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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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<u>427-628</u>	
Dated <u>20</u> <u>3</u>	<u>18</u> <u>66</u>

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th March 1866.*

No. 427. Read the following letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 12th March 1866, No. 3,559 :—

I have the honor to forward, for disposal by the Government, the accompanying original letter* from the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division. In the classified list of articles coming under the head of "Tools and Plant," published by Government with the Manual of Accounts for this Presidency, "Rammers" are included, and in directing the charge incurred on their account to be placed to the proper head, I respectfully submit this Office acted only in accordance with the instructions approved of and issued by the Government, and I therefore trust they will be pleased to direct Captain Oakes not to address this Office again in the offensive manner in which his letter under reference has been drawn up. If the Government are pleased now to modify any instructions already issued to suit the convenience or wishes of Superintending Engineers, these will be attended to as soon as I receive them, but in the meantime I would deprecate being addressed in an unbecoming manner by any Officer in the service when merely obeying, to the best of my ability, the orders already in force for the guidance of the Department.

From the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Lower Anicut, 9th March 1866, No. 1,959.

1. Mr. Walton informs me that you have directed him to recover the amount of Rupees 6-14-0, charged on Road No. 8 for making up eleven rammers, and to exhibit the expenditure under the head of Tools and Plant after obtaining an allotment of funds from me for the purpose. I have the honor to inform you that a rammer consists of a heavy block of wood attached to the end of a straight handle, and it is so utterly absurd to regard it as tools or plant that I beg you will reconsider the matter or refer it to Government.

2. The idea of making a special allotment for rammers, required for every road and river bank in the Division, is so preposterous, that I cannot suppose Government ever contemplated such a proceeding; only one small step further, and baskets for carrying earth, and pegs and string for laying out a bank will be regarded as plant. Such trifles have very properly been charged to sundries in the estimates.

No. 428. ORDER THEREON, 20th March 1866, No. 903.

ACCOUNT, No. 51.

1. The Government cannot think that articles of the kind described by Captain Oakes can be classed with the "Rammers" included as "Tools and Plant" in the list which formed an accompaniment to the Manual of Public Works Accounts, and His Excellency in Council agrees with Captain Oakes that they are more rightly classified, with baskets and other perishable things, as sundries.

2. The Governor in Council fails to perceive in what respect Captain Oakes' letter to the Controller of the 9th instant, No. 1,959, can be looked upon as offensive or couched in terms in the least degree unbecoming to the Controller, and his Excellency is constrained to remark that Captain Fischer's official business would be performed with more pleasantness to himself, and less interruption of the time of Government, if he took a less personal view of his duties.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts, with one Enclosure.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts.
Washington 12th March 1866.

N^o 3559.

From, Captain J. D. Fisher, P.E.
Controller of P.W. Accounts.
To, Colonel C. C. Orr, P.E.
Secretary to Government, D.W.

Sir,

*
N^o 3559 dated 9th
March 1866.
I have the honor to forward for disposal
by the Government the accompanying original
letter from the Superintending Engineer 6th Division,
in the classified list of articles coming under the
head of "Tools and Plant" published by Government
with the Manual of Accounts for this Presidency
"Consumers" are included, and in directing the
charge incurred on their account to be placed to
the proper head, I respectfully submit this Office
acted only in accordance with the instructions
approved of and issued by the Government, and
I therefore trust they will be pleased to direct
Captain Baker not to address this Office again
in the offensive manner in which his letter
under reference has been drawn up. If the Govern-
ment are pleased now to modify any instructions
already issued to suit the convenience or wishes
of Superintending Engineers, these will be attended
to as soon as I receive them, but in the

meantime

Y^{rs}

meanwhile I would deprecate being addressed
in an unbecoming manner by any Officer
in the service when merely obeying to the
best of my ability the orders already in
force for the guidance of the Department.

Have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

Respectfully,
Captain R.E.
Cavalles of T.W. Accounts.

Proceedings of the ^{No 903} Madras Government
Under date the 20th March/66.
Read the following

From the Controller of
No. Accounts - A.D. 12th March 1866
(No 3559)

The Government
cannot think that articles
of the kind described by
Captain Baker can be
classified with the hammers
included as "Tools and
Plant" in the List which
formed an accompaniment
to the Annual of Pub.
lic Works Accounts, and
^{Excellency in Council} His Highness agrees with Captain
Baker that they are more
rightly classified, with
baskets and other perishable
things, as Sundries.

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No 903 - 20th March/66

To Mr. J. J. D. D.
Secretary to the Government
The Madras Government
12th March 1866
No. 3559
Bringing to notice
of the Madras Government
the various articles of the
supplies of the Division
observed that office.

The Governor
in Council fails to
perceive in what respect
Captain Oak's letter to the
Controller of the 9th District,
No. 1959, can be looked
upon as offensive or couched
in terms in the least
degree unbecoming to the
Controller, and his Excellency
is constrained to remark
that Captain Fischer's
official business would
be performed with more
pleasantness to himself,
and less interruption of
the time of Govern-
ment, if he took a less
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W. B.

To
The Controller of P.W.
(Accounts) H. B. Enders.

Recd. 20th March.

P W 1866 Dept
Pro. of Govt for March
No 403
Pro. of the Madras Govt
of 25th March/66

Captain Fischer
informed that Capt. Baker's
letter No 1959 of 1866 cannot be
looked upon as offensive and
that his official business
would be performed, with
more pleasantness to himself,
and less interruption of the
time of Govt if he took a
less personal view of his du-
ties.

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