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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 478. Read the following letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 12th September 1867, No. 2,301 :—

1. I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that on the 27th July last I left Madras by the S. S. "Arabia" for a tour of inspection in the Northern Division, and arrived at Vizagapatam and Waltair on the 31st idem.

2. On the 2nd August I examined Captain Beatty's books and accounts, which were all properly kept up: the cash balance, Rupees 29-10-2, as exhibited in the cash book, was counted out and agreed with that in the chest.

3. On the 3rd I left for Chicacole, where I arrived on the 5th, and examined Supervisor Ramiah's books and accounts. The cash balance, Rupees 51-13-0, was found to be quite correct, but the heads of service in the cash book had not been correctly entered, this I had rectified: details of balances outstanding with petty contractors had not been kept, but I directed this should be done in future; otherwise, the instructions of the Manual were fully attended to.

4. 6th, I left Chicacole; 7th at Cassimbogah; and on the 8th I arrived at Berhampore, having been detained some ten hours on the road at Itchapully.

5. 9th, I met Mr. Harris, and went over his books and accounts. All very satisfactory. His cash balance, Rupees 6-10-0, quite correct. Mr. Harris informed me that Mr. Lever, in charge of the Russelcondah Range, was so ill, he had been instructed by the Acting Superintending Engineer to take over charge of his Range and Office, and had ordered the latter into Berhampore; owing to the heavy rains, Mr. Lever's Office did not arrive till the 14th, when I went over the books and accounts. The cash balance, Rupees 36-11-4, was counted out and found to be correct, and the other details kept up, as required generally, in a satisfactory manner.

6. I then laid a dawk, and on the 17th I left Berhampore for Chicacole and Vizianagram, where I arrived on the 20th and met Mr. Hamnett. I found all his books and accounts in good order, and his cash balance, Rupees 383-4-7, correct.

7. 21st, Waltair.—I met Mr. Laskey, his books and accounts were satisfactorily kept up, except the cash book. Mr. Laskey exhibited a cash balance of Rupees 1,385-7-10 against himself, whereas he had only Rupees 110-5-8 in hand, the remainder being advances on account of work to several parties to be completed within the month. I explained to him this was incorrect, as whenever he made any payments this should be invariably entered in the cash book; there appears to be great difficulty in these Ranges to work at all without advances, but then these when made should be exhibited in the cash transactions of the Range.

22nd.—In the afternoon I left by the S. S. "Bushire" for Cocanada.

23rd.—Arrived at Cocanada.

24th.—Left for Dowlaishweram.

25th.—Sunday.

26th.—I went with Captain Beckley to Rajahmundry and examined the Station books, &c., for the Jail, which are all well kept up. On the same day I met Sub-Engineer Veranah, and went over all his books and accounts, which are kept up fully, according to the forms. The cash balance, Rupees 38-7-4, was found to be quite correct. He has charge also of the quarries, for which separate accounts are kept up by him under the orders of the Superintending Engineer; the material as supplied being charged off at once to works. I merely mention this for infor-

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mation, but I did not think it was any part of my duty to go into the details of the matter.

8. 27th.—With Mr. Sage I went over his Range accounts, all his books and accounts are in very good order and well kept up. Cash balance, Rupees 59-2-1, quite correct. I may here note that, in the 1st Division, and in the two Ranges of the 2nd Division which I saw, Work Registers are kept up by all the Range Officers and found to be most useful and easily maintained. Major Farewell does the same in his Range, and stated he found no difficulty in the matter. I only recommended the doing away with these forms, because, when called for, it was observed that in many Ranges they had not been kept up, and many complaints were made regarding the difficulty of keeping them at all properly; but now I would beg to suggest the orders passed on this subject should be cancelled at once, and the Work Registers maintained in all Ranges, agreeably to the instructions contained in paragraph 29, Section 2 of the Manual.

9. 23th.—I met Mr. Gorman, and examined all his books and accounts. The cash balance, Rupees 143-15-7, was counted out and found to be quite correct. The books and accounts are kept up with care and attention, but there are several large outstanding balances from advances made by Supervisor Ramiah long ago, which should be adjusted as soon as possible; this matter has been, I understand, already reported to Government by the Acting Superintending Engineer.

29th and 30th.—Workshop's accounts, report already sent. I also examined Captain Makgill's accounts and books. Cash balance, Rupees 144-8-5, correct, and all books neatly kept up.

10. 31st.—I started for Bozwadah. At Chettypet I met Supervisor Padmanapadloo. Books and accounts all well kept up. Cash balance, Rupees 26-0-9, quite correct. At the same place I met Mr. Randall and examined his books and accounts, all well kept up with every care. Cash balance, Rupees 29-11-9, quite correct. This finishes the 1st Division, and, I may add, I found in all instances the Cheque Books and Treasury Pass Books to correspond entirely.

1st September.—Sunday.

2nd.—At Bozwadah I met Lieutenant Vibart, R. E., and went over his books and accounts with him, and found them all in good order. Cash balance, Rupees 34-12-8, was correct. I also went over Captain C. J. Smith's books and accounts with his Head Accountant in his absence, and found them all in good order. I could not count out his cash balance, but it had been correctly brought forward in the cash book.

11. Here I learnt from the Gazette my services had been made over to the Government of India, and I returned at once to Dowlaishweram en route for Madras, where I arrived on the 7th instant in the S. S. "India."

12. Some orders are required regarding the disposal of old records relating to works, which have been completed, as these are fast accumulating in Range Offices; as monthly clearances are now generally given, I would suggest that after the close of the official year, when the last clearance had been received, all vouchers appertaining to completed works should be disposed of in the best manner possible. Those belonging to works still in progress being only retained for reference in case any circumstances arise, when the Government might require to have them looked into.

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13. Finally, I would suggest that abstracts of Station books should no longer be sent to this Office, but kept in the Range Offices as long as required, for all works both new and repairs costing less than Rupees 2,500 and more than Rupees 100; if the sub-heads of Labor and Materials for the month only are exhibited in the Progress Report, the audit of this Office can be as well performed as heretofore, and all the Range Officers with whom I was able to communicate agreed with me in considering this would be a very desirable change, and one which would relieve their Offices of a good deal of work now required to be done twice over.

P. S.—I would also beg to add, the recommendation contained in paragraph 13 is based on the fact likewise that this Office exercises no control over the rates at which work is being executed, and that, therefore, the information contained in these abstracts is of little use here.

No. 479.

ORDER THEREON, 19th September 1867, No. 2,914.

ACCOUNT, No. 47.

1. Ordered that the Controller's Report above recorded be communicated to the Superintending Engineers of the 1st and 2nd Divisions.

2. The discontinuance of Work Registers having been ordered on the Controller's recommendation, and after mature consideration, the Government not being disposed to enforce their maintenance in the several Ranges of this Presidency, will leave it to the Executive Officers of the department to keep or to dispense with them as may be found expedient.

3. The Acting Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division will take such measures as may be necessary to prevent a recurrence of the irregularity noticed in paragraph 7. He will also make arrangements for the speedy adjustment of the outstanding advances referred to in paragraph 9.

4. The Government approve of the suggestions contained in paragraphs 12 and 13.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

Do. do., 2nd do.

To all other Superintending Engineers.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Capt. Hume

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

N^o. 2301. Office of the Controller, P. & A. Accounts.
Madras, 12th September 1867.

To, The Controller of P. & A. Accounts.
The Secretary to Government. S. P. W.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the information of Government that on the 27th July last I left Madras by the S. S. "Arabia" for a tour of inspection in the northern Division and arrived at Vizagapatnam and Waltair on the 1st inst.

2. On the 2nd August I examined Captain Beattie's books and accounts which were all properly kept up. The fresh balance Rs. 24,100.0 was exhibited in the fresh book, was corrected and agreed with that in the Chest.

3. On the 3rd I left for Chicacole where I arrived on the 6th, and examined Supervisor Romualdo's books and accounts. The fresh balance Rs. 5,113.0 was found to be quite correct, but the books of service in the fresh book had not been correctly entered. This I had rectified: details of balances substantiating with petty contractors had not been kept, but I directed this should be done in future; otherwise the instructions of the Manual were fully attended to.

4. 6th I left Chicacole, 7th at Cassinabogum, and on the 8th I arrived at Berhampore having been detained some

10 hours on the road at Hethampully.

5. In the P.M. Mr. Harris and I examined his books and accounts. All very satisfactory. His cash balance Rs. 610.9, quite correct. Mr. Harris informed me that Mr. Saver, in charge of the Pussacanth Range was so ill he had been instructed by the Dy. Superintending Engineer to take over charge of his Range and Office and had ordered the latter into Berhampur; owing to the heavy rain the Saver's Office did not arrive till the 15th when I went over the books and accounts. His cash balance Rs. 361.11.2, was correct and found to be correct and the other details kept up, as required generally in a satisfactory manner.

6. When I visited Hethampully on the 17th I left Berhampur for five miles and visited a program where I arrived on the 18th and met Mr. Somnath. I found all his books and accounts in good order and his cash balance Rs. 383.4, correct.

7. On the 21st Wed. Heth. In the P.M. I examined his books and accounts were satisfactory kept up, except the cash book. Mr. Saver exhibited a cash balance of Rs. 1386.10 against himself, whereas he had only Rs. 1100.5.3 in hand, the remainder being advances on account of work to be done for this to be completed within the month. He explained to him this was incorrect as whenever he made any payment this should be invariably entered in the cash book; there appears to be great difficulty in these ranges to work at all without advances, but when

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29th Mr. Wankhede's accounts, cash

30th B. already sent. Sales

examined. Captain. Wankhede's accounts and
books. Cash balance Rs. 144.3.5 correct
and all books neatly kept up.

10. 31st Inst. for Begowale.

Mr. Chatterjee, District Supervisor (Dist. Superintendent)

Books and accounts all well kept up.

Cash balance Rs. 26.0.0 quite correct. It is
the same place. Same Mr. B. B. B.

and



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Visited P.E. and went over his books and
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Have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

Respectfully,
Captain P.E.
Controller of Public Works Accounts

Capt. J. C. C.

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Wm. T. H. H. H. H.
H. H.

Public Works Department.
No 2914

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 19th Sept 1907

Read the following

From the Controller of P.W. Accts.

(Here enter No. 2301 dated 12th Sep 1907)

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To the Controller of P.W. Accts.
Madras.
The Secretary to Government P.W. Accts.
Madras.
George.

Dated 19th Sept 1907
No. 2301

Submitted for signature
Reports on his terms to
the Controller's Office.

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3 The Acting Super-
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4 The Government
approve of the suggestions
contained in paras 12
and 13.

[Signature]

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The S. Engr 1st Div ✓
do. 2nd Div ✓
4 All other S. Engr ✓
C. M. B. M. ✓
Capt. Remond ✓

P. W. 1867. Department.

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT *Madras*

Dated 19th September 1867

Passing orders on a report
of a tour of inspection by the
Controller P.W. Accounts in the
P.W. Divisions.

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