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No. 88. Read the following letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 26th January 1870, No. 2,055 :—

Nine letters to be returned.

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2. In pursuance of these orders I addressed the Superintending Engineers and the Officer in charge of Public Works Operations in the Wynaad on the 6th ultimo, and have now the honour to submit the replies of those officers for the information of Government.

3. The Superintending Engineers of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 8th Divisions give it unreservedly as their opinion that Work Registers should be universally maintained. The Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division, while admitting the usefulness of these records, considers it inadvisable to *enforce* their maintenance owing to the additional work which would be thrown upon Range Establishments. Major Kennedy is in favour of the re-introduction of Work Registers, but suggests a modification of the form. The only two officers who are opposed to the maintenance of Work Registers are the Superintending Engineers of the 4th and 6th Divisions, whose views will be found recorded at length in their letters of the 11th December 1869 and 20th January 1870, herewith forwarded.

4. The best proof of the advantages attending the maintenance of Work Registers is to be found in the fact that, since the date on which they were ordered to be dispensed with, the want of such a record has been felt by many of the Range Officers, who up to the present date continue to keep them without inconvenience or any augmentation of their establishments.

5. My views upon this subject are already before Government, and, seeing that only two of the Superintending Engineers have expressed an opinion unfavourable to the re-introduction of Work Registers, I beg strongly to recommend that, except in the case of works executed wholly by contract, Work Registers be maintained as formerly by all Range Officers for New Works and Repairs (other than maintenance grants) estimated to cost more than Rupees 2,500 each.

6. Work Registers are unnecessary in the case of projects executed wholly by contract, as the monthly contract certificates afford the required information regarding quantity and cost of work executed up to date under the sub-heads of the estimate. In the event of works being carried out partly by contract and partly by departmental agency, Work Registers should, I think, be maintained just as in the case of works executed entirely by the department.

No. 89. Order thereon, 5th February 1870, No. 421.

ACCOUNT, No. 9.

As it appears from this letter that the majority of the Superintending Engineers with whom the Controller has communicated are in favour of the maintenance of Work Registers, and that, on account of the useful information which they afford, those Registers are actually

kept up by several of the Range Officers, His Excellency the Governor in Council approves of their being again brought into use in the case of all works estimated to cost more than Rupees 2,500, except those indicated by the Controller in paragraphs 5 and 6.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts, with nine enclosures.
To Major R. B. Kennedy.
To the Officer in charge of Public Works Operations at Cochin.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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Office of the Controller of Public Works Accounts
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S. Hood

Controller of P.W. Accounts

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