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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th June 1867.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 369. From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Dowlaishweram, 13th May 1867, No. 43.

In reply to your Memorandum No. 97 of 7th instant, I have the honour to inform you that said order was circulated to all the Range Officers, and as no suggestions have been received from them, I presume they have none to make. I do not myself consider that the form of Inspection Report calls for amendment; it certainly is rather bulky, but furnishes very little information that is not required in some forms or other.

No. 370. From the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Masulipatam, 20th March 1867, No. 122.

In reply to paragraph 6 of G. O. No. 759, dated 13th March 1867, I have the honour to state that, in my opinion, the Inspection Reports of Range Officers cannot be reduced in bulk without diminishing their value, except as regards Column 10. I consider it highly important that full diaries shall be sent to the Superintending Engineer, and that Executive Officers should be encouraged to give every information, and record all observations and opinions they consider desirable for his information.

No. 371. From the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Ramandroog, 3rd May 1867, No. 339.

With reference to paragraph 6 of G. O. No. 759, of 13th March 1867, I have the honour to submit forms of the two Returns that I would recommend, as I think they would give ample information. No. I. would be passed on to the Controller with the travelling allowance bill, and the other would be kept in my Office.

No. I.

Statement of marches, &c., made by _____ during the month of _____ 18__.

Date.	Talook.	Places visited.	No. of days halted in each place.	No. of miles travelled each day.	Distance of halting place from fixed station.	No. of days for which travelling allowance is claimed.	No. of miles for which mileage is claimed.	Remarks.
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With certificate as at present.

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No. II.	
Diary of	for the month of 1867.
1st Tank.	
Last Inspection	

No. 372. From the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 9th May 1867, No. 631.

1. Adverting to paragraph 6 of the Proceedings of Government, No. 759, dated 13th March 1867, calling upon me to report on the present form of Inspection Report as regards the possibility of reducing its bulk, without at the same time diminishing its value, I have the honour to state that Columns 11, 12, and 13 may be advantageously omitted, as the particulars they give are afforded in the Monthly Range Progress Reports.

2. Column 14 should, I think, be retained, as the particulars entered therein are very useful.

No. 373. From the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Cuddalore, 18th March 1867, No. 191.

1. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Order of Government of the 13th of March, No. 759, I have the honour to state that some of the columns of the Inspection Report might be omitted, in order to give increased space for the remarks, but that is the only change that is required in the form.

2. Many of the Inspection Reports are undoubtedly bulky, cumbersome documents, but their being so is entirely the fault of the Range Officers and their subordinates. The reports are intended to be a record of journeys, inspections, measurements, and payments, with brief remarks on the works examined. They might easily be made out on the two inner pages of a single sheet of foolscap, and this is the limit I prescribed to the members of the department in my division; but I continue to receive Inspection Reports occupying several sheets of paper.

No. 374. From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Tanjore, 1st June 1867, No. 311.

1. With reference to paragraph 6 of G. O. No. 759, of the 13th March last, I have the honour to observe that Columns 11 and 12 may, with advantage, be omitted in the Inspection Reports. The information entered in these columns is always given in the Progress Reports.

2. In paragraph 4 of his letter, recorded in the Order above quoted, the Controller mentions a column 14, but in the form of Inspection Report in use there are only thirteen columns.

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No. 375. From the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Ootacamund, 22nd April 1867, No. 17.

I have the honour to state, with reference to paragraph 6 of G. O. No. 759, of 13th March, that I am unwilling that any change should be made in the existing practice as regards Range Officers; while as regards Talook Overseers, I consider it essential that they should be made to fill up every column of Inspection Lists according to its heading, for the information of Range Officers.

No. 376. From the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Kodikarnel, 24th March 1867, No. 2,177.

1. With reference to paragraph 6, G. O. No. 759, of the 13th March 1867, I have the honour to report that I think the bulk of the Inspection Report, as sent to the Controller, may be reduced by his being furnished with only Columns 1 to 10 inclusive. These ten columns can be entered on one side of a half sheet of foolscap; and by their being repeated on the other half of the sheet, all the information that the Controller requires will be afforded on one sheet of paper.

2. On looking over one of the most copious Inspection Reports that I am accustomed to receive, I find long blank spaces on the left hand page. In one instance, the names of works inspected (Column 9) are entered, one at the top of the page, and a second half way down; these two entries being the only ones on the page, while the entries to correspond on the right hand side occupy the whole of the page in Column 13 "Particulars of progress, &c."

Hence the entries in Column 9 are spread over five sides, while they might easily be got into two.

3. The bulk of the Report is contained in Column 13, so that if the portion beginning with paragraph 11 is written on separate sheets, the Superintending Engineer will keep that for perusal at leisure; while he sends on to the Controller all that is necessary for the audit of the travelling allowance bill. The Inspection Reports vary much in size, and taking them all together the general bulk will not be much diminished; still the Controller will be relieved of a considerable mass of paper, which he now receives and re-transmits to the Superintending Engineer, but with which he can well dispense.

No. 377. ORDER THEREON, 17th June 1867, No. 1,812.

ACCOUNT, No. 26.

1. In paragraph 6 of the Order of the 13th March 1867, No. 759, the Government requested the Superintending Engineers to report on a proposal which had been made by the Controller for modifying the present form of Inspection Report rendered by Officers of the Public Works Department, with the view of reducing its bulk without practically diminishing its value.

2. The papers above recorded are the Superintending Engineers' replies. The Government note that the Superintending Engineers of the 1st, 2nd, and 7th Divisions are not in favour of any change in the form of return as now furnished,

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while those of the other divisions more or less support the proposal made by Captain Fischer.

3. On full consideration, the Government are of opinion that as the information afforded in Columns* 11, 12, and

- * Column 11. Date of last inspection.
Do. 12. Abstract of measurement of work done from date of last inspection.
Do. 13. Expenditure on work done since last inspection and now measured.

13 of the Inspection Report is contained in the monthly Range accounts, these columns may be advantageously omitted. The notes in Column 14† should be written on separate sheets, and appended to the Inspection Report,

† Particulars of progress since last inspection, &c.

which should hereafter be prepared in accordance with the suggestion contained in paragraph 1 of Captain Prendergast's letter above read. The notes will be retained in the Office of the Superintending Engineers, and the Inspection Reports forwarded with the travelling allowance bills to the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
To Captain Kennedy.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Superintending Engineer's Office,
Fort St. George, Pondicherry.

From

13th May 1867.

Captain A. W. Beakley R.E.

Asst. Supg. Engineer, 1st Div.

To

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.

Secretary to Govt., Madras.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of 11th May I have the honor to inform you that said order was circulated to all the Range Officers and as no suggestions have been received from them, I presume they have none to make. I do not myself consider that the form of Inspection Report calls for amendment - it certainly is rather bulky but furnishes very little information that is not required in some form or other.

Yours, &c. &c.

A. W. Beakley (A. W. B.)

Asst. Supg. Engineer, 1st Div.

Superior Office road,
Massachusetts
20 March 1867

No 122

From The Super Engineer
20th
To The Secretary to Govt
Public Works Dept
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Sir,
In reply to para 6 of
G. O. No 59 of 13 March 1867.
I have the honor to state
that in my opinion the Inspec-
-tion Reports of Range Officers
cannot be reduced in bulk
without diminishing ~~their~~
value; except in regards
Column 10. - I consider it
highly important that full
diaries shall be sent to
the Super Engineer & that
Executive Officers should be
encouraged to give every in-
-formation & record all ob-
-servations & opinions.
They consider desirable for
his information.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servt

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Super Engineer

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Super Engineer
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20 March 1867

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Forwards 2 forms of Returns
which are prepared to be signed
me to accompany my travelling
allowance bill and the other
for receipt in the office.

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No. 631.

Superintg. Engrs. Office 4th D^o
Madras 7th May 1867.

From,

Colonel A. J. M. Boileau R. E.
Superintending Engineer 4th D^o

To,

Colonel G. A. Orr R. E.
Secretary to Government P. M. D.
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

Adverting to para 6 of the Proceedings of Government No. 759 dated 13th March 1867, calling upon me to report on the present form of Inspection Report as regards the possibility of reducing its bulk without at the same time diminishing its value, I have the honor to state that columns 11, 12 and 13 may be advantageously omitted, as the particulars they give are afforded in the monthly Range Progress Reports.

2 Column 14 should I think be retained, as the particulars entered therein are very useful.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

Boileau Colonel R. E.
Supg. Engrs. 4th D^o

Superintending Engineer's Office, 5th Divⁿ,
Cuddalore 18th March 1867.

No. 191.

From,

Lieut^{nt} Col^l E. & F. Ford R.E.,
Superintending Engineer,
5th Division,

To,

Colonel. C. & F. Orr R.E.,
Secretary to Government,
D.P.W.

Sir,

With reference to para 10 of the order
of Government of the 13th of March 1867,
759, I have the honor to state that some
of the columns of the Inspection Report
might be omitted, in order to give increased
space for the remarks, but that is the only
change that is required in the form—

2. Many of the Inspection Reports
are undoubtedly bulky cumbersome docu-
ments, but, their being so, is entirely the fault
of the Range Officers and their Subordinates.
The Reports are intended to be a record of
journeys, inspections, measurements and
payments, with brief remarks on the works
examined. They might easily be made
out on the two inner pages of a single
sheet of foolscap; and this is the limit
of

Handed
over to
Mr. Ford
18th March 1867.
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Deposited upon the
present form of Inspection
Report as regards the
style of writing it, but
without at the same time
diminishing its value.

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Department in my Division, but I
continue to receive Inspection Reports
occupying several sheets of paper.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servt.

E A Ford A. E. M. C.
Superintending Engineer,
S. A. Div.

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Supplg's Office 6th Division
Suppl 1st June 1867

Brigadier
Lieut. Col. R. L. O'Connell R.E.
Ag. Supl. Engineer 6th D.
Col. C. A. O'Connell R.E.

Secretary to Government
D. P. W.

Sir,
With reference to para 6
of G. O. No 759 of the 13th March last,
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I have the honor to be

Sir,
Your most Obedt Servt
O'Connell Lieut. Col. R.E.
Ag. Supl. Eng. 6th D.

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Superintending Engineer's Office
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From

Colonel G. W. Walker R. E.
Superintending Engineer - 7th Dist.

To

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

Sir,

I have the honor to state with reference
to para 6 of G. O. No. 459 of 13 March that, I
am unwilling that any change should be made
in the existing practice, as regards Ranger officers,
while, as regards Salook overseers, I consider
it essential that they should be made to fill
up every ^{of Insp. list} column, according to its heading
for the information of Ranger officers.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedt servant.

G. W. Walker, Col. R. E.
Superintending Engineer - 7th Dist.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th inst. in relation to the above subject.

The Secretary to Govt.

Resd 6. 3 June 1864

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Relation to the division
mentioned in the above
of the character of
the report.

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Adjutant Engineer's Office 8th
Blackburn 24th March 1867

Captain W. S. Sandercock 88th
Off. of Superintendent Engineer
8th Division

Colonel C. J. Orr R.E.
Adj. to Government O.P.S.

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the Inspection Report, as sent to the
Controller may be reduced, by this being
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being repeated on the other half of the
sheet: all the information that the
Controller requires will be afforded on one
sheet of paper.

2. On looking over one of the most obvious
Inspection Reports, that I am accustomed
to receive: I find long blank spaces on

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Andrews August Captain R.E.,
Off. Superintending Engineer S.C.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 17th June 1867

Read the following

From the Superintendent of the 1st Division. (H. I. No. 43 of 15th May 1867)

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| No. | No. | 5 th do | (H. I. No. 191 of 18 th March 1867) |
| No. | No. | 6 th do | (H. I. No. 311 of 1 st June 1867) |
| No. | No. | 7 th do | (H. I. No. 17 of 22 nd April 1867) |
| No. | No. | 8 th do | (H. I. No. 217 of 24 th March 1867) |

In para 6 of the

Order of the 18th March 1867, No. 459, the Government requested the Superintending Engineer to report on a proposal which had been made by the Contractor for modifying the present form of Inspection Report rendered by Officers of the P. W. D., with the view of reducing its bulk without practically diminishing its value.

W. H. D.

20th June 1867

From the Superintendent of the 1st Division. (H. I. No. 1195)

The Officer in Charge, 8th Division.

Order of the Government.

Order of the 18th March 1867.

Whether the measurement of the present form of Inspection Report rendered by Officers of the P. W. D., with the view of reducing its bulk without practically diminishing its value.

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The papers above recorded are the Superintending Engineer's replies. The Govt note that the Superintending Engineers of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Divisions are not in favor of any change in the form of Return as now furnished, while those of the other Divisions more or less support the proposal made by Captain Hirsch.

On full consideration, the Government are of opinion that as the information afforded in Columns 11, 12, and 13 of the Inspection Report is contained in the monthly Range accounts, these columns may be advantageously omitted. The notes in column 14 should be written on separate sheets, and appended to the Inspection Report, which should hereafter be prepared in accordance with the suggestion contained in para 1 of Captain Preadargast's letter above read. The notes will be retained in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, and

- * Column 11 - Date of last inspection
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- * Particulars of progress since last inspection.

and the Inspection Reports forwarded with the travelling allowance bills to the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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The Sup^r Engineer.
Controller of P. W. A.
Captain Mansel.

18/6/67

P. W. 1867. Department.

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated

17th June 1867

*Sanctioning certain
alterations in the form of
Inspection Report rendered
by officers of the P.W. Dept.
to the Controller Public Works
Accounts.*

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