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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 15 1 1871.

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No. 243. Read the following Endorsement of the Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 15th August 1871, No 1,325 —

Circular from the Accountant-General of the Public Works Department, to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Simla, 10th July 1871, No 25.

I REQUEST that you will furnish to me annually for the 31st October, as soon after that date as possible, a statement of the efficiency of the several Accountants in your Province.

2. The statement should give—

(1.) The name.
(2) Total service under Government.
(3) Service in the department.
(4.) ,, as an Accountant.
(5) ,, in his present grade.
(6.) In what office employed.
(7.) The Controller's detailed views of his efficiency.
(8.) His Executive Engineer's report on him if he is a Divisional Accountant.

3. For the current year I will be obliged by your letting me have it as soon possible, as I am anxious to know whether the staff we have at present can admit of the independence and responsibility of Divisional Accountants being increased.

From the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Accountant General of the Public Works Department, Simla, dated Madras, 20th July 1871, No 1,113

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular No 25, of the 10th July 1871, which, it is presumed, has been communicated to me for *information* only

2 The organization of the Madras Public Works Account branch is altogether different from that adopted in the Provinces more immediately under the Government of India, for while the Accountants employed in the divisional charges of the latter are graded, and draw salaries ranging from Rupees 80 to (it is believed) Rupees 240, those attached to Range Officers in Madras draw salaries not exceeding Rupees 60 per mensem, the lowest being Rupees 40

3. In my own office also the Accountants are not graded, and the conditions of their appointment are those prescribed by the Madras Government for admission into other branches of the Uncovenanted Service not requiring special or professional qualifications.

From the Accountant-General of the Public Works Department, to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Simla, 5th August 1871, No 1,294

IN reply to your letter No 1,113, of the 20th ultimo, and with reference to this Office Circular No 25 of 1871, requesting to be furnished with a statement regarding the efficiency of the several Accountants in your Province, I have the honour to say that, although the organization of the Public Works Account branch in Madras appears to differ from that which obtains in this Presidency, I should still like the information asked for, with any remarks you may wish to offer The periodical information is desirable, in order that there may be proper record of the degree of satisfaction and relief given by your department to the Executive branch, and the special requisition on this occasion is in view of the object named in the 3rd paragraph of the Circular referred to, namely, to enable me to test whether the staff we have at present can admit of the independence and responsibility of Divisional Accountants being increased

Your despatch to the Executive Branch

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 15th September 1871.

SUBMITTED for the consideration and orders of Government.

In his Circular No. 25, dated 10th January 1871, a copy of which is enclosed, the Accountant-General of the Public Works Department requested me to furnish him annually with a statement of the efficiency of the several Accountants in this Presidency, the object of the return being to enable that Officer to determine whether the independence and responsibility of Divisional Accountants might be increased.

One copy of Circular from Accountant-General, Public Works Department, No 25 of 1871
One copy of letter to Accountant-General, No 1,113, dated 20th July 1871.

2. In reply, I informed the Accountant-General that the organization of the Madras Public Works Accounts branch was altogether different from that adopted in the Provinces more immediately under the Government of India, for while the Accountants employed in the divisional charges of the latter are graded and draw salaries ranging from Rupees 80 to Rupees 240, those attached to our Range Offices receive salaries ranging from Rupees 40 to Rupees 60 per mensem. In my own office also the Accountants are not graded, and I intimated to the Accountant-General that the conditions of their appointment are those prescribed by Government for admission into other branches of the Uncovenanted Service not requiring special or professional qualifications.

3. Notwithstanding these representations, Colonel Innes, in his letter now submitted for the orders of Government, still desires to be furnished with the report called for in his Circular, and states that the periodical information is desirable in order that there may be a proper record of the degree of satisfaction and relief given by my department to the Executive branch.

4. It appears to me, from this latter clause, that the Accountant-General is under the impression that *Range* Accountants owe allegiance to the Controller. Upon this point, I beg to invite the attention of Government to paragraph 15 of the Order of the 19th August 1865, No. 2,413, which, in the clearest terms, places Range Accountants under the exclusive control of Range Officers.

5. The system of Public Works Accounts followed in the offices of Divisional Officers in this Presidency is, as Government are fully aware, very different from that obtaining in Bengal, and having in view the qualifications looked for in Range Accountants, and the duties which they are expected to perform, it would, in my opinion, be undesirable for many reasons to increase their independence and responsibility. The Accountants in my own office work either under my personal directions, or under the orders of the Deputy Controller, and no change in their responsibilities seems called for. They are already, as I have separately reported, heavily worked, and, with the accounts of eighty-six ranges to examine and book, and the *ordinary* correspondence between this office and more than a hundred officers and departments to conduct, some relief appears urgently called for.

(Signed) S. BROCK,
Controller of Public Works Accounts

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND, 15*th September* 1871.

No. 245.

No. 2,350.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 15th September 1871.

No. 244. ORDER THEREON, 15th September 1871, No. 2,349.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 32.

ORDERED that the Government of India be addressed on the subject of this reference :—

(Here enter No. 2,350, dated 15th September 1871.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

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Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Your department to the Executive Engr

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OOTACAMUND, *15th September* 1871.

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To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 33.

SIR,—The Accountant-General of the Public Works Department has called upon the Controller of Public Works Accounts in this Presidency for an annual statement regarding the efficiency of the several Accountants belonging to the Public Works Establishment, the object being "to maintain a record of the degree of satisfaction and relief given to the Executive branch, and to test whether the existing staff will admit of the independence and responsibility of Divisional Accountants being increased." This reference has led to the accompanying correspondence between those officers, to which I am to invite attention, and to request that, on a consideration of the grounds urged by the Madras Controller, the Government of India will be pleased to request the Accountant-General to dispense with the submission of the return by the Controller in this Presidency.

2. Under the system in force in Madras Range Officers are held responsible for the correctness of their accounts, and their Accountants are only men of moderate attainments on low salaries. The Controller exercises no control over the latter, and necessarily knowing little of them as a class cannot afford the information required by the Accountant-General, and which would be useless if it were furnished, inasmuch as the Accountants are quite unfit to be entrusted with greater responsibilities, and any change of system would be injurious and opposed to the views of this Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Your despatch to the Accountant

OFF. F.W. ACCTS. CENT. AU 14 CALCUTTA

No. 1294

From

THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

To The Controller of P.W. Accounts,

Madras.

SIMLA, 5th August 1871.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 1113 of the 20th ultimo and with reference to this Office Circular No. 25 of 1871, requesting to be furnished with a statement regarding the efficiency of the several Accountants in your Province, I have the honor to say that, although the organization of the Public Works Account Branch in Madras appears to differ from that which obtains in this Presidency, I should still like the information asked for, with any remarks you may wish to offer. The periodical information is desirable in order that there may be proper record of the degree of satisfaction and relief given by your department to the executive Branch

and the special requisition was thus occasioned in view of the object named in the 3d para of the Circular referred to will enable me to test whether the staff we have at present can admit of the independence and responsibility of Divisional accountants being increased -

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient
Servant
Mc Leod Innes
Accountant Genl PWD

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11/8/71

Office of the Controller
of P.W. Accounts
Madras 20th July 1871

No 1113

From
The Controller of P.W. Accounts

To
The Accountant General
of the Public Works Department
Simla

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3. In my own office also, the Accountants are not graded, and the Conditions of their appointment are those prescribed by the Madras Government for admission into other branches requiring special or professional qualifications.

qualifications.--

I have the honor to be
(Sigd) S. Brock
Controller of P.W.
Accounts

(True Copy)
S. Hood
Controller of P.W. Accounts

Copied

Enclosure in Civil Secretary's
from the Controller of
P.W.D. Accounts to the
Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.
dated 15th August 1871
No. 1323

P. R. 3871/71.

Circular No. 25 of 1871.

[*For Controllers only.*]

FROM

THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

To

THE CONTROLLER OF PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS

SIMLA, JULY 10, 1871.

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(8.) His Executive Engineer's report on him if he is a Divisional Accountant.

3. For the current year I will be obliged by your letting me have it as soon as possible, as I am anxious to know whether the staff we have at present can admit of the independence and responsibility of Divisional Accountants being increased.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. J. McLEOD INNES,

Accountant General.

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No 1325

Submitted for the consideration and orders of Government.

In his Circular No 25, dated 10th January 1871, a copy of which is enclosed, the Accountant General of the Public Works Department requested me to furnish him annually with a Statement of the efficiency of the several Accountants in this Presidency, the object of the Return being to enable that Officer to determine whether the independence and responsibility of Divisional Accountants might be,

1 Copy of Circular from Accountant General P.W.D. No 25 of 1871
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be increased.

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In my own Office also, the Accountants are not graded, and I intimated to the Accountant General that the conditions of their appointment are those prescribed by Government for admission into other branches of the Uncovenanted Service not requiring special or professional qualifications.

3. Notwithstanding these representations, Colonel Innes, in his letter now submitted for the orders of Government, still desires to be furnished with the report called for in his Circular, and states that the periodical information is desirable in order that

that there may be a proper record of the degree of satisfaction and relief given by my Department to the Executive Branch.

4. It appears to me, from this latter clause, that the Accountant General is under the impression that Range Accountants owe allegiance to the Controller. Upon this point I beg to invite the attention of Government to paras 15 of the Order of the 19th August 1865, No 2413, which, in the clearest terms, places Range Accountants under the exclusive control of Range Officers.

5. The system of Public Works Accounts followed in the Offices

Offices of Divisional Officers in this Presidency is, as Government are fully aware, very different from that obtaining in Bengal, and having in view the qualifications looked for in Range Accountants, and the duties which they are expected to perform, it would, in my opinion, be undesirable, for many reasons, to increase their independence and responsibility. The Accountants in my own Office work either under my personal directions, or under the orders of the Deputy Controller, and no change in their responsibilities seems called for. They are already

as I have separately reported, heavily worked, and, with the Accounts of 86 Ranges to examine and book, and the ordinary correspondence between this Office, and more than a hundred Officers and Departments to conduct, some relief appears urgently called for.

Office of the Controller of Public Works Accounts
Madras 15 August 1871

S. Thodey
Controller of Public Works Accounts

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George

Copied

A case separately recommended

Rec'd 19 Aug. 1865 No 466-65

P.W. 1871 Sept
Bombay Secretariat
From
No 3851.

The Secretariat Bombay G.S.W. Dept
To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George

Dated 15th August 1871
Recd 16th
No 1323

Submitting for the consideration and orders of Government a letter from the Accountant General Dr W Darling forwarding report in the office of the Accountant General Public Department

No 2143

Ordered that the Govt. of India be addressed on the subject of this reference.

I think a sufficient case is made out - but I should like to hear the question discussed in Council.

N.
A.S.
1.8.71.

I do not think we can do anything to upset the principle of Mr Lewis's Rules &c for

To the Secretary to the Govt. of India P.W.D.

Sir,

The Accountant General of the Public Works Dept. has called upon the Controller of Public Works Accounts in this Presidency for an Annual statement regarding the efficiency of the Public Accountants belonging to the Public Works Establishment, the object being to ensure

a record of the degree of satisfaction and relief given to the Executive branch, and to test whether the existing staff will admit of the independence and responsibility of divisional Accountants being increased."

This Reference has led to the accompanying Correspondence between those Officers, to which I am to invite attention, and to request that, on a consideration of the grounds urged by the Madras Controller, the Govt. of India will be pleased to request the Accountant General to dispense with the submission of the Returns

their accounts - and that their accountant an increase of salary moderate attainments on low salaries - that the Controller has no control over them & necessarily knows little of them as a class - that the desired information cannot consequently be furnished by the Controller. & would be useless if it could be furnished, in a manner as to them are quite unfit to be entrusted with the Controllership - & that any change of system which be inspiring dissatisfaction & other mischief

[illegible] L. & S.

by the Controller in the Presidency as otherwise his Excellency the Governor in Council apprehends that considerable embarrassment will follow, and the enforcement of the orders will have the effect of imposing duties and responsibilities upon a class of subordinates who, however efficient under the system of accounts in Madras, can hardly be expected to be qualified for the greater responsibility which may properly attach to the more highly remunerated Accountants who are employed on similar duties in other parts of the Empire.

Aug: 24th

No. 2349. Pub. D.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following

From

The Controller of
P. W. Accts } (H. E. No. 13239/15 Aug. 11)

Ordered that the
Govt. of India be addressed
on the subject of this
reference.

No. 2350

To the Secretary to the
Govt. of India. Pub. D.

Sir,

The Accountant
General of the Public Works
Department has called
upon the Controller of
Public Works Accounts in
this Presidency for an
Annual statement re-
garding the efficiency

of the General Accountants belonging to the Public Works Establishment, the object being "to maintain a record of the degree of satisfaction and relief given to the Executive branch, and to test whether the existing staff will admit of the wide dependence and responsibility of divisional Accountants being increased." This reference has led to the accompanying correspondence between those Officers, to which I am to invite attention, and to request that, on a consideration of the grounds urged by the Madras Controller, the Govt. of India will be pleased to request the Accountant General to dispense with the submission of the Return by the Controller in this Presidency.

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Dft: 6th

Desp: to Sir H. Barkly
of Dec: 23rd 1871.

Rec'd 16th

No. 3871-

Govt of [illegible] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Secretary to the Govt of India

Dated

Read 12

G. O. 15 Sept. No. 2349-2350

Nos. 243-244 & 245

Accountants — Passing orders on a letter from the Controller of Salt submitting for the consideration and orders of Govt a letter from the Accountant Genl Mad. Calling for a report regarding the efficiency of the Local Accountant of that Dept.

Forwarding correspondence which has passed between the Accountant Genl & the Controller of Salt, Madras, requesting, for reasons assigned, that the submission of the Return dealt with by the former officer may be dispensed with.