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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1699 Press Misc.

Dated 18

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No. 24. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 29th July 1858 No. 2324.

SIR,

With reference to para. 10, page 583, of the circular orders, I have the honor to represent that as District and Executive Engineers now submit both Progress and Inspection Reports, the preparation of a Diary becomes a very serious addition to their monthly papers and is in consequence much neglected.

2. It appears to me that the two returns above mentioned, can be made to contain all really useful information for the Central Office, and I am strongly in favor of the discontinuance of Diaries altogether which are often mere records of trivial observations leading to no useful result.

3. It is a matter of great importance to reduce the quantity of periodical papers sent in by the Officers of this Department, and the Diaries are under the present system of very little advantage.

No. 25. ORDER THEREON, No. 1848; dated 9th September 1858.

Under the circumstances represented in the above letter the Government authorize the discontinuance of the Diaries required to be submitted by District and Executive Engineers under para. 10 of the Rules communicated in Extract Minutes Consultation 8th July 1857, No. 1309. The Officiating Chief Engineer will arrange for the Progress and Inspection reports of these Officers being so prepared in future as to contain all the information needed by the Central Office.

(Signed) T. PYCROF,
Chief Secretary.

Coty Aug. 24. 1858

My dear Pycroft

I think Lawford's recommendation about the discontinuance of the Diaries may be approved. I believe hardly any of them are kept according to the new form alluded to in p 583 of Grant's book; but the old form is continued, & it is so lengthy that no one reads these diaries. I believe them to be a waste of time.

Yours sincerely
W H Gurley

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
29th July 1858.

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Central Office &c.
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I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

Sanford Major.
Officiating Chief Engineer

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Public Works Department
No. 1693.

From.

The Officiating Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Govt.

Dated 29th July 1858.
Received 29th "

No. 2324.

No. 1848. 9th September 1858.

For reasons explained I recommend the discontinuance of the submission of Diaries to the Central office by the officers of the D. P. W. with an order

No. 1848

Under the circumstances represented in the above letter this Government authorize the discontinuance of the Diaries required to be submitted by Divisional Executive Engineers under para 4 of the Rules communicated in Circular Genl's July 1857 No. 1309. The Officiating Chief Engineer will arrange for the Progress and Inspection reports of these Officers being so prepared in future as to contain all the information now needed by the Central Office.

Govt Dept of Genl
9th Sept 58

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No. 24026.

Chief Engr Dist Secy Govt C31 Sept 58 Disp