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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
19th June 1871.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 331. Endorsement of the Acting Superintending Engineer, 8th Division,
dated Madura, 23rd May 1871, No. 494.

From the Collector of Tinnevely, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
dated Tuticorin, 16th May 1871.

IN reply to the Board's Proceedings, No 1,373, dated 27th April 1871, I have the honour to inform you that the sum of one lac of rupees sanctioned* for expenditure on the emergent works of this district, was ordered by the Government to be debited to the head of "Advances recoverable" to be subsequently adjusted, the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Range Officers assisted the Tahsildars in the execution of works from a moiety of this sum, the Tahsildars making the payments, the 1st Range Officer, Mr. Colquhoun, however, performed the work in his range, and made all the payments himself; his bills as well as those received from the Tahsildars in the other ranges were adjusted and forwarded to the Controller of Public Works Accounts up to April 1871. Though the money was spent by the Tahsildars in the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Ranges, the Department Public Works Officers in charge of those ranges furnished a completion certificate for every work, but though Mr. Colquhoun himself spent the money in the 1st Range, he furnished no completion certificates, though called on to do so by the Deputy Collector in charge of Treasury.

2. Subsequent to the execution of the works, or in March 1870, the one lac grant was transferred to the credit of the Department Public Works, and when the bills were submitted to the Controller, nearly a year afterwards, they were passed without completion certificates from the 1st Range officer, who had laid out nearly half the amount of the grant.

3. As subsequent enquiry has shown how fraudulent these bills were, the matter was brought to notice; but as the Controller reports that completion certificates were unnecessary in this particular instance, as the money was treated as an advance to Civil Officers, (though it was actually an advance from them,) I have nothing further to say.

SUBMITTED to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, for information, with reference to G. O., 20th April 1871, No. 1,104.

2. The undersigned thinks it only his duty to bring to the notice of Government that the exemption of Mr. Colquhoun, alone of the four Range Officers concerned, from furnishing completion certificates has created a very unfavourable impression in the district, and has been commented upon very strongly by the Sessions Judge in the recent trial

(Signed) R. A. ROBERTS, Lieut.-Colonel, R E,
Acting Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

REFERRED to the Controller of Public Works Accounts for any further remarks that he wishes to offer in reference to the 3rd paragraph of the Collector's letter,

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and in regard to the non-submission of completion certificates by the late 1st Range Officer in the Tinnevelly district, while such vouchers are said to have been furnished by the officers of the other ranges for the expenditure on every work

FORT ST. GEORGE,
29th May 1871.

(Signed) J CARPENDALE, Colonel, R E.,
Secretary to Government.

No 332. From the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 31st May 1871, No. 580.

ADVERTING to your endorsement under date the 29th May 1871, I have the honour to state that having, in my letter No. 101, dated 15th April 1871, entered fully into the subject of the accounts of expenditure incurred from advances made to Civil Officers for the restoration of the works in Tinnevelly which were damaged by the cyclone of 1869, I have little further to add with reference to the Collector's letter now referred for my observations.

2 Adverting to paragraph 3 of Mr. Puckle's letter, I would remark that I am unable to discover that I have anywhere stated that in the case of the repairs executed in Tinnevelly completion certificates were "unnecessary." On the contrary, I reported, in paragraph 6 of my letter above quoted, that for the reasons therein explained the certificate as per margin, which appears in every one of the bills for actual work done in No 1 Range, and which, in each case, bears the countersignature of the Range Officer, with the remark "completed" made by himself, was accepted by the Auditor in this office in special charge of Civil Officers' accounts as the completion certificate, which purpose it was doubtless intended to serve

3. The outlay incurred directly by the other Range Officers in the Tinnevelly District was as follows.—

No 2 Range		RS
" 3	"	140
" 4	"	345
		3,300

4 The bills supporting the expenditure in each of these three ranges are herewith forwarded in separate packets. It will be observed that in two cases only separate completion certificates were rendered to this office These are for the works noted below :—

No 3 Range.—Repairs to Road No. XV. from Strivelliputdoor via Sevagasy to Sattur ..	RS.	A.	P.
No. 4 Range—Constructing buttresses to the arches of the bridge across the Sattur river	345	0	0
	561	15	0

5. In the case of the first of these bills it will be seen that no certificate of any kind is recorded on its reverse.

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No 333. ORDER THEREON, 19th June 1871, No. 1,650.

ACCOUNT, No. 27.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No 580

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Account.
Madras, 31st May 1871

From The Controller of Public Works Accts.
Madras.

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

Sir,

Adverting to your
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2. Adverting to para. 3 of Mr. Pickle's letter, I would remark that I am unable to discover that I have any where stated that, in the case of the repairs executed in Simmelly, Completion Certificates were "unnecessary." On the contrary, I reported, in para 6 of my letter above quoted that, for the reasons therein explained, the Certificate

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"Certified that the above claim is correct, that the measurements have been made by me, and that the work has been satisfactorily performed."

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt servant.

S. Hooley
Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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Timarely Collector's Office
Cutcherry Talicorum 16: May 1871.

From, R. H. Puckle Esq.
Collector.

To, J. Grose Esq.
Secy Secretary to the Board of
Revenue Madras.

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No. 1373 dated 27: April 1871, I have the
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performed the work in his range and made
all the payment himself. His bills as well
as those received from the Tahsildars in the
other ranges were adjusted and forwarded to the
Controller

* Proceedings of
the Board of Revenue
No. 13058
A and B dated 26:
November 1870 and
16: January 1871.

P. H. 1871 No. 10
Dated 31: May 1871.

Referring to
the Secretary to
Government, Madras.
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Controller of Public Works & accounts up to —
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I have nothing further to say.
I have &c.
(Sd/-) R. H. Puckle
Collector

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Collector

(True copy)

No 494
Submitted to the Secretary to
Government Public Works Department, for
information with reference to G.O. 20th April
1871 No 1104 —

2. The undersigned thinks it only his duty
to bring to the notice of Government that
the exemption of Mr Colquhoun, alone of
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Sessions Judge in the recent trials.

Madura
23rd May 1871
D. H. Roberts
Superintending Engineer
8th Division

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 19th June 1871.

From The 19 Sept 9 Engineer } J. H. E. No 494 of 23rd May 1871
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Ordered to be recorded.

Letter above recorded will
be communicated to the
Acting Supt Engineer of
the 8th Division.

Ex. 1104 dated 20 April 71.

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I would still not take
any further notice of the
question. I would
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Referred to the Landholder
of P.R. Accounts for any further re-
marks that he wishes to offer in re-
ference to the Spans of the Collected Relief
and in regard to the same. Submissions
of implication justification by the Land
1st Range Office in the Spinning District
which land holders are paid to have
been provided by the Office of the
Other Range for the Spinning and
every other.

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not to have been entrusted
to him at all. It should
have been retained by the
officers of the Revenue
Department for expendi-
-diture by them with
whom the responsibility
rested of preparing the
accounts and checking
the vouchers.

In reference to the
Collector's remark that Mr.
Colquhoun furnished
no completion certificate,
it is observed that in
each case the Overseer
gave a certificate which
the Range Officer counter-
-signed, and it is clear
that there would have been
no greater security against
fraud if a certificate in

any other form had been
demanded while the
Controller has satisfactorily
explained his reasons
for accepting the certificate
in the form he did.

J. Hume Esq.

To

The Super Commr & Secy
Controller P. W. Act,
Rev. Departt

CASH OF 1871 DOLLARS.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated

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Nos. 2210323