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## Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 23.8. 1866.

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Code XX, 11, 59.

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Extract from letter from the Accountant General, Public Works Department, to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, Madras, dated Simla, 25th June 1866, No. 819.

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Paragraph 4. The items as per margin being value of stock transferred to Civil Department, have been charged in this Office to "Repairs Imperial," *Vide* Code XX, 11, 59, and I request you will be so good as to have your books corrected accordingly. I should be glad to be favored with any information which you may be able to afford as to the circumstances under which

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the "Public Works Workshop, Presidency," to which the above transfers were made, is considered as being under the Civil Department, while the establishment charges are provided for in the Public Works Budget estimate. I am inclined to think that all Public Works Stores supplied to this Workshop should be treated as stock sold, and the value recovered in cash, as in the case of the Dowlaishweram Workshop, and other similar Public Works manufactories.

5. The amount Rupees 220 being the value of Stores shown in your Schedule C. for February, to have been received from the Civil Department, has been omitted from the account, as the charge should be dealt in the Civil Department as a final charge of that Department. Please correct your books accordingly. The books should also be corrected also as regards the items referred to in the first paragraph of this letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. FISCHER, Captain, R. E.,
*Controller of Public Works Accounts.*

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From the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Superintendent of Public Works Stores, Chepauk, dated Madras, 17th July 1866, No. 1,131.

One Extract.

1. I have the honor to furnish you with Extracts of paragraphs 4 and 5 of a letter from the Accountant General, Public Works Department, with the following remarks thereon.

2. In your accounts submitted to this Office, the items, as per margin, are written off under the head "*transfers*," being the value of stock issued to other Departments not rendering accounts to this Office, but according to the rule quoted in paragraph 4 of Major Chesney's letter these amounts, with the exceptions which will presently be noticed, should be charged to Budget heads of service, such as "Repairs Imperial, Civil Buildings." It will be seen that Major Chesney has some doubts on the classification of the Public Works Workshop under *other Departments* in the accounts rendered by me, I had no alternative but to show it under that head, as the Workshop is not in account with this Office. It is believed the Workshop is now in full operation, and I request you will be good enough to inform me what objection there is to recovering in cash the value of the stock supplied to it, as suggested by Major Chesney. If there be none, then the value of the stock supplied will be debited in the books of this office to the head "Stock Sales" (instead of "Transfers") to which head cash received from the Workshop will be credited. It should be decided *at once* whether the Workshop is or is not to pay for the stores supplied to it, as upon this question depends the adjustment* to be made here of the sums charged to the head "Transfers," and which Major Chesney requires to be corrected.

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* In my accounts for 1865-66 now being closed.

The value of the Stores supplied to Departments other than the Public Works Workshop will be debited in the accounts to the head "Repairs Imperial, Civil Buildings," in accordance with the rule above referred to.

3. In your accounts for February 1866, a sum of Rupees 220 is credited to the Mint under the head "Transfers," for value of Europe iron received. You will observe that this amount should not be brought on your books, *vide* paragraph 50, Section 2 of the Manual, and it has therefore been omitted here according to Major Chesney's instructions. If there be any objection to this rule, any remarks you may offer thereon will be submitted for the consideration of that Officer.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,*
*23rd August* 1866.

No. 506. ORDER THEREON, 23rd August 1866, No. 2,663.

ACCOUNT, No. 45.

1. The Controller's proposal to require the Workshop to pay in cash for articles issued to it from the Store Department appears to be made for the purpose of enabling him better to ascertain the financial results of the operations of the Workshop; but, as the effect would be to diminish the Public Works annual assignment to the extent of the value of those stores, by thus causing them to be paid for twice over, the Government are clearly of opinion that when materials which have been purchased in England, and consequently paid for out of the Public Works Budget grant, are issued from the Stores to a Public Works Workshop, they should be given without payment, and the transaction should appear in the books of the Store-keeper as a transfer only.

2. In such cases the estimates for the works for which the materials are worked up will not pay their value to the Workshops in cash, but a deduction corresponding to that value will be made from those estimates, and the sum thus set free will become available for transfer.

3. The Controller will report whether this can be done without bringing the Workshops into account current with his Office, and will also furnish the form of annual Appropriation Return to be adopted in the Presidency Workshop.

4. The proposal made in the fifth paragraph of Captain Chrystie's letter under disposal is approved of, and, in future, a proportionate share of the Workshop Establishment and of the skilled labor employed in the shops on monthly salaries will be recovered in cash from the Department for which work is done. The Government observe that this course is analogous to that pursued at the Roorkee Workshop in the Bengal Presidency.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Officer in charge of the Store Department.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

No. 548

Public Works Store Department
Chepauk 6th August 1866

From

Captain W. Chrystie R. E.
Offg Under Secretary to Govt P.W.D.
Incharge P.W. Store Depot

To

The Secretary to Government
P. W. Department

Sir

I have the honor to enclose the

1 Letter from Comptroller P.W. Accts No 1131 dy 17th July 66
1 Copy of letter from Secy to Govt P.W.D. dy 25th June 66
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1 Ltr fr Workshop Superintendt

papers as per margin, and request that the Government will be pleased to pass orders as to the method of bringing to account the transactions between the Public Works Workshop and the Public Works Stores

2. The Proceedings of the Government of India forwarded with G.O. No. 2286, dated 13th August 1862, lays down the system of dealing with the Workshop charges generally, and the latter part of Para 22 of the Comptrollers letter No 340

dated 29th June 1865, also relates to the same subject, but it is nowhere clearly laid down whether articles supplied from the Stores to the Workshops are to be paid for in Cash or not

It will be seen that Major Cheeney in the latter part of Para 4 of the enclosed letter, states his opinion that all articles issued from the Public Works Stores for the use of the Workshops should be treated as "Stock Sold" and its value recovered in Cash

In forwarding Major Cheeney's letter, above quoted, to the General Superintendent of Public Works Stores, the Comptroller calls upon that Officer to state whether there are any objections to the course proposed by Major Cheeney.

3. According to the system under which the Accounts are at present kept, all kinds of permanent plant, such as Machinery, tools, articles of use issued from the Stores to the Workshops [illegible]

of payment, as these classes of articles cannot be immediately charged against Estimates for works and it would take many years before their value could be recovered out of the profits of the shops. On the other hand, all kinds of materials, such as wood, iron, steel, &c. which are to be worked up are issued on payment and their value recovered in Cash from the Estimates of the works on which they are used.

It follows, from this system, that materials issued from the Stores to the workshops are paid for twice over, once from the Rupees 80,000 granted in Part V of the Budget for the purchase of Stores in England and once from the Estimate for which the articles are worked up. In point of fact these Cash payments between the works and Stores are a "pro tanto" diminution of the Budget Grant

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I think that it will readily be admitted that this double payment should, if possible, be got rid of, and to obviate it, I would suggest that the Workshop should be placed in account current with the Comptroller and that Stores should be issued to it from the Store Department without payment, in the same manner that they are now issued to all the Divisional Stores up Country. By this plan not only will the double payment be avoided, but the very important advantage of establishing an independent check over the quantities of materials used in the Shops will be gained - The preparation of the Monthly Account Current required in Section II Para 51 of the Manual will no doubt be rather difficult and will add a good deal to the work of the Office, but, as the books are accurately posted up daily, this ought not to be an insuperable objection



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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obed[t] Servant
W Broughton Captain R.E.
Offg Under Secty to Govt R.E.D.
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Proceedings of Govt for August 1866
No. 3340
From
The Officer in charge
P.W. Store Dept
to
The Secy to Govt
P.W.D.
Dated 4th
Recd 11th August 1866
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No. 528
Forwards certain correspondence and details orders as to the method of bringing to account the transactions between the P.W. Workshop and the Stores.

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Public Works Department

No. 2663

# Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 23rd Aug/66

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Issuing certain instructions relative to the management of Public Works Workshop Accounts.

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