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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th September 1870.*

No. 213. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Goorumcondah, Voilpaud Talook, Cuddapah, 7th September 1870, No. 1,292 :—

With reference to G. O., No. 15, of 3rd instant, I beg to state that, as a rule, I have invariably signed all travelling allowance bills, contingent bills, and salary bills, though I may have asked Colonel Palmer, when I was in Bellary, to sign one or two for me, after I had approved of them.

2. The Controller of Public Works Accounts accepts appropriation returns and indents for money when signed by Colonel Palmer for me, as this prevents delay when I am away from head-quarters; but the question is what documents should always be signed by me, and what may be signed for me.

3. In this department there is no recognised rule as there is in the Revenue Department, where the Assistant Collector can always sign for the Collector. I am sometimes away from my head-quarters for a few days without any of my office, and in this case send in drafts to be copied and despatched with Colonel Palmer's signature attached for mine.

4. In paragraph 8 of the letter from the Civil and Session Judge of Bellary, attached to G. O., No. 903, of 29th June 1870, in the Judicial Department, that gentleman complained of the docket being signed by the Executive Engineer for me. On this Government made no remark, and I was left in ignorance of the views or wishes of Government; but to prevent any other officer fancying that I wish to treat him with discourtesy, because I should get the Executive Engineer near my head-quarters to occasionally sign for me, I respectfully request that, for future guidance, Government will lay down some rule.

5. I trust that Government will not consider that I am writing this in any contumacious spirit; my wish is merely to have some rule to guide me, and what I have done always was to prevent delay in the despatch of business.

No. 214. ORDER THEREON, 13th September 1870, No. 2,198.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 19.

The Superintending Engineer will be informed that the Government are not prepared to lay down specific instructions on the subject of the foregoing letter. As a general rule all communications from the Superintending Engineer's Office should bear his signature or counter-signature as the case may be. Only in cases of special necessity should a deviation from this rule be permitted.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

for the undersigned: [Signature]

No. 1292

Superintending Engineer's Office.

3rd Division.

Camp Goomandah, Veilgand Talook

Andapah District.

The 7th September 1870

From,

The Superintending Engineer

3rd Division.

To,

The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

Fort Saint George.

Enclosures.

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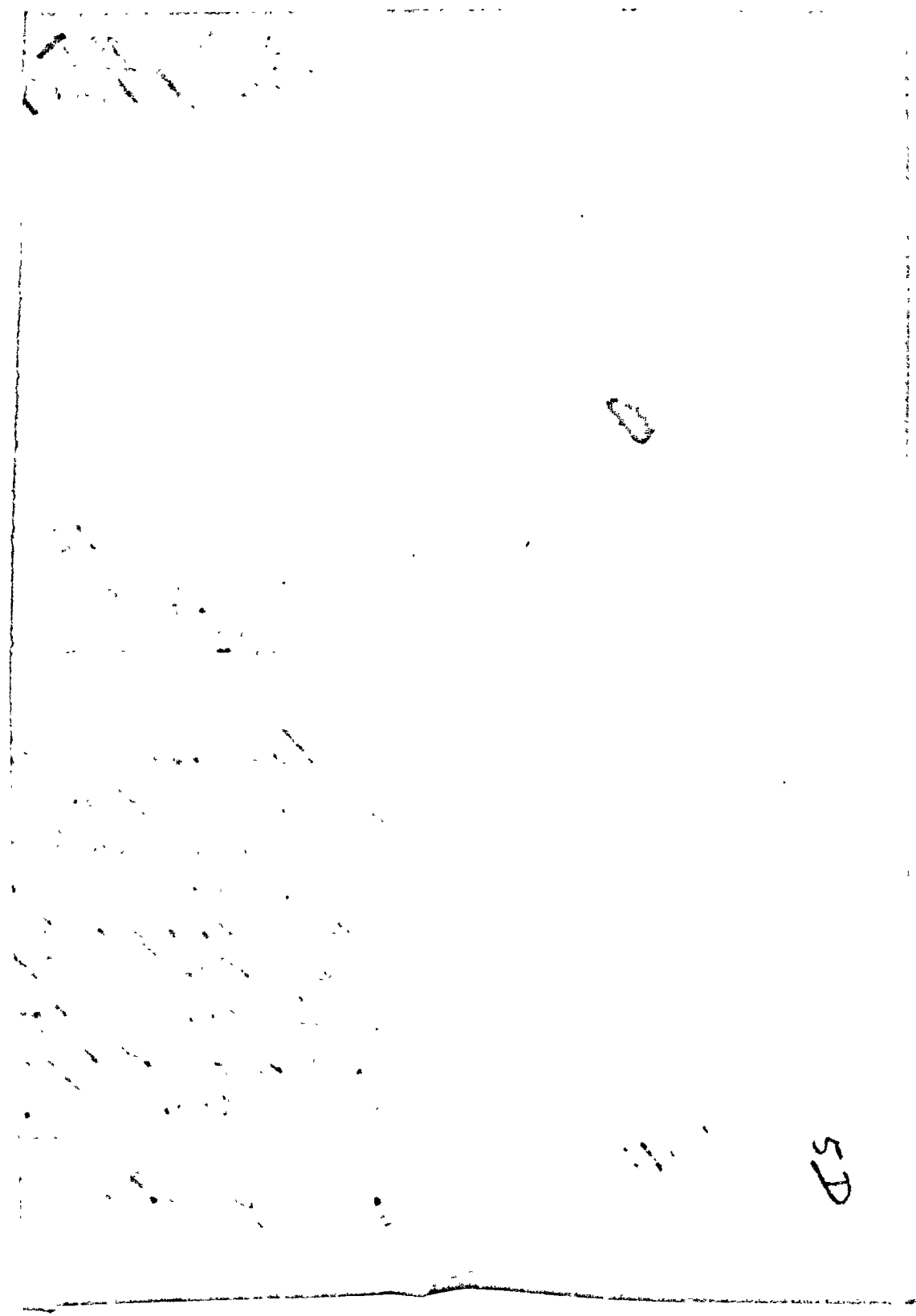
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I have seen
W. H. C. S. 11/10/70
Super Engineer 3rd

11/10/70



28/9/70

Sept 13
 No 2198
 Proceedings of the Madras Government
 Under date the 13th Sept 1870.
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From the Supy Engineer
 of the 3rd Div (N.O. no 1292 of 13th Sept 1870)

1870
 From, The Superintending Engineer
 3rd Division.

To,
 The Secretary to Government.
 Public Works Department.
 Fort Saint George.

Dated 7th Sept 1870.
 Received 10th Sept 1870.
 No. 1292

Requesting that
 Government will lay
 down some rule as to
 what documents should
 always be signed by the
 Supy Engr and what
 may be signed by the
 Ex Engr for Supy Engineer
 for the reasons assigned

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No 2198-13th Sept 1870

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W. P. S. Engr 30th Dec 1870

Re-sd. Dec 13/70
 P.C. 20/9/70

W.P.S.

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To
The Superintending Eng^r
3^d Division

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Dated

Recd.

13 Sept 2198

Nos. 213-214

Documents.

Paying orders on the letter from
the Treasury of the 3^d Div. re-

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laid down as to what ^{documents} papers

are to be signed by him.