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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 250. Read the following Endorsement of the Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 29th August 1871, No. 1,428 —

From the Accountant-General of the Public Works Department, to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Simla, 14th August 1871, No. 1,330.

It has attracted my attention that the returns sent to me by the various Local Governments and Administrations for the exhibition of the rates for the supply and repair of barrack furniture are prepared in a form which, on the one hand, seems to be needlessly voluminous, and, on the other, is of itself ineffective for purposes of comparison and enquiry. The practice is to send up a copy of the schedule of each division, and these schedules usually contain five money columns, one column for cost of supply, and four columns for the cost of four classes of repairs. Now the first column is necessary, but the other four seem needless for the wants of this office, as a memorandum declaring the proportion of the cost of each class of repairs to the cost of supply would suffice, this being throughout the basis of the cost of repairs. Hence, if the divisional schedules were to be continued to be sent, one column would suffice for the information regarding cost

2. Again, it is expedient that such rates should be susceptible of comparison, and this object could, I would suggest, be effected by doing away with the submission of divisional schedules, and substituting provincial ones for them. One column for names of articles would suffice, and a series of money columns, one showing the cost of supply for each division or for each important station of a division. All serious discrepancies in cost of supply could be enquired into and explained, and also differences in the basis for calculation of cost of repairs.

3. Understanding that the treatment of these returns rests practically with the Controller, I request that you will take the needful steps to move the Local Government to send me such provincial statements instead of the divisional ones as at present.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The undersigned is not aware that returns of the nature indicated are supplied by this Government to the Accountant-General of the Public Works Department, nor does it appear that, in the Madras Presidency, the supply and repair of barrack furniture are undertaken by the Public Works Department.

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

No. 251. Order thereon, 16th September 1871, No. 2,353.

ACCOUNT, No. 24.

His Excellency the Governor in Council observes that returns of the nature of those referred to by the Accountant-General of the Public Works Department are not furnished to that officer by the Government of Madras in this department, and that the supply and repair of furniture in this Presidency does not devolve on the Public Works Department. The Accountant-General should be informed accordingly.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R.E.,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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C. O. 16th Sept. No. 2353.

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Provincial Statements of Stock & Repair of Barrack Furniture.

Passing orders on a letter from the Court praying sanction to furnishing Annual Provincial Statements of Stock & Repair of Barrack Furniture instead of the present divisional ones. Observations thereon.

C Acty 31 Oct 1871