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10th June 1865.*

No. 261. Read the following letter from Captain J. G. RYVES, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Waltair, 19th May 1865, No. 72:—

SIR,

1. In the Controller's letters read in the Proceedings of Government, under date 10th of March, 31st of March, and 10th instant, allusion is made to some changes in the mode of rendering accounts. I have the honor to request the favor of information regarding these

Enclosure 1.
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Do. „ 883.
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changes which it is intended to make in the present system.

2. The Controller has called (by a Circular) upon me to state what arrangements I propose in this Division for carrying out the change of system ordered, I append a copy of my reply.

3. With reference to the subject of paragraph 3 of the Controller's letter, in the Proceedings of the 10th instant, I beg to observe that although the allotment to each Range of a grant for the year's expenditure on repairs may facilitate the business of the accounts branch, it will impede very much the work of the Department: the appropriation for expenditure on repairs should be made by the Superintending Engineer after the Repair Estimates have been passed by him.

4. If the repair grants of a Division are split up into little separate grants (the amount of which will necessarily be fixed arbitrarily) money will be being wasted in one Range while in the adjoining Range it may be urgently needed in excess of the arbitrary grant fixed for that Range; of course, it will be said a timely transfer can be applied for and sanctioned, but such transfers never are effected in time; at any rate a change which makes such transfers necessary will evidently be a change for the worse. I speak now with reference to the work of the Department, not with regard to the accounts; though even as regards them, I believe it will be found that a system of sub-dividing grants locally, with a view to the Controller checking against these small and ever changing sub-divisions of grants, will be decidedly worse than that now existing.

From Captain J. G. RYVES, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to Captain J. F. FISCHER, R. E., Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Waltair, 10th May 1865, No. 37.

SIR,

1. With reference to your Memorandum No. 1 of 1st instant, requesting me "to report as early as possible the arrangements I propose to make in the several Ranges of my Division for the transfer of accounts to the Officers and Agents in charge thereof," I have the honor to request you to furnish me with a clear and complete description of the change which it appears it is intended to carry out.

2. I have only become aware of any such change being meditated, incidentally, from an observation in your report noticed in the Government Proceedings, * under date 10th March 1865, and from the Order in paragraph 8 of the G. O.

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which you quote in your Memorandum under reply.

3. In that Order the nature of the change is not stated, but it appears that one feature is to be the compilation of accounts in the Range Offices, if this be all and no change is proposed in the system of accounts to be compiled, the arrangements necessary to carry it out will be simple enough.

4. But before I can state what I propose, I request to be favored with replies to the following queries, and with the description of the proposed system already asked for in my first paragraph:—

- (1.) The appropriation of funds to works to be made as heretofore by the Superintending Engineer?

- (2.) The present system of drawing funds (Imperial) to continue; and to be extended to Local Funds?

- (3.) Is the District Account Current and its accompanying District Progress Report, Account particular of advances, Statement of unadjusted balance, &c., to continue, or will the Range Account Current, Progress Reports, &c., be forwarded to the Controller?

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(4.) If the latter, will they be forwarded through the Superintending Engineer, or direct to the Controller, copies being of course furnished to the Superintending Engineer?

(5.) Will the charges in the monthly Account Current be audited and passed to the credit of each Range Officer's personal account on cash vouchers and independently of the quality and quantity of work done, the final bill and completion certificate being submitted to your Office by the Range Officer *pro forma* after the completion of the work.

(6.) This being the system what means are provided for checking the quantity, quality, and rates of work?

(7.) Will the expenditure taken credit for in the Account Current be charged to works as heretofore or by labor, materials, to personal accounts of contractor and so on?

(8.) Will the original detailed vouchers in support of the charges for labor and materials, &c., be required, or will one abstract of labor for each month certified by the Range Officer, another for materials, and another of advances to contractors supported by their receipts be considered sufficient?

(9.) If the latter, what will be done with the former, and what, if any, means provided for checking the correctness of the latter?

4. Many other queries naturally suggest themselves, but the above, I think, will bring out most of the points on which the arrangements to be made for introducing the system will mainly depend.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. G. RYVES, Captain, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

No. 262.

ORDER THEREON, 10th June 1865, No. 1,598.

ACCOUNT, No. 46.

The Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, will be informed that the detailed rules and forms connected with the new system of account to be brought into force in the Public Works Department have been forwarded to the Controller, who has been directed to consider and report upon them. Pending the receipt of that Officer's report no definite information can be furnished of the change of system which the recent instructions from the Government of India will necessitate.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

N: 37.

Superintending Engineer's office, 1st Div.,
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The Superintending Engineer
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Para 6 of your report 27 Feb/95.

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Superintending Engineer 1st Div.

/ True copy /

M. T. Ryces. Captain R.E.
Superintending Engineer 1st Div.

J. G. Ryces
19th May 1865

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Superintending Engineer's
Office, 1st Division,
Vallair, 19th May 1865.

From

Captain J. G. Ryces R.E.
Superintending Engineer 1st Div.

To

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government D.R.S.
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W. J. L. S. Capt. R. E.
Superintending Engineer 1st Div.

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Copy of June 1865

The Superintendent
of the Division

The Secretary of the
Division

Oct 19
Dec 20
Dec 27
Jan 1865
Jan 1865

Regarding the information
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Nov. 21. 1865
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1578. 10th June 1865

Account. 1578

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J. P. 1865 & George
10th June 1865
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Controller 10th June 1865