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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd May 1871*

Read the following papers.—

No 47. From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 10th April 1871, No 77.

ADVERTING to G. O of the 31st March 1871, No. 960, I have the honour to observe that, although the Controller of Public Works Accounts solicited the orders of Government as to what extent he should issue credits to Range Officers for the month of April 1871, yet he appears not to have awaited the receipt of the orders of Government as to the course he should pursue, but on his own responsibility has thought proper to curtail the requirements of the Range Officers of this division

2 If Mr. Brock is allowed to do as he likes with the estimates of funds sent up by Superintending Engineers, after having carefully looked into the requirements of each Range Officer, I beg to state that the result will be disappointment, endless confusion, and a great deal of unnecessary correspondence and delay. The Controller can by no possibility know at the commencement of an official year what the requirements of the Range Officers are likely to be, and his interference then in this matter is utterly uncalled for, perfectly useless, and most unnecessary

REFERRED to the Controller of Public Works Accounts for report on para. 1.

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

Secretary to Government

17th April 1871.

No. 48. From the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 18th April 1871, No 143.

With reference to your endorsement, dated 17th instant, on the enclosed letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division, under date the 10th idem, No 77, I have the honour to offer the following explanations.

2. The cash balances in the hands of the officers of the 1st Division on the 1st April 1871 were as follow.—

	RS
Ganjam	1,737
Vizagapatam	3,616
Godavery	45,433

3. The Superintending Engineer's estimate for funds for the current month received here on the 27th ultimo contained the demands as per margin. Pending receipt of orders on my letter recorded in G O, No. 960, of 1871, and to prevent inconvenience, I applied to the Accountant-General, on the 27th March, for the under-mentioned credits:—

	RS
Ganjam	14,000
Vizagapatam	13,500
Godavery	70,500

	RS.
For Ganjam	9,800
„ Vizagapatam	4,150
„ Godavery	69,000

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4 These credits were granted by the Accountant-General, and the advice having been received by me on the 29th idem, intimation was given to the Superintending Engineer on the same day. The credits for April, added to the cash balances on the 1st idem, make up the following sums —

For Ganjam	RS
„ Vizagapatam	11,537
„ Godavery	7,766
	1,14,433

5. The orders of Government, dated 31st March 1871, No. 960, on my letter No 2,945, under date the 27th idem, having reached me on the 1st April, I at once applied to the Accountant-General for the difference,* in each case, between the sums asked for by the Superintending Engineer, and those granted on the 29th ultimo. The Accountant-General's advice having reached me in the afternoon of the 1st instant, I despatched to the Superintending Engineer the required intimation before I left office on that day.

6. The entire amount which was made available by this office on the 29th March and 1st April 1871, added to the cash balances on the latter date, are noted below —

	Credit granted on 29th March	Credit granted on 1st April 1871	Cash balance on 1st April 1871	Total
	RS	RS	RS	RS
Ganjam	9,800	4,200	1,737	15,737
Vizagapatam	4,150	9,350	3,616	17,116
Godavery	69,000	1,500	45,433	1,15,933

7. The Government will see from the above that there is no ground whatever for the complaint made by Major Fischer, and that the action of this office was both prompt and in accordance with their orders.

8 That sufficient funds were placed at the Superintending Engineer's disposal for the current month will be evident from a comparison of the expenditure in April 1870 with the credits granted for April 1871, and feeling almost certain that the whole of the available funds will not be utilized, I will, with the permission of Government, submit a statement, by the end of May, of the actual outlay in the preceding month in the Ganjam, Vizagapatam, and Godavery Districts

9. Having now afforded the required explanations, I venture respectfully to solicit the protection of Government against remarks such as those which Major Fischer has thought fit to make in paragraph 2 of his letter. Had Major Fischer communicated with this office in the first instance, he would probably have refrained from troubling Government with the present reference, and thus have saved all the correspondence which that reference has rendered necessary.

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No. 49.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd May 1871, No. 1,224.

ACCOUNT, No. 7.

In the first of the letters above read the Acting Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division complains of the

Controller of Public Works Accounts having, on his own responsibility, granted credits for smaller sums than were applied for in the estimate of funds submitted by Major Fischer for the month of April 1871. From the Controller's explanations, however, His Excellency the Governor in Council learns that, having on the 27th March 1871, the date on which the Acting Superintending Engineer's estimate was received, solicited the orders of Government as to the extent to which credits should be issued for April, the Controller, doubtful of the amount to be made available, did not feel that he would be safe to pass more than one-twelfth of the imperial allotment, including establishment charges, till he received the orders of Government. These orders (No. 960 of 31st March) reached him on the 1st of April, and he then lost no time in supplementing the credits to the 1st Division to the full extent of the Acting Superintending Engineer's demands. Intimation of this having been done is reported to have been made to Major Fischer on the evening of the same day, and the Government cannot therefore understand the grounds on which that officer, writing on the 10th idem, thought it necessary to take up their time with a trivial complaint, and, in disregard of frequent warnings, to indulge in remarks which, couched in language calculated to cause irritation, were quite uncalled for by the occasion

(True Extract)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts

Ld E C Shukla.

No. 77
From

Major J. H. Lister P.E.
Acting Superintending Engineer

1st Division

To

Colonel C. J. Orr P.E.

Secretary to Government D. P. W.
MADRAS

SIR,

Referring to G. O. of the 31st March 1871, No 960, I have the honor to observe that although the Controller of Public Works & Accounts sanctioned the Orders of Government as to what extent he should issue credits to Range Officers for the month of April 1871, yet he appears not to have awaited the receipt of the Orders of Government, as to the course he should pursue, but on his own responsibility has thought proper to curtail the requirements of the Range Officers of this Division.

2 If Mr Brock is allowed to do as he likes with the Estimates of Funds sent up by Superintending Engineers, after having carefully looked into the requirements of each Range

Range Office, they to state that, —
the result will be disappointment, entire
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mencement of an official year, what the
requirements of the Range Office actually
be, and his interference then in this matter
is, utterly uncalled for, perfectly useless,
and most unnecessary.

I have the honor to

Your Most Obedt Servt

Wortstücker Major M. S.

19. Sub. Eugenia No. 12. No.

№ 143

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts

No 31 *Madras* 1/41 97
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Public Works 1871 Dept
N^o 1771/71
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Referred to the
Controller of Public
Works Accounts for
report on Para 1.

The Deputy Engineer
1st Loc.
The Secretary to Govt
P.W. Department.
Madras
Dated 10th April 71
Recd 17th "

Amth. A. M. Col. P.E.
Secy: to Govt.
P.W. D.
17 April 1871

Offers certain observa-
tions relative to the grant
of credits by Controller
to Range Officers for
the month of April 71
P.W. 1771/71
N^o 1771/71

To
The Controller of
P.W. Accounts.
Madras 1/41 24

N^o 143
Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts
Madras, 18th April 1871

From the Controller of
Public Works Accounts
N^o 143
Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort St. George.

Sir,
With reference to
your endorsement dated
15th instant on the enclosed
letter from the Acting Super-
intending Engineer of the 1st
Division under date the
10th instant, I have the
honour to give the following
explanation.

The cash balances in
the hands of the Officers of the
1st Division on the 1st April
1871 were as follows:

Channarayana	1737
Vijayapattam	3616
Goapier	45433

3. The Superintending Engineer's Estimate for funds for the current month, received here on the 24th Ultimo, contained the demands as per margin. Pending receipt of orders on my letter recorded in L. A. No. 960 of 1871, and to prevent inconvenience, I applied to the Accountant General, on the 2nd March, for the under-mentioned credits.

	Rupies
For Ganjam	9800
" Vizagapatam	4150
" Godavery	69000

4. These credits were granted by the Accountant General, and the advice having been received by me on the 29th Idem, intimation was given to the Superintending Engineer on the same day. The credits for April, added to the Cash Balances on the 1st Idem, make up

Ganjam 14,000
Vizagapatam 13500
Godavery 70500

Ganjam 4200
Vizagapatam 9350
Godavery 1500

the following sums:
For Ganjam 11,537
" Vizagapatam 7766
" Godavery 114,433
The orders of J. Overman dated 31st March 1871, in my letter No. 2945, under date the 27th Idem, having reached me on the 1st April, I at once applied to the Accountant General for the difference, in each case, between the sum asked for by the Superintending Engineer, and those granted on the 29th Ultimo. The Accountant General's advice having reached me in the afternoon of the 1st Idem, I despatched to the Superintending Engineer the intimation before I left office on that day.
The revised amount which was made available by this Office on the 29th March and 1st April 1871, added to the Cash Balances on the

latter date are noted below:

	credit	grant	credit	Cash	
	ed on 29th				Granted Balance
	March	1st April	1st April	1871	1871
Ganjoim	9800	4200	1737	15737	Total
Thrapapalam	4150	9350	3616	17116	
Godavery	6900	1500	45433	115933	

The Government will see from the above that there is no ground whatever for the complaint made by Major Fischer, and that the action of this Office was both prompt and in accordance with their orders.

That sufficient funds were placed at the Superintendent Engineer's disposal for the current month will be evident from a comparison of the expenditure in April 1870 with the credits granted for April 1871, and feeling almost certain that the whole of the available funds will not be utilized, I will, with the permission

Actual Expenditure
 June in April 1870.
 4302
 3086
 2402
 Funds available
 in April 1871
 15437
 17116
 115933
 Ganjoim
 Thrapapalam
 Godavery

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Having now afforded the required explanations, I am respectfully to submit the protection of Government against remarks such as those which Major Fischer has thought fit to make in para 2 of his letter. That Major Fischer communicated with the Office in the first instance, he would probably have refrained from troubling Government with the present expense, and thus have saved all the correspondence which that sequence has rendered necessary. I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient servant.

S. Hooley
 Controller of M. Accts.

No 12 P. W. Debt.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Under date the 3rd May 1871
Read the following

From the Acting Engrs 1st Dec 1870 / 1st Dec 1870 of 10 April 1871
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the estimate of funds
submitted by Major
Fraser for the month
of April 1871. From the
Controller's explanations
however His Excellency
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No 21 P. W. Debt.

Public Works 1871
1st Dec 1870
1st Dec 1870
1st Dec 1870

The Secretary to
Government
1st Dec 1870

1st Dec 1870

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(The Secretary to
Government has
been informed that
the Major Frasier
has been granted
credits of 1000
rupees)

1st Dec 1870

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for by the occasion

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The Superintending Engr.
1st Division

Date

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3 May 1224

Nos. 47 (44)

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Government of Madras
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works of the
Government of Madras