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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
25th January 1870.*

No. 594. Read the following letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 14th January 1870, No 1,945 :—

ADVERTING to the Proceedings of Government, No. 3,484, dated 29th October 1869, in which I am requested, in communication with Superintending Engineers, to submit such modified forms of the Statistical Committee's Returns* as may be easily prepared in time for transmission with the Annual Administration Report, I have the honour to state that the Superintending Engineers of the 1st,† 6th,‡ and 7th§ Divisions, and the Special Executive Engineer,|| Wynaad, are of opinion that no modifications of existing forms are necessary.

* Accompaniment to G. O., No. 2,590, dated 23rd August 1867.

† In letter, No. 3,052, dated 20th Nov. 1869.

‡ In letter, No. 994, dated 26th Nov. 1869.

§ In letter, No. 35, dated 8th Dec. 1869.

|| In letter, No. 505, dated 11th Dec. 1869.

¶ In letter, No. 69, dated 19th Nov. 1869.

** In letter, No. 4,190, dated 13th Dec. 1869.

†† In letter, No. 181, dated 1st Dec. 1869.

The Superintending Engineers of the 2nd,¶ 4th,** and 5th,†† Divisions concur in this view, but Colonels Moberly and Foord call attention to the delays which occur in obtaining from the Civil authorities the information required for Statement B 2 in regard to the returns derived from productive works, and Colonel Bean suggests that the cost of "Establishments" be either struck out of Statement B 1 or that the column be so modified as to comprise the cost in a lump sum.

2. The Superintending Engineer of the †† 3rd Division submits a modified form of Statement B 2, which, if adopted, will give the required information more in detail than at present.

3. The Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division || considers that form 2 "would be of more value as regards repairs to tanks and channels, if the gross income for the district were shown instead of capital expended, and the per-centage of expenditure on that gross income."

4. After a careful consideration of the views of the Superintending Engineers, I am of opinion that Form B I requires no modification, but would suggest that the cost of establishment be given in a lump sum in the last column, as any attempt to distribute the charges for establishments amongst the several classes of works cannot be otherwise than unsatisfactory.

5. With respect to the question raised by the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division as to the cost of establishments for Public Bungalows, I think that, as this is merely a local charge, it need not be taken into account in the return¶¶ required by the Government of India. As regards paragraph 4 of Lieutenant-Colonel Moberly's letter, I beg to explain that the head "Minor Civil Works" is distinct from the main head Military, and no modification in the form is necessary to provide for Minor Works under Military, as all outlay on such works may be entered against one or other of the heads provided in the printed form for this branch of Public Works expenditure. There appear to be no objec-

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tions to the addition of "Sanitaria" and "Water-supply" to the classes of works which now appear in the printed form.

6. Turning now to Return B 2 I do not think that the form can be advantageously modified. There may be no objections to the information required in that statement being furnished more in detail, as proposed by Colonel Moberly in paragraph 7 of his letter, but as a limit was necessary, my predecessor fixed it, in the case of each work, at Rupees 10,000, not however, so far as I can gather, under any authority from Government.

7. The modified form referred to in paragraph 8 of Lieutenant-Colonel Moberly's letter may be maintained in the Superintending Engineers' offices, and from it the return required by Government may be easily filled up and submitted.

8. The assumption in paragraph 3 of Colonel Bean's letter is correct, but the columns intended are evidently 5, 6, and 7.

9. Adverting to the letter from the Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division, I would observe that the column for capital was specially provided to admit of the calculation of interest. This could not be done if Captain Prendergast's suggestion (see paragraph 3 above) is adopted.

10. There has never been any delay on the part of Public Works Officers in supplying such of the particulars required to be entered in the forms under notice as are available from Public Works records; but, from various causes, it has been found, in the past two years, that the information which the Revenue authorities are intended to furnish, has not been forthcoming at the appointed time, and the result has been that while returns required for the Administration Report of 1867-68 were not submitted to Government until April last, those for the Administration Report of the past official year have not yet been despatched from my office. The last of the statements due from the local officers was received here only on the 8th instant, and it is hoped that the General Returns for Government will be ready on or before the 24th idem. Owing to the great delays which occur in the submission of these statements, it is not possible to attach them to the Administration Report of the Presidency, and hence their value, if not altogether lost, is very greatly diminished.

No. 595.

ORDER THEREON, 25th January 1870, No. 309.

ACCOUNT, No. 25.

COMMUNICATED to the Public Department with reference to the Orders in that Department, No. 1,431, of the 16th October 1869, and with an intimation that the Government in this Department concur in the views expressed by the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

(True Extract.)

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

Secretary to Government.

To the Public Department, with ten enclosures.
.. Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts,
Madras 11th January 1870.

No. 1945.

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

Sir,
Adverting to the Proceedings of Government No. 3484, dated 29th October 1869, in which I am requested, in communication with Superintending Engineers, to submit such modified forms of the Statistical Committee's Returns, as may be easily prepared in time for transmission with

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Accompaniment
to G.O. No. 2590, dated
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In letter n^o 2867, dated 5th January 1870.

In letter n^o 1928, dated 15th November 1869.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

S. Koch
Controller of P. W. Accounts.

J. M.

Public Works Department
No. 309

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Under date the 25th Jan 1900

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struction that the Govt.
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the views expressed by
the Controller of Public
Works Accounts.

To the Public Dept. Extra
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by S. Dept. 25/1/00
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12th 1890
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The Controller of P. W. & H. E.

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
For S. Dept.

Recd. 18th January 1890
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