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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th November 1865.*

No. 136. Read the following letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 26th October 1865, No. 1,772 :—

1 Standing Circular, dated 9th November 1861, No. LVI.
1 Circular from Accountant General, Public Works Department, dated 17th June 1865, No. 14.

1. The Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, has forwarded for my remarks a communication from the Sub-Engineer in charge of the Calicut Range, Malabar, seeking information on several points in the Manual of Accounts for this Department, which I have furnished, and amongst these an enquiry is made as to whether the Range Officer is bound to inspect every work not exceeding 50 Rupees, and to furnish the Certificate of completion as required by paragraph 35, Section 2 of the Manual, according to which the date of last inspection is to be noted in the abstract of Station book or bill for the last month in which outlay has taken place on works estimated to cost not more than 2,500 Rupees each.

2. Station books are not required to be kept for works costing not more than 200 Rupees, and hence instead of abstracts of the Station book simple accounts of expenditure on such works are to be furnished to this Office monthly; and the dates of last inspection will have to be

Paragraph 23, Section 1 of Manual.

Paragraph 52, Section 2 of Manual.

noted as respects such works on these accounts, and Certificates of completion will have to accompany them, but no exemption is made, as respects works not exceeding 50 Rupees, of the requirements to note the dates of last inspection and to furnish Certificates of completion, though such exception was intended to be made, as will be seen from the conclusion of paragraph 10 of my letter of the 29th June 1865, No. 540, printed with the Manual, as well as from paragraph 37 of the Draft of Section 2 of the Manual; I request therefore that the Government will be pleased to authorize a Circular being addressed to Range Officers notifying the above exceptions.

3. There is no particular G. O. which can be traced exempting works not exceeding 50 Rupees from inspection by a Range Officer, but no estimates are required by existing rules for works of this limit, and completion Certificates

Vide paragraphs 38 and 42 of Class XX. Department Public Works Code, and paragraph 10 of Controller's letter, dated 29th June 1865.

have been dispensed with for them by the Chief Engineer's Circular No. LVI., dated 9th November 1861, and it appears to me that there is no objection to this rule being continued, as Range Officers consider that it will be difficult if not impossible to inspect and report upon every petty work not exceeding 50 Rupees immediately after completion.

4. It has also been pointed out that the furnishing of the Certificate of completion, and the insertion of the date of last inspection on the last abstract of the Station book is likely to delay the transmission of the latter, which is one of the vouchers to accompany the monthly Account Current, for an inspection of the work will have to take place soon after

Paragraphs 35 and 52 of Section 2 of the Manual.

completion for the preparation of the Certificate required by rule. I would recom-

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mend that, in all cases where an inspection had not taken place prior to completion of work, the fact may be stated in the last abstract of the Station book or the last account of expenditure, rather than these vouchers should be delayed until such inspection has taken place. The Certificate to be furnished with such vouchers may be forwarded subsequently, if not ready when the vouchers are transmitted, a note being made thereon intimating the circumstance, when the final outlay intimated in the last voucher thus forwarded will be held as provisionally passed pending the transmission of the Certificate.

5. No form of Certificate is given in the Manual, and as these are now rendered in various forms by different Range Officers, I would recommend the adoption of the two forms laid down in the Chief Engineer's Circular No. LVI., form A. being used for works exceeding Rs. 2,500, and form B. for works above Rupees 50 and not exceeding Rupees 2,500.

Dated 9th November 1861, copy herewith forwarded to be returned.

6. The provision of special forms for works not exceeding 200 Rupees is apparently made with reference to the proposal* of the Commissioners on Public Works Accounts, which is to dispense with regular Estimates of that limit, but no special order authorizing the same has been as yet passed, as will be seen from paragraph 2 of a Circular† of the Accountant General, Public Works Department, and hence the two different kinds of procedure to be adopted as respects works between Rupees 200 and above Rupees 50.

* Paragraph 70 of their Report.

† No. 14 of 1865, dated 17th June 1865, copy herewith sent.

No. 137. ORDER THEREON, 8th November 1865, No. 3,347.

ACCOUNT, No. 15.

1. The Controller of Public Works Accounts is authorized to issue a Circular to Range Officers, notifying the exceptions adverted to in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of the foregoing letter.

2. The Government observe that dates of last inspection, and Certificates of completion in the case of works costing less than Rupees 200 each, are required to be furnished *only in the final accounts for those works.*

3. The recommendations made in paragraphs 4 and 5 are approved.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Circular No. 14 of 1865.

FROM

MAJOR G. CHESNEY,

ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

To

SIMLA, 17th June, 1865.

Copy of the following letter, No. 675, dated 17th June 1864, from the Accountant General, Public Works Department, to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, North Western Provinces, is forwarded for information and guidance.

G. CHESNEY,

Accountant General.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your demi-official note of the 10th instant, noticing certain points in connection with the new system of account which appear to require explanation, and in reply to state as follows:—

2. The issue of a special order, extending the limit within which public works may be executed without estimate from Rs. 50 to Rs. 200 as recommended by the Accounts Commissioners, is now under consideration by the Government of India.

3. It is remarked, that if the form of travelling allowance bill No. 40 is to be strictly followed, it will be necessary to repeat in the bill the details which are already given in the Executive Engineer's Journal. The illustrations in the form are certainly inapposite; the totals only under each head of charge as shewn by the journal need be entered in the bill, without any further detail.

4. The heads of charge in the establishment bill, Form No. 39, should be in the following order:—

Engineer.
Upper Subordinate.
Lower Subordinate.
Petty.
Office.

and not, as shown in the form,

Engineer.
Upper Subordinate.
Lower Subordinate.
Office.
Petty.

5. In printing blank forms of establishment bill it will not in future be necessary to provide columns for showing Income Tax deductions, as the Income Tax will be so soon abolished.

Office of the Controller
of Public Works Accounts
Madras 26 October 1865

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From
Captain J. F. Fischer
Controller of P. W. Accounts

To
Colonel C. A. Orr
Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Vol. 2

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Dy 9 Nov 61
N. 681

1 Circular from Acct. Genl.
Dy 27 17 June 65
N. 11

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Calcutta 1865 Oct 19

Account No 3347 - 8th Nov 1865

Oct 19, 1865

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts
 For the order of the
 Government of India
 Dated 26th Oct 1865
 No 2703
 Subject: Public Works Accounts
 Re: 200 and below those
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 to this Office.

Account Public Works Department
 No 3347

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 Under date the 8th Nov 1865
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From the Controller of
 Pub Works Accounts

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To the Controller of Pub Accounts
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