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Government of Madras.

Public Works **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 339. Read the following letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 13th January 1870, No. 1,937 —

UNDER the orders of Government of the 23rd August 1865, No 2,458, the inspection reports and travelling allowance bills of all Executive officers of the Public Works Department require the countersignature of the Superintending Engineers of the divisions to which they are attached before submission to this office.

2. Captain C J. Smith, RE, Executive Engineer of the 3rd Grade, is at present employed on special duty in the Coimbatore District, and his inspection reports and travelling allowance bills are submitted to me for audit without the countersignature of a Superintending Engineer. Captain Smith explains that Colonel Walker* having declined to countersign his travelling allowance bill for December, he referred the matter to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, who is of opinion that as there is no order of Government which places Captain Smith under a Superintending Engineer, and as all instructions from Government relating to the special duty on which that officer is employed are communicated to him direct, his travelling allowance bills do not require the countersignature of any Superintending Engineer.

* Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division

3 In the absence of a ruling to govern a case such as that now put forward, I venture respectfully to solicit the special orders of Government for the guidance of this office, and, in doing so, to add that in the cases of all other officers now engaged on the investigation of irrigational projects, their inspection reports and travelling allowance bills are invariably countersigned by the Superintending Engineers of the divisions in which they are employed There is, however, a difference between the cases of those officers and that of Captain Smith, for while the former are, in each case, employed in *one* district or division, the duties of the latter are connected with *four* districts, comprised in *three* distinct divisions presided over by separate Superintending Engineers.

No 340 ORDER THEREON, 15th January 1870, No. 176.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 31.

UNDER the circumstances explained in the latter part of paragraph 3 of this letter, the Government consider it unnecessary to require the countersignature of a Superintending Engineer to Captain Smith's travelling allowance bills, and the Controller of Public Works Accounts is accordingly authorized to pass them without it.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Captain C J Smith, R E
" the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Travelling Allowance Bills—Permission granted for passing, without the countersignature of the Superintending Engineer, certain travelling allowance bills of Captain Smith, Executive Engineer in the Combatore District

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts
Madras 13th January/1870.

No 1937

From,
The Controller of P. W. Accounts.
To,
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

Under the orders of Government of the 23d August 1865, No 2458, the Inspection Reports and Travelling Allowance Bills of all Executive officers of the Public Works Department require the countersignature of the Superintending Engineers of the Divisions to which they are attached before submission to this office.

2. Captain C. J. Smith, R. E, Executive Engineer of the 3d grade, is

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[x] Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division.

special duty on which that officer is employed are communicated to him direct, his travelling allowance bills do not require the countersignature of any Superintending Engineer.

3. In the absence of a ruling to govern a case such as that now put forward, I venture respectfully to solicit the special orders of Government for the guidance of this office, and, in doing so, to add that in the cases of all other officers now engaged on the investigation of irrigational projects, their Inspection Reports and travelling allowance bills are invariably countersigned by the Superintending Engineers of the Divisions in which they are employed

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

J. Hoff

Controller of R.E. Accounts.

Govern

Public Works Department

No 1767

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 15th Jan 1870

Read the following

From. The Controller of P. W. Accounts. Lr. No. 1957 of 13th January 1870

Under the circumstances explained in the latter part of para 2 of this letter, the Government consider it unnecessary to require the countersignature of a Sup. Engr. to Captain Smith's travelling allowance bills, and the Controller of Public Works Accounts is

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From

The Controller of P. W. Accts

To

The Secretary to Government
P. W. Department
Fort St. George

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Soliciting the orders of Government as to the passing of the Travelling Allowance Bills of Captain Smith, Special Executive Engineer, without the countersignatures of a Superintending Engineer

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To

The Comptroller of

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Depty. G. Smith

Chief Clerk for

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To The Controller of Public Works Accounts

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Granting allowance Bills

Permission granted for passing bills at the Sub Engrs certain Bandy allowance Bills for Sub Engrs in the Secretariat