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No. 183. 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, 27th September 1865, No. 1,107 :—

SIR,

No. 2,413.

1. Paragraph 10 of G. O. dated 19th ultimo, appended to the new Accounts Manual, orders a complete copy of the Range Progress Reports to be furnished to Superintending Engineers : the original is due to the Controller "*by the end of the succeeding month,*" *vide* Clause 57, Section II. of the Manual. I am of opinion that the Superintending Engineer should receive the Range Officer's Progress Reports *early in the month* succeeding that to which they relate ; the delay allowed by the Controller is to give the Range Office Accountants time to elaborate the details of charges under their proper heads, and prepare the accounts in a form to enable the Controller to make his monthly clearance.

2. The Superintending Engineer does not require these details of charges, but he must be kept informed of the progress of the *work*, and of the expenditure incurred ; and a Progress Report prepared after the accounts to the Controller are despatched (*i. e.*, at the end of the next month) would be of but little value.

3. An important part of the duty of a Superintending Engineer is to see that sanctioned works are commenced promptly, and executed with reasonable rapidity ; that no expenditure is incurred and no work commenced without proper authority ; that estimates are not exceeded or designs altered without permission. If the Superintending Engineer has to wait for his Progress Report until the details required in the Accounts Office have been furnished to the Controller, it may, indeed will frequently happen that on the 5th or 6th of December 1864 he will find that a work for the immediate execution of which orders were issued in the beginning of September, had not been commenced, or an unauthorized work may have been in hand for nearly ten weeks before he could stop it.

4. The Indent for funds must go to the Controller early in each month ; but, without the last month's Progress Report to refer to, the Superintending Engineer cannot exercise a proper judgment in determining the amounts to be placed to credit of each Range Officer.

5. For these reasons I am of opinion that the Superintending Engineers should be furnished with a Progress Report, to be despatched by the Range Officer on the 5th of each month, giving the expenditure up to the end of the preceding month on each work, and the progress of the work in concise and clear terms, such as those prescribed in the Order of Government calling for Progress Reports of works above Rupees 20,000 each. To save the time of the Range Office, the works or items of the report may be indicated by fixed numbers, and some of the information, such as "*expenditure to end of previous year,*" "*reference to sanctioning authority,*" may be omitted.

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6. I beg to recommend that Superintending Engineers be empowered to require Range Officers to submit the Progress Report, modified as above, as early as possible in the month; there should be no difficulty about ensuring its despatch punctually on the 5th.

7. I had arranged for such a report being furnished to me prior to the issue of the orders of Government accompanying the new Accounts Manual, but paragraph 10 of that G. O. appears to countermand the orders conveyed in my Division Circular.

No. 184.

ORDER THEREON, 9th October 1865, No. 2,986.

ACCOUNT, No. 25.

1. The sanction of Government is unnecessary to the change recommended by the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division.

2. It is left to the Superintending Engineers to make their own arrangements for obtaining the monthly Progress Reports of their Subordinate Officers at such time, and in such form as may be most convenient.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Superintending Engineer's
Office, 1st Div. Watkinson
27th September 1865.

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From

Captain J. G. Ryves R.E.

Superintending Engineer, 1st Div.

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.

Secretary to Govt. R.E.W.

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Sir,
Your Direct Obedient S^t

W. J. [Signature]
Superintending Engineer, [Signature]

31st Oct 1882
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 The Deputy Engineer
 in Residence

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21st Oct 1882
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