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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
11th June 1867.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 229. From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp, Dowlaishweram, 22nd May 1867, No. 52.

* Dated 22nd May 1867.

1. I have the honour to forward copy of a letter* from Mr. Sage, Executive Engineer, No. I. Range, in charge of Dowlaishweram Workshop, complaining that the new system of Workshop Accounts that Government have lately sought to introduce are not suitable for the Dowlaishweram Workshop.

2. I do not know whether said system has been fairly worked or tried anywhere, but it is quite possible that though it succeeds in one place, it may fail in another.

3. At Dowlaishweram most of the work is let out on contract, and this fact alone, with the new system, appears to give rise to difficulties.

4. The system is probably intended to be worked where there is a Resident Superintendent and thoroughly capable Storekeepers and Accountants, but Mr. Sage has often to be in the district for ten days at a time, and the Clerks are of the second order.

5. I beg to recommend that Mr. Hart, Assistant Controller, or some other professional Accountant be sent up to put the accounts into working order, and to recommend any modification of the new system that may appear adapted to the peculiar circumstances of the Dowlaishweram Workshop.

From the Executive Engineer in charge of Government Workshop, Dowlaishweram, to the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, dated Dowlaishweram, 22nd May 1867.

1. I have the honour to inform you that two months' transactions in shop are nearly complete for current year, and that the new system of Accounts are quite unsuitable for the shop, they give none of the information required by the Officer in charge, and farther I cannot apply them to the transactions at all; I am therefore unable to go on with them, and unless Mr. Hart is sent down to see what he can make of them, the accounts will get into inextricable confusion.

2. For the purpose they are intended I never saw such intricate and unsatisfactory accounts, it will be necessary for me entirely to neglect the Range to carry them out as far I can see at present.

Referred to the Controller of Public Works Accounts for his opinion.

31st May 1867.

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

No. 230. From the Acting Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 3rd June 1867, No. 622.

1. In returning the papers which were referred for my opinion with your endorsement dated the 31st ultimo, I have the honour to state that in compliance with the approval of Government, as conveyed in their Order of the 25th March last, No. 901, Mr. Hart, the present Acting Deputy Controller of Public Works Accounts, visited Dowlaishweram during April, for the express purpose of faci-

2 Enclosures.

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11th June 1867.

tating the introduction into the Workshop of the new system of Accounts, and of explaining to the Officer in charge any points regarding which there might seem to be a difficulty. Mr. Hart was present at Dowlaishweram for eight days, and when he left, Mr. Sage not only seemed to thoroughly comprehend and appreciate the new system, but stated that he anticipated no difficulty in carrying it out. From Mr. Sage's letter to the Superintending Engineer, dated the 22nd ultimo, it however seems that these anticipations have not been realized, although he does not specify the particular points in which difficulty has been experienced.

2. I am not prepared to admit that any difficulty ought to exist, or that the system of Accounts lately introduced is unsuitable to the Dowlaishweram Workshops. It is almost identical with that in force at the Chepauk Workshops, where it has certainly proved suitable to the purpose, although, as Captain Beckley remarks, it does not necessarily follow that the same system must have equal success everywhere. It seems to me very probable that the want of a competent Book-keeper has been the cause of the seeming failure at Dowlaishweram.

3. Owing to the preparation of the annual accounts in this Office, it would be at present extremely inconvenient to depute Mr. Hart again to Dowlaishweram. These accounts will probably be completed early in July, and it seems to me in every way advisable that Captain Beckley's present application should lie over until the return of the Controller from leave, when the required assistance could be afforded to Mr. Sage, simultaneously with the duty of auditing the Workshop Accounts, referred to by Government in their Order of the 13th March last, No. 750. If, in the meantime, Mr. Sage would specify the points in which the difficulties complained of have been experienced, it is probable that explanation and assistance could be at once afforded to him.

No. 231. ORDER THEREON, 11th June 1867, No. 1,744.

ACCOUNT, No. 16.

A copy of Major Shaw Stewart's letter above read will be furnished to the Acting Superintending Engineer

of the 1st Division, who will, pending the audit and examination of the Workshop Accounts by Captain Fischer, submit to the Controller a Memorandum of the points on which further explanation is needed.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

No. 52.

Supy. Engineer's Office, P.W.D.
Camp Dowlaishweram.

From

22nd May 1867.

Captain Beckley I.E.

To

Asst. Engineer, P.W.D.

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.

Secretary to Govt., M.D.

Madras.

Encl.

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5. I beg to recommend that Mr. Hart, Asst. Controller or some other professional Accountant be sent up to put the Accounts into working order & to recommend any modification of the new system that may appear adapted to the peculiar circumstances of the Bowdoinmerum Workshop.

Yours &c &c

J. Perkins Capt. R.C.

Asst. Engineer 2nd Div.

Government Workshop Office
Dowlatabad
22nd May 1867.

From

The Executive Engineer
Ench. Govt. Workshop
Dowlatabad.

To

The Superintending Engineer
1st Division
Dowlatabad.

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J. H. Sage, Esq. Eng.
(True Copy) Ench. Govt. Workshop
J. H. Sage, Capt. R.E.
As Supd. Engineer 1st Div.

20th 1867
Dowlatabad
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Referred to the
Controller of P.M. Accounts
for his opinion.

20th May 1867.
J. H. Sage
Capt. R.E.
As Supd. Engineer 1st Div.

N^o 622.

Office of the Controller of
P.W. Accounts.
Annapolis, 3rd June 1867.

From.

To. The Acting Controller of P.W. Accounts.

The Secretary to Government, D.C.
Fort Sumter, George.

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Enclosure in letter
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P.W. Accounts dated
May 1867.

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I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obed^t servant.

Wm. Stewart Major R.E.

Paymaster of Mr. Accounts.

Capt. Beekley

Public Works Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 11th June 67

Read the following

From Major J. G. S. 1st Div. (H. C. of 52. 8/22nd May 1867)
" The Controller of P.W.
Accounts.

(Here enter No. 622 dated 3rd June 1867)

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read will be furnished
to the Acting Superintending
Engineer of the 1st Division,
who will, pending the audit
and explanation
of the Workshop Accounts
by Captain Fischer, submit
to the Controller a memo:
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further explanation is
needed.

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To
The S. Engr. 1st Div.
Controller

Sup. 2/6/67

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1st Div. 13th June 67
H. C. of 52. 8/22nd May 1867
The S. Engr. 1st Div.
Controller
H. C. of 52. 8/22nd May 1867
The Secretary to
Government
Madras

Dated 3rd June 67
No. 422

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Offering the
division on the 13th June
- after explanation
by Major S. Engr. in
introducing the new
system of accounts
into the workshop
- account books.

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Proc. of Govt. for *India*

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT

Dated

11th June 1867

According with
instructions to the Supg.
Cng^r of the 1st Division
Copy of a letter from the
Controller P. W. Accounts,
relative to the introduction
of the new system of
Workshop Account, into
the Dowlaishevaram Work-
shops.

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