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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
30th August 1865.*

No. 696. 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, 23rd August 1865, No. 1,029:—

SIR,
1. I have the honor to forward herewith an original letter from the Accountant General, Public Works Department, No. 948, dated the 8th instant, requesting to be furnished with a Statement showing what has been done in this

Presidency with a view to carrying out the new system of Accounts, and stating the heads on essential points of change made applicable to this Presidency and about which no particular information is called for.

2. In reply to this reference I purpose to forward by the next mail a copy of the G. O., dated 19th August 1865, No. 2,413, with the Manual, &c., attached thereto, and a copy of the Forms if received in time together with spare copies of the Orders of Government previously passed on some of the important modifications in the present system, including those connected with the Wet Revenue Accounts of this Presidency as specified under the 17th item of Major Chesney's letter.

From Major G. CHESNEY, Accountant General, Public Works Department, to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, Madras, dated Simla, 8th August 1865, No. 948.

SIR,
1. With reference to letters from the Government of India to the Government of Madras, No. 155A, dated 17th June 1864, stating what changes in the Madras system of Account were necessary to carry out the general system adopted on the report of the Public Works Accounts Commission, and No. 306A, dated 10th April 1865, stating how far the system laid down per Standing Order, No. 21 of 1865, would be applicable to Madras; I have the honor to request that you will favour me with a statement showing exactly what you are doing with a view to carry out those instructions.

2. The points on which this information is requested are:—
I. Supply of funds, for every description of expenditure to be incurred by Public Works Officers, on monthly credit orders only.

II. Every disbursing Officer to obtain a monthly clearance for his expenditure.

III. Accounts to be based on cash payments.

IV. Classification of expenditure under the five heads, Military, Civil Buildings, Agricultural, Communications, and Miscellaneous Public Improvements.

V. New rules for dealing with the Reserve of the Budget Estimate.

VI. Accounts of Stock and Tools and Plant, and charge of materials to works when practicable.

VII. Compilation of accounts in Executive Engineers' Offices.

VIII. Mode of accounting for Local Funds spent by the Public Works Department.

IX. A clear distinction to be maintained between the accounts of cash and stock.

X. The expenditure of Public Works disbursers, from whatever source obtained and on whatever account disbursed, whether from Local or Imperial Funds, to be brought into the regular Public Works Accounts, so as to be passed finally through the books of the Controller.

XI. Executive Engineers' books to have the same classification of expenditure as laid down in Section 2, Chapter XIX, accompaniment to Standing Order No. 21 of 1865.

XII. Application to Madras of Section 1, Chapter XX, relating to Budget credits and appropriations.

XIII. Compliance with paragraph 9, Section 2, Chapter XX, in reporting to this Office objectionable charges for Establishment.

XIV. Controller's books to be kept in precise accordance with the latter part of Section 2, Chapter XX, (commencing with paragraph 34.)

XV. Civil Officers' Accounts in accordance with Section 3, Chapter XX.

XVI. Railway Accounts in accordance with Section 4, Chapter XX.

XVII. Public Works Revenue Accounts in accordance with Section 5, Chapter XX.

XVIII. Monthly and annual Accounts in accordance with Section 6, Chapter XX.

3. Please state exactly what is being done on all these points.

No. 697. ORDER THEREON, 30th August 1865, No. 2,526.
Ordered to be recorded.

ACCOUNT, No. 96.

(True Extract.)

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

Office of the Controller
of P.W. Accounts
Madras 23rd August 1865

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From
Captain J. J. Fisher R.E.
Controller of P.W. Accounts
To
Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.
Fort Saint George

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Enclosure 1
Letter from Major
Fisher to Major
Orr dated 18th
August 1865

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Wm. Keith-Captain
Controller of P.W. Ac

Colonel G. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.
Fort St George
J. E. M.

27 1865. *Richd. H.*
Chief Clerk of the Court

From
The Committee of the
Account
To the Surg. Gen. of the Army
at St. Louis

Stated 23^d
Dec 24th } August 1865
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Submitted a letter
from the Accountants
of the Army
relating information
respecting the changes
made in the system
of Account of this
Department.

Wm. R. R. R.

Genl. S. H. George
20th August 1865

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