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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
for the month of March 1860.*

Read the following letters:—

No. 156. From Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 30th January 1860, No. 9730.

1. In reply to the Government Order of the 23rd instant, No. 179, I have the honor to offer the following remarks upon the draft of a proposed Circular form from the Accountant General which accompanied it.

2. The transfer of Stores from this to other departments is not likely to be of frequent occurrence, and there will be no difficulty in dealing with the transaction in the way proposed.

3. With regard to the other cases in which a report will be required by the Accountant General, viz., when Stores are lost, injured, or become useless, I would remark that the Stores of this department are especially liable to constant depreciation from wear and tear, and that Government have ordered* that a depreciation account shall be kept in this office. The annual

* G. O. G. 26th July 1859, No. 1789, paragraph 6.
amount of depreciation cannot be shown in the form prepared by the Accountant General, so that until an article became quite unserviceable, no alteration of its value would be made in that Officer's books. I am decidedly of opinion that the amount of depreciation should be written off annually to profit and loss; as objection might be made to the full value of the Stores being written off upon their becoming unserviceable.

4. I would, therefore, recommend that a column headed, "Estimated present value," be inserted in the form proposed by the Accountant General; and that the difference between the entries there, and the original cost of the Stores, be written off to profit and loss. There will be no difficulty in supplying the information from this office, as the District Engineers will each report the annual depreciation upon the articles within their respective districts.

5. I quite approve of the proposal that an acquittance should be sent to the Accountant General on the occasion of a change in the head of this office.

No. 157. From Captain C. A. ORR, Mint Master, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 4th February 1860, No. 364.

Paragraph 1. With reference to the Circular submitted by the Accountant General, and forwarded under Orders of Government, dated 23rd ultimo, No. 179, for any remarks I might have to offer on the proposal of that Officer regarding a new form of adjusting the accounts of all Civil Stores, I have the honor to state that I see no objection to its introduction if it be not intended to impose restrictions, which do not now exist, on the expenditure under my own authority of such Stores as are necessary for the prosecution of the current operations of the Mint.

2. Mint Stores consist of Machinery, Tools, materials for constructing and repairing Machinery and making Tools, and materials used in the different processes of coining and of recovering the precious metals from the drosses. Up to 1853-57, the value of Machinery issued for use was written off the accounts, and the articles considered as a portion of the power of the Mint, but since that time, under instructions from the Accountant General, the cost of all Machinery given out of the Stores has been retained as a part of the balance in the Store books. The practice has always, however, been different with respect to Tools and other articles and materials, which, as issued, have been written off, because their being either at once expended, or within a brief period rendered unserviceable, any other arrangement would only have had the effect of causing confusion and retarding the settlement of the accounts. The Mint Master is responsible for the proper and economical employment of the Stores and has hitherto been entrusted with authority to write off those expended, and I trust that in passing orders on the Circular under reference, Government will, as heretofore, allow me discretionary power for applying to use, and writing off the value of the articles thus expended, or rendered unserviceable, without having to trouble Government with any special application for permission to do so.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
for the month of March 1860.*

No. 158. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 4th February 1860, No. 560.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Order of Government of the 23rd ultimo, No. 179, upon the Accountant General's proposal to call for a statement of Stores at the close of each official year, and to observe that a Return of office furniture is annually submitted to the Barrack Master under the Orders of Government marginally noted, and that this comprises with some trifling exceptions all the Stores in my office.

No. 159. From Lieutenant-Colonel J. L. BARROW, Acting Principal Commissary of Ordnance and Superintendent of Stationery, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 18th February 1860, No. 174.

Referring to the Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 179, dated 23rd ultimo, annexing a copy of a Circular letter proposed to be issued by the Accountant General to Officers in charge of Civil Stores, referred for remarks, I have the honor to state, that the detailed statement required by the Accountant General at the close of each official year, can be furnished; but the receipts to accompany it, this department will be unable to forward, with the statement required to be submitted at the close of the official year 1859-60, but will do so for the following year, viz., 1860-61, as no separate receipts, except from Officers from out-stations, are now obtained, and this is done with a view to ensure the safe delivery of the Stores; the Indents on which the supplies are made and which are forwarded monthly to the Accountant General together with the Returns, being considered the receipts.

The required acquittance can also be furnished to the Accountant General on occasions of a change in the head of the offices.

No. 160. From J. T. BLISSETT, Esq., Deputy Superintendent Electric Telegraph, Madras Circle, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 23rd February 1860, No. 1721.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government, No. 179, dated 23rd January 1860, consequent upon a letter, No. 385, dated 11th January 1860, from the Accountant General with draft of a Circular annexed and beg to state in reply that I shall be happy to furnish the statement of Stores therein called for, so far as it concerns that circle of the department under my superintendence.

No. 161. ORDER THEREON, 20th March 1860, No. 591.

Ordered that the above papers be forwarded to the Accountant General with reference to his letter of the 11th January 1860, No. 385, and in view to his considering whether any alteration will be required in the Circular he proposes to issue.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

*Central Office of P.W.
Sephakham.
30 January 1860.*

N^o 9730

*From
The Chief Engineer
To
The Chief Secretary
to Government*

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Sir,

1. In reply to the Government order of the 23rd Instant, N^o 179, I have the honor to offer the following remarks upon the draft of a proposed Circular from the Accountant General which accompanied it.

2. The transfer of stores from this to other Departments is not likely to be of frequent occurrence, and there will be no difficulty in dealing with the transaction in the way proposed.

3. With regard to the other cases in which a report will be required by the Accountant General, viz. when stores are lost, injured, or become useless, I would remark that the stores of this Department are especially liable to constant depreciation from wear and tear, and that Government have ordered that

*G. C. G.
26th July 1889
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in this Office. The annual amount of
depreciation cannot be shown in the
form prepared by the Accountant General
so that until an article became quite
unserviceable, no alteration of its value
would be made in that Officer's Books.
I am decidedly of opinion that the
amount of depreciation should be
written off annually to profit and loss,
as objection might be made to the full
value of the stores being written off
upon their becoming unserviceable.

I would therefore recommend
that a Column headed "Estimated
Present Value," be inserted in the
Form proposed by the Accountant
General, and that the difference be-
tween the entries there, and the
original cost of the stores, be written
off to profit and loss. There will be
no difficulty in supplying the infor-
mation from this Office, as the District
Engineers will each report the annual
depreciation upon the articles within
their respective Districts.

I quite approve of the pro-
posal that an acquittance should
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be sent to the Accountant General on
the occasion of a change in the Head
of this Office.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

H. Bell Colonel
Chief Engineer

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in

Fort St. George,
Mint, 4th February 1860.

From The Mint Master
To The Chief Secretary
to Government

Sir,
Paragraph 1st. With reference to the Circular
submitted by the Accountant General
and forwarded under orders of Government
dated 23rd ultimo N^o. 179 for any
remarks I might have to offer on the
proposal of that Officer regarding a
new form of adjusting the accounts
of all Civil Stores, I have the honor
to state that I see no objection to its
introduction if it be not intended to
impose restrictions, which do not now
exist, on the expenditure under my
own authority of such stores as are
necessary for the prosecution of the
current operations of the Mint.
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and making tools, and materials used
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Copy in a Letter to the
Chief Secretary 1861 N^o 38-

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20th of Feb 1860
N^o 280.

of the Chief Engineer
to the Chief Secretary
to Government

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of Government N^o 280
January 1860 N^o 179, 30.

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of Civil Officers.

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power for applying to use, and writing
off the value of the articles thus
expended, or rendered unserviceable,
without having to trouble Government
with any special application for
permission to do so.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servt.,
Chas. A. Fry
Mint Master

From
J J Franklin Esq^r
Superintendent of Marine

To
J Pycroft Esq^r
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt
of the order of Government of the 23^d ultimo No 179
upon the Accountant General's proposal to
call for a statement of stores at the close
of each official year, and to observe that
a Return of office furniture is annually
submitted to the Barracks Master under
the orders of Government marginally noted,
and that this comprises with some trifling
exceptions all the stores in my office

Madras
Marine Supt's Office } I have the honor to be
4th February 1860 } Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

Wm Franklin
Superintendent of Marine

Q 17-31 January 1860 No 4647

Copy on Letter to Esq^r
of 18th April 1861 No 38

Public No 1166 of 1860
No 1 of 1861 No 330

As the Chief Secretary to
Government

Fort St George

Public No 1166 of 1860
No 1 of 1861 No 330

No 364

No

With reference to Circular
from the Accountant General
and letter that the proposed
new form of Account book
should show may be introduced
provided no objection be
expressed on the expenditure
of such stores for the various
operations of the Service

No 594-90:11111111

5th March 1860

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 No 174
 From Lieut. Col. J. P. Barron
 By Order of the
 Public Works Department
 To The Chief Secretary
 to Government
 Fort St. George

Sir. Referring to the Proceedings
 of the Madras Government, No 179
 dated 23rd 1855, concerning a copy of a
 Circular letter proposed to be issued by the
 Accountant General to Officers in charge of
 Civil Stores, referred for remarks, I have
 the honor to state, that the detailed statement
 required by the Accountant General at the
 close of each Official Year, can be furnished,
 but the receipts to accompany it, this
 Department will be unable to forward,
 with the statement required to be submitted
 at the close of the Official Year 1859/60,
 but will do so for the following Year
 Yrs

Q 1731 January 1856 No 46-47
 Copy in a Letter to Capt. Barron
 Dated 18th 1856

Recd. Mr.
 Barron's letter of 13th 1856
 regarding the circular letter
 of the 23rd 1855
 the information is being
 forwarded to the
 Accountant General
 for his consideration
 and will be
 forwarded to the
 Chief Secretary
 as soon as possible
 Yrs

19/58
 25th March 1856
 No 591-70-9 March

Viz 1860/61, as no separate receipts, except
from Officers from Outstations, are now
obtained, and this is done with a view to ensure
the safe delivery of the Stores; the Indents
on which the supplies are made and which are
forwarded monthly to the Accountant
General together with the returns, being
considered the receipts.

The required acquittance can
also be furnished to the Accountant
General on occasions of a change in the
Head of the Office.

I have the honor to be

Yours Most Obedient servant

John A. G. Hall

By J. M. Comd Order
J. M. of Staff

Fort M. George
Stationary Office
18 February 1860

To The Chief Secretary
to Government

Public Works Dept
Fort M. George.

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N^o 1721.

To J. J. Croft Esquire
Chief Secy to Govt
Fort Saint George

Sir I have the honour, to acknow-
ledge the receipt of the order of Go-
vernment N^o 179, dated 23 January
1860, consequent upon a letter N^o
385, dated 11th January 1860 from the
Accountant General with draft
of a circular annexed, and beg
to state in reply that I shall be
happy to furnish the statement
of stores therein called for, so far as
it concerns that circle of the De-
partment under my superintendence.

I have the honour to

Sir
Your most obed^t servant

Dy. Supdt. Office
Madras
23rd February 1860
J. W. Hissett.
Deputy Superintendent
S. I. Madras Circle

Exd
Jno. J.

W. W. Hissett
Accountant General with reference
to

Mr. J. J. Croft Esq
N^o 1721

Copy to Mr. J. J. Croft Esq
21st Jan 1861 18:38

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 20th M^{ch}/00.

Recd the following letters.

From the Chief Engineer -

Submits with reference to the Govt of
Government dated 23rd January, 1860. No. 1792. (Here enter 30th January, 1860 No. 9730)
remarks upon the Accountant General's draft
circular regarding the record in his books of
stores in the possession of civil officers.

From the Mint Master -

With reference to circular from the
Accountant General dated that the proposed
new form of Accounts for civil stores - (Here enter 1st February No. 364.)
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be imposed on the expenditure of such stores
for the current operations of the Mint.

From the Superintendent of Allore.

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that a return of office furniture as annually
submitted to the Barrack Master and that it com-
prises with some trifling exceptions all the
stores in his office. (Here enter 1st No. 560.)

From the Asst. Superintendent of Stationary.

Reporting on the circular letter
proposed to be issued by the Accountant General
to officers in charge of civil stores. (Here enter 18 No. 174.)

From the Deputy Super^r to E. S. Madras

Circle.
Stating his willingness to furnish
the statement of stores which the Accountant
General proposes to call for. (Here enter 23rd No. 1721.)

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Copy in a letter to England
of 18th. from 9/61 1820-28

Public Works 1860 & 1861
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