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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd July 1872.*

No. 70.

Read the following papers :—

From the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 4th June 1872, No. 535.

BEING naturally anxious to diminish as much as possible the number of Returns not absolutely required, my attention was at once drawn to a "Weekly Return of arrivals, departures, promotions, etc.," to be furnished to the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

2. This Return seems to involve the submission to this office of a similar Return from each Range; there are 13 Ranges in the division, so here we have monthly 52, or yearly 624 Returns which are, I contend, quite unnecessary.

3. The Controller, to whom I referred the matter, points to G. O. No. 1,339 of 25th May 1863, and states that if this be not observed there will be difficulty in the audit of bills, and that confusion and delay will certainly ensue.

4. Why it should be so, I cannot understand. The Return in question is not required from Range Officers in the 5th Division, nor to the best of my recollection is it rendered to the Controller.

5. It appears to me that all leave to others than members of the petty establishment should be sanctioned by the Superintending Engineer, or by Government, and if at the time of sanctioning leave a notification of the same be sent to the Controller, I cannot see what more he can require. In such case 624 Returns per annum, *plus* some of those now rendered to the Controller, would at once be saved.

REFERRED to the Controller of Public Works Accounts who will report on the suggestion in paragraph 5, and state how far the statement in paragraph 4 is correct.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

8th June 1872.

No. 71. From the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 11th June 1872, No. 597 :—

In returning the enclosed letter from the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division, referred to me for report with your endorsement of the 8th instant, I have the honour to state, with reference to the suggestion in paragraph 5, that in addition to reports of the grant

of leave to officers and subordinates, this office requires to be informed of the dates on which the leave may be availed of, and of those on which the parties concerned return to duty. All arrivals and departures consequent on transfers and dismissals, and all promotions and suspensions, with dates, are also required to be reported, as, without such particulars, claims to salary cannot be adjusted. The simple notification proposed by Captain Vertue would be of no practical use, and would

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lead to needless correspondence, and to references which the submission of the weekly lists, ordered in G. O., No. 1,339, dated 26th May 1863, renders unnecessary. Monthly Returns would not answer the purpose intended, as, in that case, Superintending Engineers would have to await the reports of their subordinate officers up to the last day before completing their statements, and in the meantime salary abstracts would be received from all quarters, and the audit of them necessarily delayed to the inconvenience and annoyance of the employés of the department. I therefore strongly recommend that the submission of the weekly Returns adverted to in the Proceedings of Government above quoted be continued, and that punctuality in their submission be enjoined on all Superintending Engineers.

2. I do not see why it is necessary for Superintending Engineers to receive weekly Returns from their Subordinate Officers. All changes, as they occur, are intimated to the Divisional Office, and no report need be furnished by Range Officers when there are no changes to record. In similar cases, a Nil Statement should usually be rendered to me.

3. As regards the statement in paragraph 4 of Captain Vertue's letter, I have the honour to observe that, although audit to bills is sometimes deferred in consequence of the dilatory and irregular manner in which Superintending Engineers' statements are rendered to this office, those Returns are nevertheless weekly, and, as samples of the Returns which are received from the 5th Division, I beg to enclose three Statements for the weeks ended 23rd and 30th March, and 13th April 1872, the two former of which bear the signature of Captain Vertue.

No. 72.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd July 1872, No. 1,605.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 6.

THE weekly lists, referred to in G. O. No. 1,339 of the 26th May 1863, should be continued, and Superintending Engineers will be requested to arrange for the regular and punctual transmission of those documents to the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

2. The practice of requiring weekly Statements from Range Officers for the compilation of the Superintending Engineer's Return is objectionable, and Captain Vertue will accordingly discontinue the present arrangement which it is believed is not adopted in other divisions. The course indicated in paragraph 2 of the Controller's letter should be followed by all Range Officers.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
To all other Superintending Engineers.
To Major R. B. Kennedy.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

No. 535

Superintending Engineer's Office.

3rd Division.

Bellary 1st June 1872

From,

The Superintending Engineer

3rd Division.

To,

The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

Fort Saint George

enclosures,

Sir,

Being naturally anxious to diminish as much as possible the number of Returns not absolutely required, my attention was drawn to a thick bundle of Returns, Departures, Remissions &c. to be furnished to the Controller of Public Accounts.

1. The Returns come to this office the submission to the Controller of Public Accounts from each Range Officer is a similar Return from each Range Officer in the Division, so here we have monthly 25 or 26 weekly Returns which are sent but quite unnecessary.

2. The Controller has since referred the matter to the Controller of Public Accounts of 26th May 1863, and states that it is not deemed advisable to discontinue the submission of Returns, and that confusion & delay will

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Per 26 May/63 W 466-467-

P.W. 1872-4-1872

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Under the Order of

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8th June 1872.

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6th June 1872

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No. 133
Dated 11 June 1872

Received 11 June 1872

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11th July 1872

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts
Fort Saint George, 11th June 1872.

No 599
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I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

S. Hoell

Controller of P.W. Accounts.

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To,
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 The Secretary to Government
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 Fort Saint George.

Dated 11th
 Decr 12 June 1872

No. 597

Reporting on letters
 from Superintending
 Engineers 3rd regarding
 the collection of the
 Weekly Return of
 Arrivals, Departures, &c.

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To The Supy Eng^r 3^d Divⁿ
All other Supy Eng^rs
Major R. B. Kennedy
Controller R. W. Actⁿ H^l
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Quarterly Weekly Statements

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To
*Mr. Superintendent Engg.
& Division*

Dated

Recd.

Enc.

G. O. 3rd July 1872, No. 1605.

Nos. 70-71

Weekly Return of Materials,

Re. *Paying orders in
letter from the Controller
of P. W. Accts. reporting
on one from the Inspector
of the S. D. regarding
the abolition of the
Weekly Return of
Materials, &c.*