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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 12th October 1866.

No. 305. Read the following letter from the Controller of Public Work Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 2nd October 1866, No. 2,059 :—

1. I have the honor to forward herewith an original letter from the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, dated the 25th September 1866, No. 96, for the orders of Government thereon.

1 Enclosure.

2. No form of Completion Certificate was given in the Manual of Accounts for this Presidency, such not being provided in the forms which accompanied Chapters XIX. and XX. of the Code of the Government of India on which our forms were based. Hence, in the 5th paragraph of my letter to Government, dated 26th October 1865, No. 1,772, I recommended the continuance of the forms of Completion Report and Certificate which were in use since 1861. These forms required* the Certificates, &c., to be signed by the Range Officer and countersigned by the District Engineer, and in circulating them for the information of Range Officers the countersignature of the Superintending Engineer, in place of that of the former District Engineer, was provided for.

* Circular No. LXV, dated 9th November 1861.

Circular No. XXXIX., dated 20th November 1865.

3. It is left with the Government to decide, with reference to G. O., 3rd February 1865, No. 318, quoted by the Superintending Engineer, and to Chapter XIX. of the Madras Public Works Code, whether it is not desirable that Superintending Engineers should countersign all Completion Reports as District Engineers were previously required to do.

From the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Salem, 25th September 1866, No. 96

With reference to your Memorandum No 1,845 of the 19th September 1866, I have the honor to state that according to paragraphs 35 and 37, Section II. of the Manual of Public Works Accounts, the Completion Certificate should be forwarded by the Range Officers direct to the Controller. No mention is made in any part of this Code of their being either submitted through, or countersigned by the Superintending Engineer. Moreover, Government in their Order of the 3rd of February 1865, No 318, distinctly stated that the Range Officer's Certificate of Completion of work is all that is necessary.

Forty-two Certificates.

No. 306. ORDER THEREON, 12th October 1866, No. 3,262.

ACCOUNT, No. 39.

No 318.

1. Paragraph 1 of the Order of the 3rd February 1865 disposes of the question mooted in this letter. In that Order, the Government distinctly ruled that Range Officers' "Completion Certificates" were all that was necessary, and they see no reason for requiring the countersignature of those documents by the Superintending Engineers, who would mani-

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festly find it impracticable to inspect at specific periods all the numerous petty works within their charges estimated to cost more than Rupees 50 each.

2. Paragraph 7 of G. O. No. 2,413, dated 19th August 1865, requires Superintending Engineers to correct and bring to notice any errors or irregularities which they may discover in the accounts of their Subordinate Officers on their periodical tours of inspection.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts

Exd T. O'Connor.

No. 96. Superintg. Engineer's Office 5th Div.
Salem 25th September 1866.

From

The Superintending Engineer,
5th Division,

To

The Controller of
Public Works Accounts,

Sir,

With reference to your Memo No. 1845 of the 19th September 1866, I have the honor to state that according to paras 35 and 37 section II of the Manual of P. W. Accounts, the completion certificate should be forwarded by the Range Officers direct to the Controller. No mention is made in any part of this Code of their being either submitted through or countersigned by the Supg. Engineer. Moreover Government in their order of the 3rd of February 1865 No. 318 distinctly stated that the Range Officers' certificate of completion of work is all that is necessary.

Enclosures
42 Certificates

I have the honor to be Sir
Your
Obedt Servt
Lieutt Colonel R. E.
Superintending Engineer, 5th Division

No 2059.

Office of the Controller of
P.W. Accounts.
Madras 2nd October 1866.

From, The Controller of P.W. Accounts.

To, The Secretary to Government, P.W.D.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith our original letter from the Superintending Engineer 5th Division dated the 25th September 1866 No 96 for the orders of Government thereon.

2. No form of Completion Certificate was given in the Manual of Accounts for this Presidency such not being provided in the forms which accompanied Chapters XIX and XX of the Code of the Government. Since in the 5th Circle of the Ahtoor Range, which is under the Superintending Engineer's charge, certificates of completion of works have been recorded by the Executive Engineer, and countersigned by the District Engineer, and in circulating them for the information of the Ahtoor Range Officer the countersignature of the Superintending Engineer in charge of the Division was omitted.

3. I would request that the Superintending Engineer may be instructed to record the Certificates of completion of works in the Ahtoor Range, and to forward them to this Office for countersignature.

I have &c.

Superintending

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Superintending

To Govt: O.M. 972 2nd Octr.
66 No: 2059

From The Superintending Engineer
5th Division

To
The Controller of
P. W. Accounts

Dated 25th September/66
Received 28th

No: 96,
P.W. 4055/66.

Enclosures 42.

Reforwarding with remarks certain completion Certificates of works in the Ahtoor Range.

P.W. ACCTS. CONTR. & AUDIT. OFFICE
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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servant,

Captain R.E.
Controller of P.W. Accounts.

Compd. Rec.

Public Works Department

No. 3262

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT under date the 12th Octr/66

Read the following

From

The Controller of
P.W. Accounts — (Here enter No 2059 dated 2 Oct/66)

No. 318

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4.

Dated 2d October 1866.
Read 3d "
No. 2059.

Re: rec. Range Completion Certificates.

Recommending a form of Completion Report and Certificate for adoption in the Ranges.

Ord. 3262-12th Octr/66

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periods all the numerous
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P. W. 186 . Department.

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated

To
The Secretary
Madras Presidency

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1st W. 1866. Despatch
Pro: of Govt. for Oct 66

No 3262

Pro: of the Madras Govt
of 12th Oct. 1866.

The Controller in-
forms that the Considering
nature of the Subj. Engr
to "Completion Certificates"
of Range Officers, it un-
necessary &c -

No 305-366.