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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
21st November 1865.*

No. 501. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 27th October 1865, No. 964A :—

1. I am directed to acknowledge receipt of a copy of Public Works Despatch, No. 60, dated 26th September 1865, from the Government of Madras to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, regarding the introduction of a revised system of account into the Madras Public Works Department.

2. I am to remark, with reference to Public Works Department letter No. 306A, dated 10th April last, to your address, that the proceedings referred to in the Despatch No. 60, should also have been reported to the Government of India, as the changes have been made in pursuance of their instructions, in view to the introduction of an improved and uniform system of Public Works Accounts throughout India; and that a copy of the Orders passed, and of the new Manual of Account now adopted, should have been sent to this Office for information.

3. These papers have, however, been obtained from the Office of the Accountant General, Public Works Department, and the papers having been perused, His Excellency in Council desires to congratulate the Government of Madras on the excellent way in which they have carried out the change. The new Manual of Account, which appears to have been compiled, under instructions from the Government of Madras, by the Controller, is very creditable to that Officer, and the Governor General in Council is glad to find that, while in it all the essential conditions of the system as prescribed by the Government of India for general adoption have been embodied, it has been very intelligently adapted in other respects to suit the exceptional state of Madras, where there are a very large number of small Executive Divisions, and where, therefore, it would not be practicable to adopt the same completeness in the Divisional Accounts that is contemplated for the Provinces under the Government of India. I am to express a hope that the measures which the Government of Madras have now carried out may be found to provide, in a satisfactory manner, for establishment of the reforms in Public Works Account which the Secretary of State and the Government of India so much desire to see carried out, and that they will complete the change in this branch of the administration, which have engaged the anxious attention of all concerned during the last two years.

No. 502. ORDER THEREON, 21st November 1865, No. 3,521.

ACCOUNT, No. 53.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

Signed / *L. A. O.* Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Erd. S. T. Augustin.

Noted

Ap 964.A.

From, The Secretary to the Govt of India,
Public Works Department,
To, The Secretary to the Govt of Madras,
Public Works Department.

Public Works Department
Simla, 27th October 1865.

Account Sir,

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dated 18th April last to your address, that the proceedings referred to in the despatch No. 60 should also have been reported to the Government of India, as the changes have been made in pursuance of their instructions, in view to the introduction of an improved and uniform system of Public Works Accounts throughout India; and that a copy of the orders passed, and of the new manual of account now adopted, should have been sent to this office for information.

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I have the honour to be,
^{Sir,}
Your most obedient servant,

W. Dickson, Lieut. Col. R.A.,
Secretary to the Govt. of India,
P.W.D.

Camp
M. S. S.

P.W. 1865 Departure.
Prov. of Govt. for Accounts
No. 4477

From the Secy to the
Govt. of India P.W.

Date 27th Oct 1865
Received 11th Nov 1865
No. 9644



21st Nov 1865

Approving of
the measures adopted
by the Madras Govt
for introducing the
revised system of P.W.
accounts, and intimating
that copies of the proceedings
regarding the changes
should have been
forwarded to the Govt
of India - W.R.
Recorded

Southey & Co
21st Nov 1865

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21st Nov 1865

No. 501. 572

C. 15th Nov 1865