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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd July 1865.*

No. 34. Read the following letter from Captain J. F. FISCHER, R. E., Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 22nd June 1865, No. 494 :—

SIR,

1 Original letter from the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, No. 285, dated 14th June 1865.

1. In forwarding an original letter to your address from the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, which was transmitted through me for the submission of any remarks which I may desire to offer on the proposal contained in it, I have the honor to state that there is no objection to the recommendation in paragraph 7 of Captain Ryves' letter, which may be made applicable to all Superintending Engineers, should the Government see fit to do so.

2. I did not wish to give the Range Officers any additional work by calling upon them to make up the modified Progress Report including Local Fund outlay, as the increased offices sanctioned for them were not to be employed pending the transfer of the compilation of accounts under the new system, until which Superintending Engineers were allowed to retain the whole of their Account Establishment, who I considered will be well employed in continuing to perform the work of compilation, but as Government have since ruled that Superintending Engineers should be held responsible for the adjustment of the expenditure unaccounted for up to 30th April 1865, which is shown in the Administration Report of the past year to amount to upwards of 46 lacs of Rupees, it is an object to have this large sum settled as early as possible, and the scrutiny proposed to be made by Superintending Engineers into the accounts of Range Officers will probably answer all purposes for the present.

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, 14th June 1865, No. 285.

SIR,

1. The Government in paragraph 3 of their Order No. 1,476, of 1st instant, ruled that the Superintending Engineers will be held responsible for adjusting expenditure incurred up to the end of 1864-65, while they are relieved of such duty for expenditure incurred subsequent to the 1st May 1865.

2. The Controller with his Circular No. IX. of 26th ultimo, circulates a form of Progress Report, with instructions that it should be prepared in this Office from the Range Reports received for May 1865, and forwarded to him with the original Range Progress Report and the vouchers.

3. The new system of account being introduced from 1st ultimo, and the Range Officers being held responsible to the Controller's Office from that date for all expenditure incurred by them, the compilation of District Accounts, which contain exactly the same information as that found in the Range Accounts, which should also be furnished to the Controller's Office from 1st May 1865, is, in my opinion, unnecessary, and will, in a great measure, retard the progress which the Account Establishment in this Office might, otherwise, make in clearing off the unadjusted balances for which this Office is held responsible, and for the clearance of which the Superintending Engineers' Accountants are allowed to be retained.

	Rs.
* Ganjam	63,842
Vizagapatam	1,20,700
Godavery	3,15,572
Total	5,00,114

4. The unadjusted balances in this Division up to date (including Local Funds expenditure, &c.,) amount to Rupees 5,00,114, as marginally* noted, and if this Office be relieved of the compilation of District Account from the original Range Accounts, these arrears will be cleared off far more rapidly, and the new system

be brought into operation at an earlier date and under fairer auspices than will otherwise be the case.

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5. Until the Range Offices are brought up to a strength equal to cope with the enormously increased work demanded from them, they will be accumulating arrears from month to month, which will subsequently be a drag upon them, if they do not altogether break down under it.

6. I intend, therefore, immediately the orders of Government on my letter No. 199 of 6th instant, and the statement forwarded on the 8th instant, are received, to complete the offices to their full strength, but this will necessarily be attended with extra expense to Government so long as the Accountants of this Office have to be retained for the compilation of accounts of the current year, and the preparation of bills for the unadjusted balance of expenditure of previous years.

7. What I recommend is that the Range Accounts be passed through this Office for scrutiny, and after errors and omissions so far as they come to light have been corrected and made good (clearly in red ink), they should be forwarded with the vouchers required by the Controller. We should thus save the time which would be taken in compiling them into District Accounts, containing exactly identical information.

No. 35.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd July 1865, No. 1,850.

ACCOUNTS, No. 8.

With this letter the Controller of Public Works Accounts submits one from the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division, pointing out that owing to the introduction of the new system of accounts, and to Range Officers having been held responsible for the adjustment of all expenditure incurred subsequent to the 1st May last, the compilation of District Accounts is unnecessary, and recommending that Range Accounts may be sent in original with the requisite vouchers to the Controller after being carefully scrutinized and corrected in the Superintending Engineer's Office. The Controller states that there is no objection to this arrangement, and, as by its adoption, much time and labor will be saved, and the adjustment of outstanding balances up to the 30th April 1865 will be more speedily completed, the Government approve of Captain Ryves' recommendation being at once carried into effect.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
To all Superintending Engineers.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Superintending Engineer's
Office 1st Div. Watling
No 285
14th June 1865.

From Captain J. G. Ryves R.E.
Superintending Engineer
To Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.

Secretary to Govt. D. H.
Madras.

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received for May 1865. and forwarded to him with the original Range Progress Report & the vouchers.

3. The new system of account being introduced from 1st ultimo, and the Range Officers being held responsible to the Controller's Office from that date for all expenditure incurred by them: the compilation of District Accounts which contain exactly the same information as that found in the Range Accounts which should also be furnished to the Controller's Office from 1st May/65, is, in my opinion, unnecessary & will, in a great measure, retard the progress which the Account establishment in this Office might, otherwise, make in clearing off the unadjusted balances for which this Office is held responsible and for the clearance of which the Superintending Engineer's Accountants are allowed to be retained.

Rs. 63942
Bidayagapattam 120700
Gulabpuri 315572
Total 500114

4. The unadjusted balances in this Division up to date (including Local Funds expenditure &c.) amount to Rs. 500114 as marginally noted and if this Office be relieved of the compilation of District Account from the original Range Accounts, these arrears will be cleared off far more rapidly, and the new system be brought into operation at an earlier date and under fairer auspices than will otherwise be the case.

5. Until the Range Officers are brought up to a strength equal to cope with the enormously increased work demanded from them, they will be accumulating arrears from month to month, which will subsequently be a drag upon them, if they do not altogether break down under it.

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vouchers required by the Controller.
We should thus save the time which
would be taken in compiling them
into District accounts containing
exactly

exactly identical information.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most Obedt^l

W. L. G. Capt. O. E.
Superintending Engineer

Office of the Controller of M.
Accounts
Madras 22nd June 1865

N^o 494

From
Captain J. F. Fischer R.E.
Controller of M. Accounts

To
Colonel J. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government M.D.
Fort Saint George

Encls.
1 Encl. letter
from the Sup^r Secy.
Engl. Divⁿ to the
Secy to Govt M.D.
N^o 2850/141 dated 16th June 1865

In forwarding an original
of the 1st Division which was
transmitted through me for the sub-
mission of any remarks which I may
desire to offer on the proposal contain-
ed in it, I have the honor to state
that there is no objection to the re-
commendation in favor of Captain
Pyper's letter which may be made
applicable to all Superintending En-
gineers should the Government see
fit to do so.

I did not wish to give the
Range Officers any additional
work



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from the Sup^r Secy.
Engl. Divⁿ to the
Secy to Govt M.D.
N^o 2850/141 dated 16th June 1865

The Secretary to Government
Colonel J. A. Orr R.E.

2 Encl. letters
dated 15th June 1865
J. F. Fischer

N^o 285

Originals of the 1st Division
in letters N^o 199 of 6th instant
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on the 8th instant, to complete
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to cost so long as the accounts
of the 1st Division have to be
returned for the completion
of accounts of the 1st Division
& the preparation of bills for
the 1st Division's balance of
expenditure of previous years

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will probably answer all purposes for the present.

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Sir

Your Most Obedt^t St^t

Captain R.E.

Controller of M. Works.

To
Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government M.D.
Fort St George

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Accounts Public Works Department
No 1850 + 7 +

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 3rd July 1865

Read the following

From the Controller of
Public Works Accounts

Submits letter from
the Superintending Engineer,
1st Division relative to Accounts
Compiled in Range Offices (Here enter 22nd June 1865
No 494)
being sent to this Office after
examination by the Superin-
tending Engineer.

With this letter the
Controller of Public Works
Accounts submits one
from the Superintending
Engineer of the 1st Division
pointing out that owing
to the introduction of the
new system of Accounts
and to Range Officers
having been held responsible
for the adjustment of

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1865
Dated 22nd June 1865
For the Controller of Public Works Accounts

From the Controller of Public Works Accounts

To the Secy. to Govt. of Madras

Dated 22nd June 1865

No 494

Submits letter from the Secy. to Govt. of Madras relative to Accounts compiled in Range Offices being sent to this Office after examination by the Superintending Engineer.

No 494.

245 June 1865 - O. 2822

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arranging that Range
Accounts may be sent
in ^{original} with the requisite
Vouchers to the Controller
after being carefully exam-
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the Supt & Engineer's Office.
The Controller states that
there is no objection to
this arrangement, and, as
by its adoption, much
time and labor will
be saved, and the
adjustment of outstanding
balances up to the 30th
April 1865 will be more
expeditiously completed, the
Government approves
of Captain Rogers' re-
commendation being

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now carried into effect.

C. P.

By The Controller of the Public Land Office
All Supt & Engineer's -
Oreago 4th July 1865

7th 1865 Dept
Pro. of Govt for duty

8th 1865
Pro. of the Ind. Govt
27th July/65

The Supr. Engineers in
formed that Range &c.
Counts may be sent in
Original with the requisite
Vouchers to the Controller after
being corrected in their of-
fices -

N^o 34. 85

27th June 1865 On 28th