment, and to the lower grades including first Class Sub Overseers, embracing altogether 406 persons. The Government sanction the purchase of 500 copies at an outlay not exceeding Rupees (5,000) five thousand, being at the rate of 10 Rupees per copy. Of this number, 406 will be reserved by the Chief Engineer for distribution among the Members of the Public Works Department, and the remaining 94 copies will be forwarded to Government for supply to Collectors and other Officers, and for deposit in store.

12. The copies supplied to all public Officers will be considered as office records, and care must be taken by the District Engineers that they are transferred to new incumbents, whenever changes may take place among the Subordinates of the Department.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Central Office of Works.
Fort St. George
8th March 1856.

No 1571.

From,

The Chief Engineer, &c.

To,

The Secretary to Government &c.

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Your most obedient Servant.

Wm Baker Colonel.
Chief Engineer, & Works.

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Central Office of Works
Fort Fruit Hill
8th June 1857

No 1004

From
The Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary
to Government Victoria

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I have &c

Public Works 1856 Despl.
Dto Govt 14th July /57.
No 492

From, The Chief Engr & Offr.
To, The Secy. to Govt. P.W.

Dated 8th
Rec. 8 March 1854

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Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
8th June 1854.

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Your most obedient Servant
W. Lake Colonel
Chief Engineer

№ 2906

From

Lieut.t Col.l H. E. Baker,
Secy to the Govt of India,

To

J. D. Bourdillon Esqre,
Secy to the Govt of
Fort St George.

Dated the 27th June, 1836.

Public Works Dept.t

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Sir,
Your most Obed.t Servt,

W. H. Baker Lieut.t Col.l
Secretary to the Govt of India.

Fort William,
The 27th June, 1836.

R.C.B.P.

Noted, Collect upon vouchers.

Chief

Pub.l Works Dept.t
Dated 22nd July 1836
Recd 24th Ditto

From
The Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary
to Government Fort St George

Dated 8th July 1837

Recd 8th 3 June 1837
Replied 8th July

No 3.

Sir,

Public Department.

Public Works Department.

Public Buildings.

Roads.

Bridges.

Navigation.

Irrigation.

Police to examine into the case and have report thereon submitted to Government.

Revenue Department.

Land Revenue.

Land Tax.

Land Customs.

Sea Customs.

Salt.

Opium.

Abkarry.

Stamps.

Tobacco.

Mint.

Assessed Taxes.

Post Office.

Marine.

Pilotage.

Light Houses.

Buoys.

Beacons.

Quarantine.

Miscellaneous.

Pensions.

Civil Buildings.

Civil Contingencies.

Civil Furlough Allowances.

Civil Retired Allowances.

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Civil Charitable Allowances.

Civil Miscellaneous.

Civil Allowances.

Civil Establishments.

Civil Charges.

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Civil Income

Public Works Department

No 1319

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 8th July 1857.
Read the following letters

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hereafter be subjected.

The Budget Rules of 31st March 1856 were communicated to the Chief Engineer with Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 30th May 1856 No 828.

9. As the several orders referred to above will, with all others issued since the organization of the new Department, appear in Mr Grant's compilation, though scattered throughout the Volume according to their dates, it is not desirable that the code should now undergo revision

revision to the delay of the publication of Mr Grant's work. Of the unpublished sections referred to in para 4 of the Chief Engineer's letter last recorded, Nos ~~IV~~, V. VII. VIII, & ~~IX~~, need not be printed, as they have been superseded. The Govt authorize the insertion in Mr Grant's work of the other sections viz ~~III~~ IV, VI. X. XI, ~~XVIII~~ XIX, & ~~XX~~ with the several forms referred to in them, which will be brought into full operation from the

the date of the proposed publication reaching the local Officers.

10. It is the wish of Government that ~~to advance~~ reader the compilation thoroughly useful it should be provided with a Table of contents, and an alphabetical index, as in Mr. Markell's reprint of the Revenue Board's Circular Orders, and the Government direct that in all future correspondence, when allusion is made to orders, the pages of Mr. Grant's Book in which they appear, be

be invariably quoted.

11 Colonel Taber recommends that 300 Copies of the Circular Order Book may be purchased; but he at the same time points out that they should be distributed to the Engineer Officers and superior Subordinates of the Public Works Establishment, and to the lower grades including first Class Sub Overseers, embracing altogether 406 persons.

The Government sanction the purchase

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of 500 Copies at an outlay not exceeding Rupees/5000/ Five Thousand, being at the rate of 10 Rupees per Copy. Of this number 406 will be reserved by the Chief Engineer for distribution among the Members of the Public Works Dept, and the remaining 94 Copies will be forwarded to Govt for supply to Collectors and other Officers, and for deposit in store.

12. The Copies supplied to all public Officers will be considered as Office records, and care must be taken by the District Engineers that they are transferred to new incumbents whenever changes may take place among the subordinates of the Department.—

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