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Read the following papers:—

No. 744. From the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Doogarajapatam, 4th January 1866, No. 129.

1. As I find that in almost all ranges some of the new forms of accounts are not clearly understood, I have the honor to suggest that an Officer from the Controller's Office be deputed to proceed to this division for the purpose of giving general information on all doubtfull points which may be put before him by the various Range Officers, and of seeing generally that the books are kept in accordance with the desires of Government.

2. But in as far as the Executive Officers are alone responsible for all money transactions, it may be probably expedient that he should simply act the part of an adviser to them, and not be vested with any authority over them. At the same time I would propose, that a full Memorandum of his observations and suggestions concerning each Range, should be forwarded by him to me, as Superintending Engineer, when I shall of course see that they meet with due attention.

Referred to the Controller of Public Works Accounts for report.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, 12*th January* 1866. (Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E., *Secretary to Government, P.W.D.*

No. 745. From the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 16th January 1866, No. 2,777.

1. I have the honor to return the letter of the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, received with your Memorandum of the 12th instant, and beg to observe this is the first requisition of the kind received from any of the Superintending Engineers, and as it is not very explicit I am somewhat at a loss to reply to Colonel Winscom's demands: as far as the accounts received into this office enable me to judge, I am of opinion the Manual and its forms are very generally comprehended, the only complaint to be made that I am aware of is that a few of the Range Officers allow their office people to delay preparing and transmitting their accounts till nearly the full period allowed by Government has expired, a list of those who do so is registered in this office, and will be submitted to Government in due course.

2. I am averse to any member of this office proceeding into a division merely for the purpose of *advising* Range Officers regarding their accounts, as he might be told his opinion was not agreed in or had not the approval of the Superintending Engineer, under whom the Executive Officer is immediately serving, of course it would be a sheer waste of time to have any Officer travelling about under such circumstances.

3. Government in paragraph 7 of their Orders No. 2,413, dated 19th August, have given instructions regarding the manner in which the local accounts of Range Officers should be supervised and checked by the Superintending Engineers, and as long as this arrangement is admitted to answer the purpose for which it was designed, I beg to recommend its being retained: the Manual, I believe, is

now generally approved of by the other officers of the Department, and at all events until it has been more clearly shown that it requires to be much further explained, I am not prepared to recommend that any one should be sent from here to assist the Range Officers.

No. 746. ORDER THEREON, 30th January 1866, No. 353.

ACCOUNT, No. 59.

1. Under the circumstances which the Controller of Public Works Accounts brings to notice in the foregoing letter, the Government do not see the necessity for any member of his office being deputed to proceed to the 2nd Division, for the purpose of advising the Range Officers on matters connected with the new system of accounts. The Superintending Engineers are expected to make themselves thoroughly conversant with the system, in order that they may be able to exercise an effective supervision over the accounts of their subordinates during their tours of inspection. Should any of the rules or forms require elucidation, a reference should be made to the Controller, care being taken to specify the particular points on which information may be required.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.
To all other Superintending Engineers.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Superintending Engineers Office
2d Division Camp at
Bobbarajapatam
4th January 1866.

No. 129

From Lieut Col G. V. Winscom R.E.
Superintending Engineer 2d Div.

To Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government
P. W. D.

Sir,

As I find that in almost all Ranges, some of the new forms of accounts are not clearly understood, I have the honor to suggest that an Officer from the Controllers Office, be deputed to proceed to this Division for the purpose of giving general information on all doubtful points which may be put before him by the various Range officers, - and of seeing generally that the books are kept in accordance with the desires of Government.

2d But in as far as the Executive Officers are alone responsible for all money transactions, it may be probably expedient that he should simply act the part of an adviser to them, and not be vested with any authority over

over them - At the same time I would propose, that a full memorandum of his observations and suggestions concerning each Range, should be forwarded by him to me, as Superintending Engineer: when I shall of course see that they meet with due attention -

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obed.t Servant
Geo. T. Fitzgibbon Lieut Col R.E.
Superintending Engineer 2. Div.

Office of the Controller of P.W.
Accounts.
Madras 16th January 1866.

No. 2777.

From.

Captain J. A. Fischer. R.E.
Controller of P.W. Accounts.

To,

Colonel C. A. Orr. R.E.
Secretary to Government. P.W.

Sir,

I have the honor to return the letter of the Superintending Engineer 2nd Division received with your Memo: of the 12th instant and beg to observe this is the first requisition of the kind received from any of the Superintending Engineers and as it is not very explicit I am somewhat at a loss to reply to Colonel Wilcox's demands: as far as the Accounts received into this Office enable me to judge I am of opinion the Manual and its forms are very generally comprehended, the only complaint to be made that I am aware of is that a few of the Range Officers allow their Office people to delay preparing and transmitting their Accounts till nearly the full period allowed by Government has expired, a list of those who do so, is registered in this Office and will be submitted to Government in due course.

2. I am averse to any member of this Office proceeding into a Division merely for the purpose of advising Range Officers regarding

Received 16 Jan 1866
Superintending Engr. 2nd Division

AUDITOR OF P.W. ACCTS & CONTROLLER
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Received 16 January 1866.
Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

No. 129
Executive. Read-
ing Mr. Wilcox's letter dated 3rd Jany 1866. that the new forms of accounts are not clearly understood and suggesting that an Officer from the Controller's Office be deputed to Tuticorin to explain personally to Range Officers the system of keeping accounts.

Fort St George
12th Jany 1866

To
The Controller of
P.W. Accts

Deputed to Mr. Controller P.W. Accts.

Controller of Public Works
Accounts for Report.

Secretary to Govt
Public Works Dept

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regarding their Accounts as he might be told his opinion was not agreed in or had not the approval of the Superintending Engineer under whom the Executive Officer is immediately serving, of course it would be a sheer waste of time to have any Officer travelling about under such circumstances.

3. Government in paragraph 7 of their order No: 2413 dated 19th August, have given instructions regarding the manner in which the local Accounts of Range Officers should be supervised and checked by the Superintending Engineers, and as long as this arrangement is admitted to answer the purpose for which it was designed, I beg to recommend its being retained: the Manual I believe is now generally approved of by the other Officers of the Department and at all events until it has been more clearly shewn that it requires to be much further explained, I am not prepared to recommend that any one should be sent from here to assist the Range Officers.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.

Captain R.E.
Controller of Public Works Accts:

Bruce

Public Works Department

No. 355

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 30th January 1866

Read the following

From the Superintending Engineer of the 2d Division

States that in Ranges some of the new forms of Accounts are not clearly understood and suggests that an Officer from the Controller's office be deputed to proceed to that division for giving general information on doubtful points.

Here enter 4th Jany /66 No. 129/

From the Controller of P.W. Accounts

Reports that it is not expedient to send out any member of this Office into the Second Division Range Offices, as requested by the Superintending Engineer of that Division.

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Under the circumstances which the Controller of P. W. Accounts brings to notice in the foregoing letter, the Government do not see the necessity for any member of his Office being deputed to proceed to the 2d Division for the purpose of advising the Range Officers on matters connected with the new system of Accounts. The Supg. Engineers are expected to make themselves thoroughly conversant with the system, in order that they may be able

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19th August 1865 No. 2413

From J. D. Sim Esq. Secy to Govt.

To

The Controller of P.W. Accounts.

&

The Superintending Engineer 2nd Divn.

Dated 16th January 1866

Recd. 17th January 1866

No. 2777.

Reports that it is not expedient to send out any member of this Office into the Second Division Range Offices, as requested by the Superintending Engineer of that Division.

No. 745

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No. 355. 30th Jany 1866

exercise an effective supervision
over the Accounts of their Sub-
ordinates during their Hours
of inspection. Should any
of the Rules or Forms require
elucidation, a reference should
be made to the Controller; care
being taken to specify the
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formation may be required.

To
The Asst Engr 2nd Div
Asst Engr 2nd Div
Controller

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Rec'd of Lieut. for Jany

No. 355

Rec'd of the Lieut.

Ltr dd 30th Jany

Rec'd 2/4/66

New System of Accounts

The Supg Engrs instructed to make themselves acquainted with the —, and the Controller informed that there is no necessity for any member of his Office being deputed to the 5th Div. for the purpose of advising the Engr Officers on these matters.

No. 745 @ 747

Engr. 20th Jany 1866 R. 23d