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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

*Public Works***DEPARTMENT.**

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th May 1871.*

No. 361. Read the following letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 5th May 1871, No. 320:—

ADVERTING to their Proceedings No. 1,220, dated 2nd May 1871, I have the honour to forward, for the information of Government, copies of a letter* from the Accountant-General of the Public Works Department on the subject of the working of his Circular No. 42 of 1870, and of my reply,† which latter will, I trust, meet with the approval of Government.

From the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, Madras, dated Simla, 25th April 1871, No. 658.

I HAVE the honour to request you will favour me with your opinion as to how my Circular No. 42 of 1870 has worked since it has been in operation, and any suggestions you may wish to propose in modification of its details.

2. An immediate reply is requested.

From the Controller of Public Works Accounts, Madras, to the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, Simla, dated Madras, 5th May 1871, No. 319.

IN acknowledging the receipt, yesterday, of your letter No. 658, dated 25th April 1871, I have the honour to state, that as soon as your Circular No. 42, dated 30th December 1870, reached me, I communicated the same to the Divisional or Disbursing Officers of this Presidency, and drew their attention to the chief points requiring observance. Your explanatory Circular letter, No. 2, dated 21st January 1871, on the same subject, was also communicated to those officers.

2. Numerous references were made to this office on the Circular in question on various points relating to the preparation of the lists and abstracts, the object of which some officers could not understand, while others could not comprehend the meaning of certain heads and items, such as "cheques for cash" in the Abstract, and "cash for cheques" in the Account Current at foot. Against the item "cash," below "total cheques," the cash balance on hand was included by some officers, and from all the correspondence that passed, it was manifest that the preparation of these Abstracts gave the executive officers much trouble and anxiety.

3. In communicating to the officers of this Department a Circular from the Madras Accountant-General embodying one from the Comptroller-General of Accounts, opportunity was taken to supply explanatory notes and illustrative forms on the bi-monthly lists of cheques drawn and cash expenditure incurred. Notwithstanding all this, the abstracts submitted to this office are not correctly prepared, nor are they rendered in proper time.

4. On this date twenty Abstracts for the period ending 15th April 1871 have not yet been received, and hence it is not practicable to furnish the local Accountant-General, along with statements in form D., the statements of cash expenditure in form B. It has also been found impracticable to comply strictly with Rule VII. in Circular No. 42, requiring statements in form D. to be submitted to the Provincial Accountant-General, one for each Division and one for the whole Province, because the grants are not apportioned divisionally, but according to Civil Districts, and the applications for credits are made from time to time as the requisitions are received from the Superintending Engineers, and not on one date.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th May 1871.*

5. One of the objections urged to your Circular under report relates to the requirements of Rule IV., by which the Cash Abstract Books have to be written up daily. I beg to submit copies of letters from the Executive Engineer of the Eastern Delta Range* and from the Superintending Engineer, † 1st Division, showing the difficulties met with in complying with that rule. Other letters have also been addressed to me, in which Range Officers complain of the extra account business imposed upon them to the hindrance of their more important executive duties.

6. At present, agreeably to Rule II. of your Circular, lists of cheques are sent to the Treasury Officers with whom the Public Works Officer has a Drawing Account. Under, however, what appears to me, a misinterpretation of the Comptroller-General's Circular of the 3rd February 1871, No. I, the local Accountant-General requires these lists to be forwarded to the Collector or the Deputy Collector in charge of the Revenue Account Department of the District, and thus many of the Public Works Officers have been called upon, after furnishing the lists to their respective Treasury Officers, to send duplicates to the Deputy Collector. Being of opinion that such a course was not intended, I have informed the Accountant-General accordingly.

7. Taking into consideration all that has been advanced with reference to the requirements of your Circular, and the additional work thereby imposed upon disbursing agents and this office, I am of opinion that, as great caution is used in the issue of credits within the authorized grants, the introduction of intricate accounts and returns, which tend to increase business and add to the work of the already-overtaxed members of this department, does not seem desirable.

No. 362.

ORDER THEREON, 20th May 1871, No. 1,387.

ACCOUNT, No. 30.

CONCURRING in opinion with the Controller of Public Works Accounts as to the inexpediency of introducing forms of accounts and returns which, while increasing the business of the Department, do not secure greater check over expenditure, the Government approve of that officer's reply to the letter addressed to him by the Accountant-General of the Public Works Department on the subject of the new form of Cash Abstract Books.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 658.

From,
The Accountant General,
Public Works Department,

To,
The Controller of P.W. Accounts,
Madras.

Simla, 25th April 1871.

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will favor me with your opinion as to how my Circular No. 42 of 1870 has worked since it has been in operation and any suggestions you may wish to propose in modification of its details.—

2. An immediate reply is requested.—

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. M. Leod Innes,
Accountant General.

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Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts
Madras May 1871.

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To,
The Accountant General,
Public Works Department,
Simla.

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4. On this date 20 Abstracts for the period ending 15th April 1871 have not yet been received, and hence it is not practicable to furnish the local Accountant General, along with Statements form D, the Statements of Cash Expenditure in form B. It has also been found impracticable to comply strictly with rule VII in Circular No. 42 requiring Statements in form D to be submitted to the Provincial Accountant General one for each Division, and one for the whole Province, because the grants are not apportioned divisionally, but according to Civil Districts, and the applications for Credits are made from time to time as the requisitions are received



from the Superintending Engineers, and not on one date. Copies of the Statements rendered in support of applications for credit for the month of February 1871 are herewith forwarded for your information.

5. One of the objections urged to your Circular under report relates to the requirements of rule II, by which the Cash Abstract Books have to be written up daily. I beg to submit copies of letters from the Executive Engineer of the Eastern Delta Range, and from the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division shewing the difficulties met with in complying with that rule. Other letters have also been addressed to me, in which Range Officers complain of the extra account business imposed upon them to the hindrance of their more important executive duties.

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X No 56, dated 16th
March 1871.
No 16, dated 4th
April 1871.

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I have, &c.,

(Signed) S. Brock
Controller of P.W. Accounts.

(True copies.)

S. Brock
Controller of P.W. Accounts.

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Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts
Madras 5 May 1871.

N^o 320

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

Sir,
Referring to their Pro-
ceedings N^o 1220, dated 2nd
May 1871, I have the honor
to forward, for the informa-
tion of Government, copies of
a letter from the Accountant
General of the Public Works
Department, on the subject
of the working of his Circular
N^o 42 of 1870, and of my
reply

X N^o 658, dated
25th April 1871.

Enclosed in a letter from
the Controller of P. W. Accounts
to the Secretary to Govern-
ment P. W. Department
dated 5 May 1871 N^o 320

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Madras May 11th 1871

reply, which latter will, I
trust, meet with the approval
of Government.

*No 319 of 5
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I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant,
J. H. H. H.

S. H. H.

Controller of M. Accounts

and I am, Sir, very
sincerely,
Yours,
J. H. H.

Respectfully

*
referred to in the letter

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

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Forwarding copy of his
reply to the Accountant
General Public Works De-
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of Circular N 42 of 1870,
which he trusts will
meet with approval.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 20th May/71

Read the following

From The Controller of A.C. Accounts, (H. E. N: 320/5th May 1871)

Concurring in
opinion with the Con-
-troller of Public Works
Accounts as to the
inexpediency of introduc-
-ing forms of accounts
and returns which, while
increasing the business
of the Department, do
not secure greater check
over expenditure, the
Government approve of
that Officer's reply to the
letter

letter addressed to him by
the Accountant General
of the I.W. Dept on the sub-
ject of the new form of
Cash abstract Books.

J. G.

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To The Controller of
I.W. Accounts
Decr 22nd May 1877

to 10th May 1877

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Controller of Public
Works Accounts

Dated

Recd.

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G. O. 30 May 1871. No. 1387.

Nos. 3611362

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th inst. in relation to the Public Works Accounts, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

10 30 May 1871 O.R. 117.