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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
19th September 1867.*

No. 489. 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. 2,300 :—

2 Copies of Correspondence.

1. With reference to G. O. 3rd September 1867, No. 1,414, on the Inspector General's No. 1,495, dated 27th August 1867, I have the honor to observe that the remarks made by me in my letter commented on by G. O. No. 2,363, dated 5th August 1867, had reference to the Monthly* Abstracts of Receipts and Disbursements, which should be submitted by Civil Officers for audit, and incorporated in the monthly accounts of the Presidency. The irregularity with which these accounts are sent in is the only cause of such large sums remaining unadjusted; for clearances are granted on *them*, and the expenditure shown by them is credited each month at once (when they are received) to the Civil Officers concerned.

2. The bills referred to by the Inspector General of Police are submitted when the works are completed, and they alone require "Completion Certificates" from the Officers of the Public Works Department, and not the Monthly Abstracts of Receipts and Disbursements, on which credit is afforded on the current expenditure, on the same principle that monthly clearances are granted to every disbursing officer for his expenditure.

G. O. 19th August 1865, No. 2,413.

No. 1,515, dated 20th August 1867, from Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, and No. 103, dated 4th August 1866, from Captain Hunter to Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.

3. I would here submit copies of communications, for the information of Government, illustrative of the cause of delay in granting certificates.

4. While on this point I would recommend that the prescribed Abstracts of Receipts and Disbursements for each month be submitted direct to this Office, instead of coming through Superintending Engineers, just as Range Officers send their monthly accounts direct. This would remove the unnecessarily circuitous manner in which the correspondence between Civil Officers and this Office is now kept up, and facilitate the despatch of official work, while the prescribed check by the Executive Officers will be maintained in all its integrity by the requisite completion certificates to bills after completion.

5. I would further recommend that the present system of making advances to junior Officers of the Civil Department be discontinued, and that advances be made only to recognized heads, such as Collectors and Deputy Collectors, Superintendents of Police, &c., and not to Tahsildars, Moonsiffs, Inspectors of Police, &c. The superior officers may distribute the advances received by them, but *they* alone should be in account with this Office.

Copy of docket No. 242, dated 5th August 1867, from the Supervisor in charge of Kudlighi Range, to the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

Your docket, No. 1,283, dated 31st July 1867.

Informs that the Superintendent of Police was requested in docket No. 221, dated 19th July 1867, to forward a true copy of the estimate for the Police huts at Hurpanhully, in order that the

*3 copies to
from Capt. H.
Super. Engr.*

Government

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work may be checked with the estimate, besides this, two out of fourteen huts remain incomplete. Owing to these circumstances, the submission of the completion certificate has been delayed.

No. 1,515, dated 20th August 1867.

Copy forwarded to the Controller of Public Works Accounts for information, with reference to his Memorandum No. 1,162, dated 25th ultimo.

(Signed) A. S. MOBERLY, Major, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

From the Executive Engineer, Kistna, to the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, dated Masulipatam, 4th August 1866, No. 103.

In accordance with instructions contained in your Memorandum No. 1,287, dated 31st March 1866, I have the honor to inform you that I have inspected the Police huts at Neddomole, Caza, and Coloor, and certify that in each case work has been done probably to the amount expended.

* Completion Certificate attached.

Those at Codoor* are the only ones that are finished* and as a bill is furnished for them, I can state that work to the full amount seems to have been executed. In both the other cases the works are done on contract, and are stated to be incomplete. I can only certify them in these cases that there has been work performed, but the huts, especially those at Neddomole, are far from complete; one of them has no roof.

No. 481. ORDER THEREON, 19th September 1867, No. 2,915.

ACCOUNT, No. 48.

No. 2,363, dated 5th August 1867, Public Works.
.. 1,411, .. 3rd Sept. .. Judicial.

1. Communicated to the Judicial and Revenue Departments, with reference to the Orders noted in the margin.

2. The suggestions contained in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Controller's letter are approved.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
.. Judicial Department.
.. Revenue Department.
.. Superintending Engineers.
To Captain Kennedy.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

N^o. 2385. Office of the Comptroller of P.W. Accounts.
Madras, 12th September 1867.

From,
The Comptroller of P.W. Accounts.

To,
The Secretary to Government, D. P. W.
Northbrook George.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. 3rd September 1867, N^o. 1514, on the Inspector General's N^o. 1495 dated 27th August 1867, I have the honor to observe that the remittance made by me in my letter communicated on 17th G.O. N^o. 2383 dated 5th August 1867, had in reference to the monthly Abstracts of Receipts and Disbursements, which should be submitted by Civil Officers for audit, and incorporated in the monthly Accounts of the Presidency. The irregularity with which these Accounts are sent in, is the only cause of such large sums remaining unadjusted; for Clearances are granted as they, and the expenditure shown by them is credited each month at once, when they are received by the Civil Officers concerned.

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G.O. 19th August 1865 N^o. 2413.

N^o. 1515 dated 20th August 1867, from Supg. Engineer 3rd Div., and N^o. 103 dated 4th August 1866 from Capt. Stewart to Supg. Engr. 2nd Division.

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I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obed^t. Servant.

Wm. T. Fisher Captain R.E.

Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 19 Sept 1867

Read the following

From the Controller of P. & R. acco: (Here enter No. 2311 dated 12 Sept 67)

Communicated
to the Judicial and Revenue
Departments, with reference
to the orders noted in the
margin.

2. The suggestions con-
tained in paras 4 and 5 are
approved.

To the Controller
Judicial Dept.
Rev. Dept.
Super. Engineers
Capt. Kennedy

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Pro. of Govt. for September

No. 2915

Pro. of the Madrid Govt.

Of 19th September 1867

Passing orders on a letter
from the Controller of P. W.
Accounts containing certain
Suggestions relative to the
adjustment of advances to
Civil Officers.

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