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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
11th July 1864.*

No. 161. Read the following letter from Colonel T. McGOUN, Controller of Military Accounts, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort Saint George, 4th July 1864, E:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government, No. 1,842, dated 24th June 1864, and to observe with advertence to the violation of rule imputed to this Department, that before issuing my Circular of the 11th March 1864, No. 22, it was sent to the Civil Paymaster who concurred in the instructions therein contained.

2. Subsequently that Officer, referring to a Notification of the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General on the same subject, recommended a reference to that functionary, which was made, the result was a reference to Calcutta, and the issue of my Circular was suspended.

3. No answer having been received up to the beginning of April, and it being necessary to give Paymasters due notice of a change which was supposed to take effect from the commencement of the official year, I intimated to the Accountant General that I would issue my Circular, and, if necessary, supplementary instructions on the receipt of a reply from Calcutta.

4. My Circular was accordingly issued on the 3rd April, after having taken every precaution in my power to obviate inconvenience to Departments concerned.

5. The fact that the Public Works Department is not a Civil Department in the sense in which the term is usually applied was unknown to me. Officers employed in the Public Works Department have been considered here as in Civil employ, and have been paid by the Civil Department.

6. I trust therefore that Government will see that the Order in the Financial Department, No. 1,168A, dated 18th December 1862, was duly regarded, and that the action of this Department was really due to the want of information regarding the construction of the term "Civil Department" as affecting the Department of Public Works.

No. 162.

ORDER THEREON, 11th July 1864, No. 1,992.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

Exd S. T. Augustin.

The Official year, intimated to the Accountant General

From

The Controller of Military Accounts,
Fort St. George.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the order of Government No. 1042, dated 24th June 1864, and to shew, with advantage to the violation of rule imposed to this Department, that before issuing my Circular of the 11th March 1864, No. 22, it was sent to the Civil Paymaster who carried in the instructions therein contained.

2. Subsequently that Officer, referring to a notification of the Deputy. Auditor and Accountant General on the same subject, recommended a reference to that functionary which was made. The result was a reference to Calcutta, and the issue of my Circular was suspended.

3. As answer having been received up to the beginning of April, and it being necessary to give Paymasters due notice of a change which was supposed to take effect from the commencement of the fiscal year, I intimated to the Accountant General

General that I would issue my Circular, and, if necessary, supplementary instructions on the receipt of a reply from Calcutta.

4. My Circular was accordingly issued on the 3rd April, after having taken every precaution in my power to obviate inconvenience to Departments concerned.

5. The fact that the Public Works Department is not a Civil Department in the sense in which the term is usually applied was unknown to me. Officers employed in the Public Works Department have been considered here as in Civil employ, and have been paid by the Civil Department.

6. I trust, therefore, that Government will see that the order in the Financial Department, No. 1168 A, dated 10 December 1862, was duly regarded, and that the action of this Department was really due to the want of information regarding the construction of the term "Civil Department" as affecting the Department of Public Works.

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Have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

Robert Colvill

Chief of Public Accounts

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Geo. H. Gordon
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From

The Controller of Military Accounts,

Fort St. George.

To

The Secretary to Government,

~~War~~ Department
Colonel
Fort St. George.

Dated 1 July 1864.
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Enclosure.

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