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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	12
Date	1-4-33

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 22nd March 1859.

No. 3. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, dated Fort William, 17th February 1859, No. 906.

Read the following letter from Captain H. YULE, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India ; to the Governor of the Straits Settlements, dated Fort William, 17th February 1859, No. 904.

HONORABLE SIR,

A Chief Engineer having now been appointed to the charge of the Public Works Department in the Straits Settlements, the Right Honorable the Governor General is desirous of assimilating the system of Accounts in some degree to that laid down in the Public Works Code.

2. At present it is understood that the Executive Engineers in the Straits keep two sets of Accounts ; one relating to Military Works, with the Madras Government, and the other relating to Civil Works, with the Accountant General to the Government of India. The control of the Public Works Department (see Code page 1) being vested in the chief Civil Authority, the preparation of a separate set of Accounts for Military works is unnecessary. It is also a complicated and inconvenient arrangement.

3. I am therefore to request that you will instruct the Chief Engineer to take the necessary steps for closing the Accounts with the authorities at Madras, and for including all expenditure for the future in the Accounts rendered to the Accountant General to the Government of India, through the local Officer, if any, to whom all the Civil Accounts of the Straits Settlements are submitted.

4. The Chief Engineer should exercise the power of audit and control over the Accounts as laid down in the Public Works Code ; but it will be as well not to change the forms in use at present.

5. You are requested to obtain from the Chief Engineer, a report on the present system of Accounts in the Public Works Department of the Straits Settlements, and on the best mode of proceeding to introduce the system laid down in the Code ; and submit it with a statement of your own views, for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council.

Copy forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras for information, and communication to the Accountant's Department of that Presidency.

(Signed) H. YULE, Captain,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, No. 605 ; dated 16th March 1859.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer and to the Accountant General for information.

(Signed) W. C. SIM,
Actg. Dy. Secretary to Government.

No. 904.

FROM

THE OFFICIATING SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

TO

THE GOVERNOR OF THE
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

Fort William, 17th February 1859.

General.
Accounts.

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I have the honor to be,
HON'BLE SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

H. Gule Capt.
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 906.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, FORT WILLIAM, 17TH FEBRUARY 1859.

Copy forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras for information, and communication to the Accountant's Department of that Presidency.

H. Gule Capt.
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

29 March 1859 (Wednesday)
John Lane Esq. March

No. 531.

From the offg. of
to the Govt of India

Dated 17th Feb 1859
Re: 500 Rupees
P. 2000.

1859
In forwarding the
a Chief Engr has been appointed
to the charge of the S.W.D. in the
S.W.D. Settlements. The Right
Honorable the Govt is desirous of
communicating the details of
accounts in detail to the
Chief Engr in the S.W.D. and
regarding the Govt of S.W.D.
Settlements to give the Chief Engr
the instructions specified.
Respectfully M. March 1859. &
William Carter

Port St. George
16th March 1859
100 Rupees to the Chief Engr
100 Rupees to the Chief Engr

Notes
Continued to the Chief Engr
communicated to the Chief Engr
and to the Government and the
General for information
J. L. Carter
100 Rupees