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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
2nd May 1865.*

No. 44. Read the following Proceedings of the Governor General of India in Council, Public Works Department, (Account,) dated Fort William, 1st April 1865, Circular No. 32 :—

Introduction of revised system of Account.

Read :—

Drafts of Chapters XIX. and XX. of the New Code.

RESOLUTION.—His Excellency the Governor General in Council is pleased to approve of the revised system of account as contained in the draft Chapter cited above, which embodies the changes in system already carried out, and which it is proposed to carry out, in pursuance of the recommendations of the Commissioners on Public Works Accounts.

2. His Excellency in Council observes that it is very desirable these new rules should be published as soon as possible, both in view to the modifications in practice which have still to be made in the accounts, and because these Chapters contain, in a condensed and convenient form, all the orders still in force relating to accounts, which have been issued since the Code was first published in 1858. His Excellency in Council is accordingly pleased to direct that these two Chapters, together with the forms referred to in them, shall be published at once as a Standing Order, in supersession of all previous orders and forms on the same subject.

3. The principal change which will be made by the new rules is the transfer of the duty of abstracting the monthly accounts of disbursing officers from the Controller to the Executive Engineer. This change must be carefully made, and can only be carried out by degrees.

4. The forms prescribed for the original accounts of disbursers are substantially the same as those at present in force, and it is believed that no difficulty will be experienced in adapting the former from the 1st May to the new rules. These accounts will continue to come up to the Controller's Office in the first instance, and will be there dealt with from the 1st May 1865, in the manner prescribed in Section 2, Chapter XIX. As soon as the books and forms prescribed in that Section have been properly opened and brought into regular working order, and the Controller is satisfied that the Accountant in charge thoroughly understands the management of them, the Accountant is to be transferred to the Executive Engineer's Office, and henceforward the accounts will come up to the Controller for audit precisely in the manner prescribed in Section 2, Chapter XIX.

5. This transfer of the Accountant is to be made in each case in communication with the Chief Engineer of the Province, and the Accountant General, Public Works Department. It is expected that the change will be extended to every division of Public Works by the end of the year 1865-66 at latest.

6. The staff of Divisional Accountants, who will now take the place of the Head Clerks of Executive Engineers' Offices, is to be formed from that portion of the Accountants of the Controllers' Offices which will now be set free by these changes, and from present deserving Head Clerks of Divisional Officers. Proposals for the needful modifications of Office Establishments should be sent up at once from those Local Governments and Administrations which have not already done so, accompanied by the usual tabular statements.

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7. The provisions of Chapter XX. which relates to the accounts of Controllers' Offices, will take full effect from 1st May 1865.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of the foregoing Resolution, together with the rules and forms to which it refers, be forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations marginally noted, for information and guidance.

Governments of Bengal, North Western Provinces, and Punjab, Governor Straits Settlements, Chief Commissioners, Oudh, Central Provinces, and British Burmah, Commissioner of Mysore, Resident at Hyderabad,

Also, to the Governments of Madras and Bombay, and to the Financial Department, for information.

Also, that a Standing Order be issued, notifying the above changes.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Lieut.-Colonel, R. A.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department.

No. 45. ORDER THEREON, 2nd May 1865, No. 1,187.

ACCOUNT, No. 4.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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