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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th October 1865.*

No. 300. 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, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 6th October 1865, No. 1,514 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit, for the consideration and disposal by the Government, the accompanying letter* and its enclosure from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.

1 Letter with an enclosure.

* No. 1,128, dated 3rd October 1865.

With the irregularities in Sergeant Cairn's conduct, adverted to by Captain Oakes, this Office has nothing to do, but in the last paragraph of his letter that Officer takes exception to the Rule in the Manual, paragraph 65, Section 2, by which Range Officers have the privilege of sending their own and Establishment Salary Bills direct to this Office: Captain Oakes considers much inconvenience might arise from these documents not being scrutinized in his Office before transmission here; in this view I beg to observe I do not concur, and I think Range Officers and their Subordinates would be put to much inconvenience if the old rule was re-established. The only precautions which appear to be at all necessary are, that Range Officers should not include the names of any Subordinates in their Abstracts who have joined their offices in any irregular manner, until this has been disposed of in the usual course; and any Subordinate proceeding from one Range to another should take with him a Certificate, from his immediate superior Officer, which should show the date of his quitting his former charge, this compared with the date of his arrival will at once exhibit if there has been any idling on the road.

2. Exception has already been taken to the pre-audit system, because Salary Bills are so long in being returned to the Range Officers; as far as I have been able to ascertain, the delay in this arises entirely from these Bills having to travel after the Superintending Engineer for his counter-signature, and then to be sent to this Office for audit; by the system lately adopted much of this inconvenience has been removed, and I venture to hope that the misconduct of one Subordinate will not be permitted to be the cause of making the whole Department to suffer.

No. 301.

ORDER THEREON, 13th October 1865, No. 3,043.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 25.

1. This reference is unnecessary, as the course to be followed in the submission of Salary Bills is clearly laid down in the Manual of Public Works Accounts.

2. The prompt disbursement of salaries is a matter of great importance, and the Government are of opinion that, with ordinary care, the irregularities and inconveniences adverted to in Captain Oakes' letter may be avoided.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts, with two Enclosures.
,, Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts.
Madras 6th October 1865.

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From,

Captain J. F. Fincher. P.E.
Controller of P.W. Accounts.

To, Colonel G. R. Orr. P.E.
Secretary to Government. D.W.

Sir,

12th dated
6th Oct 1865.

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the accompanying letter and its enclosure from
the Acting Superintending Engineer 6th Division.
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addressed to by Captain Baker this Office
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I have the honor to be
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Your most obedient servant

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Controller of Public Works Accounts

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to the sum of Rs. 100
of Rs. 100. Infr. 6th Sec.
of Range Officer
then being allowed to send
their establishment bills
direct to the Controller.

Dated 6th
Oct 1865.
Recd. 7th Oct 1865.
No. 1514.

From the Controller of
Public Works Accounts
to the Secretary to
Government
Dated 6th Oct 1865
No. 1514

Public Works Dept
No 3043

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 1st October 1865
Read the following.

From the Controller of
Public Works Accounts.

Starting his objections to
the remark of the Acting Supy
Engineer of the 6th Division disapproving
of Range Officer's being allowed to
send their establishment bills direct
to the Controller. (Here enter 6th October 1865
No 1514)

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may be avoided.

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Pro: of the Govt.
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To the Hon. Secy of the Navy
Washington
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