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Government of Madras.

Public works **DEPARTMENT.**

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
26th October 1865.*

No. 66. Read the following letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 16th October 1865, No. 1,655 :—

1. With reference to G.O. of the 13th instant, No. 3,052, I have the honor to explain that the vouchers for the work of cutting a channel to the Fort Ditch at Bellary were called for under the authority granted in paragraph — of G.O. of the 14th August 1865, No. 2,357. Lieutenant Pennefather at first declined to forward these vouchers, on the plea the work had been executed in the past official year, and it was only after I had drawn his attention to the authority quoted above he complied with my request.

2. As regards the work of raising the channel bund, the estimate for this is Rs. 9,700 (above Rs. 2,500), and the expenditure thereon has to be exhibited in the Progress Reports under the sub-heads of the estimate, and compared with the original rates and quantities entered in that document. I have already in my letter to your address, printed with G. O. of the 13th September 1865, No. 2,690, pointed out that so long ago as May last, there had been an excess in the revetment work on this estimate of 37 per cent., if the vouchers for Sapper labor are not to be sent to this Office it will be simply impossible to maintain any check upon the work at all, and I would therefore suggest the Government would be pleased to relieve this Office of the responsibility in this matter.

3. By paragraph 53, Section II. of the Manual, the Controller has full authority invested in him to call for any vouchers, I have only exercised this here; as I have all along maintained, and still do so, that the amount asked for on this estimate was altogether unnecessary, and that such is the case is apparent from the Executive Officer taking exception to every application from this Office to afford full information regarding it; however that may be is a matter of no moment any longer as far as this work alone is concerned, but it is a matter of some moment whether the authorized calls of this Office are to be set aside by the representations of any Range Officer, through his Superintending Engineer, to Government.

4. I would only add the Manual is not a self-constituted authority, it was submitted to Government, and after long and careful consideration it was issued by them for information and guidance to all Officers of the Department; the responsibility devolving upon this Office of maintaining a thorough check upon the expenditure is one fully recognized by the Government, and I submit very respectfully it should not be lightly set aside upon such representations as those contained in the G. O. under reply, where no difficulty whatever exists for the Executive Officer to obtain from the Officer Commanding the Sappers at the same Station a copy of his Roster of the work performed by the men on any estimate for any month, together with the task allotted to each man.

No. 67.

ORDER THEREON, 26th October 1865, No. 3,224.

ACCOUNT, No. 85.

The Government did not by their Order of 13th October 1865, No. 3,052, intend to set aside the provisions of the Manual, or to withhold from the Controller the powers with which he is vested. Indeed paragraph 3 of the G. O. of 14th

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August 1865, No. 2,357, to which Captain Fischer makes reference, clearly recognizes his authority to call for all necessary vouchers. In the case, however, of the vouchers for the Sapper labor employed on the supply channel to the Fort Ditch, and on the raising of the bund of the new channel to the Goontah, the Government were of opinion that, inasmuch as the cost of such labor had not been charged to the Public Works Department since June last, it was unnecessary for the Controller to insist on the submission of vouchers for it. The Government adhere to this opinion. The Range Officer may, however, note in his Progress Report the items of the estimates which are being carried out by Sapper labor.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts.
Madras 16th October 1865

N^o. 1655.

From,

Captain J. F. Fischer, R. E.
Controller of P.W. Accounts.

To,

Colonel C. A. Orr, R. E.
Secretary to Government. D.W.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. of the 13th instant N^o. 3052, I have the honor to explain that the vouchers for the work of cutting a channel to the Fort Ditch at Bellary were called for under the authority granted in para. of G.O. of the 14th August 1865 N^o. 2357 Lieutenant Prince. Father at first declined to forward these vouchers on the plea the work had been executed in the past official year and it was only after Lord Browne's attention to the authority quoted above he complied with my request.

2. As regards the work of raising the Channel bund the Estimate for this is Rs. 97.00 (above 2500) and the expenditure thereon has to be exhibited in the Progress reports under the sub-heads of the Estimate and compared with the original rates and quantities entered in that document. I have already in my letter to your address printed with G.O. of the 13th Sept. 1865 N^o. 2690. pointed out that so long ago as May last.

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3. By para: 53 Section II of the
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together with the task allotted to each man.

Have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

Captain R. S.

Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Secretary to Government.

D. W.

Account Public Works Department

no. 3224

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Under date the 26th October 1865
Read the following

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4 The Controller of Mr accty/
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