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Government of Madras.

DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
11th July 1872.*

No. 197. Read the following letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 12th June 1872, No. 604:—

With reference to their Proceedings No. 7, dated 4th January 1872, I have the honour to submit, for the information of Government, a Statement of Cheques drawn by Range Officers, but not delivered to the parties concerned on or before the 31st March 1872.

2. A circular memorandum was addressed by me in April last to all those Range Officers in whose cash balance statements forwarded with their accounts for March several cheques were shown as unpaid. From the replies received to the Circular, the remarks entered in the last column of the statement accompanying have been extracted. Only one reply is wanting, namely, that from the Range Officer, Tanjore.

3. I beg to add that I have addressed the Officer in charge of the Musery Range relative to the indefinite arrangement upon which contractors are dependent for the delivery to them of their respective cheques, with a view to other means being devised for ensuring prompt delivery of the cheques after they are drawn.

4. On reference to the explanations of the several Range Officers, it will be seen that, in many cases, the orders conveyed in paragraph 3 of the orders quoted above have been disregarded.

Statement of Cheques not delivered by Range Officers to the parties concerned on or before the 31st March 1872.

Number and date of Cheques.		Amount.	Cause of non-delivery to the parties concerned on or before the 31st March 1872.
830	26th Mar. 1872.	RS. A. P. 300 0 0	<i>Eastern Delta, Kistna District.</i> This cheque is in payment for Tools and Plant Extraordinary. The tools have to come from Nellore. The supplier not having delivered them in full by 31st March, the cheque was withheld.
620	Issued on several dates, namely, 28th, 29th, and 30th March 1872.	42 5 7	<i>Western Delta, Kistna District.</i> Want of time within the month to deliver the cheques to the parties through Sub-Divisional Officers, to whom they were forwarded for the purpose. The cheques have since been reported to be delivered, some on the 4th and others on the 9th April 1872.
621		186 9 6	
622		297 7 2	
623		1,006 11 6	
624		386 12 6	
630		478 0 0	
631		31 5 0	
625		372 2 0	
628		18 15 2	
629		25 8 0	
626	30th Mar. 1872.	622 12 4	<i>Nundigam, Kistna District.</i> Withheld, the tank banks not being properly sectioned.
627		464 9 11	
212		72 12 0	
213		30 0 0	
214		38 2 0	
215		41 13 3	
216		42 14 10	

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Statement of Cheques not delivered by Range Officers to the parties concerned on or before the 31st March 1872.

Number and date of Cheques.	Amount.	Cause of non-delivery to the parties concerned on or before the 31st March 1872.
1,042	Rs. A. P.	
1,076	25 6 0	
1,117	51 9 0	
1,118	75 12 0	
1,119	48 12 0	
1,132	70 3 0	
1,133	240 0 0	
1,134	380 0 0	
1,136	77 0 0	
1,139	61 13 0	
1,141	81 9 2	
1,142	25 10 0	
1,143	31 3 0	
1,144	311 3 10	
1,145	9 6 0	
1,147	84 2 8	
1,152	304 10 6	
1,157	50 0 0	
1,158	10 0 0	
1,159	98 7 0	
1,160	104 10 0	
1,162	65 0 0	
1,163	9 1 6	
1,166	9 12 0	
1,184	104 3 10	
1,185	49 14 0	
1,186	47 8 0	
1,187	53 2 0	
1,199	84 7 6	
1,066	246 3 8	
1,067	140 0 0	
1,068	142 8 0	
1,071	197 8 0	
1,072	103 0 0	
1,073	194 11 9	
1,090	25 0 0	
1,091	86 11 6	
1,093	27 0 0	
1,094	187 8 10	
1,095	724 9 9	
1,098	61 11 6	
1,099	193 8 0	
1,100	197 4 0	
1,101	80 0 0	
1,123	76 8 0	
1,129	24 7 3	
1,130	30 0 4	
1,131	6 5 4	
1,167	3 8 0	
1,168	90 0 0	
1,169	90 0 0	
1,170	134 0 0	
1,171	134 0 0	
1,172	107 0 0	
1,173	107 0 0	
1,174	107 0 0	
1,176	107 0 0	
1,177	576 5 8	
	300 0 0	

Nellore Range.
Not delivered owing to the non-attendance of the contractors, etc., but disbursed during the month of April 1872 on different dates.

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Statement of Cheques not delivered by Range Officers, etc.—(Continued.)

Number and date of Cheques.	Amount	Cause of non-delivery to the parties concerned on or before the 31st March 1872.
	Rs. A. P.	
1,178	200 0 0	
1,179	6 4 0	
1,180	1 12 2	
1,181	21 9 0	
1,182	9 7 0	
1,200	37 2 2	
		<i>Nellore Range.</i>
		Net delivered owing to the non-attendance of the contractors, etc., but disbursed during the month of April 1872 on different dates.
679	34 15 0	
		<i>CENTRAL RANGE.</i>
		<i>Nellore District.</i>
692	14 13 1	The individual receiving this payment did not present himself at the Range Office till 23rd April 1872.
695	38 0 1	Do. do. till 2nd May 1872.
696	105 14 3	Do. do. till 26th April 1872.
698	120 0 0	Do. do. till 23rd April 1872.
699	217 7 6	The contractor to whom this payment is due has not yet come for the cheque.
		The individuals receiving this payment did not present themselves at the Range Office till 30th April 1872.
		<i>WESTERN RANGE.</i>
		<i>Nellore District.</i>
7333	75 0 0	The Range Officer was unable to examine the work prior to the departure from the district of the Overseer who prepared the bills. The Range Officer, therefore, detained the cheques, until he could personally examine the work. The cheques were, however, delivered to the parties in the month of May 1872.
7334	92 10 4	
7335	44 8 0	
7336	57 4 6	
7337	66 1 6	
7338	65 1 6	
7339	66 1 6	
7340	66 1 6	
259	300 0 0	
260	1,000 0 0	
261	1,000 0 0	
262	1,000 0 0	
263	1,371 0 0	
264	270 0 0	
265	206 0 0	
247	163 3 5	
		<i>Bellary Range.</i>
		The delay in delivering these cheques is attributable to the inability of the Range Officer to take measurements of the work and to count and assort a large quantity of timber from want of time. All the cheques have since been delivered, but that for Rupees 300, No. 259, which has been withheld until certain doors and windows are put up. This, it is stated, cannot be effected for another two weeks.
337	3,413 9 11	
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		<i>Pennarcondah Range.</i>
		Were not delivered in time owing to the cheques being issued on the last day of the month.
291	73 0 0	
292	13 0 0	
293	40 0 0	
294	32 0 0	
765	769 9 1	
766	742 0 0	
767	933 2 3	
768	231 14 0	
769	1,925 4 7	
770	418 3 5	
771	855 14 1	
772	1,361 7 5	
773	1,651 8 6	
774	978 6 3	
		<i>Cuddapah Range.</i>
		These cheques are balances due on previous bills, which will be delivered to the contractors after finally inspecting their work.
		<i>Pullumpett Range.</i>
		Withheld owing to the non inspection of the work. Have since been delivered.

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Statement of Cheques not delivered by Range Officers, etc.—(Continued.)

Number and date of Cheques.	Amount.*	Cause of non-delivery to the parties concerned on or before the 31st March 1872.
RS. A. P.		
1,165 2 5		<i>Madnapully.</i> Many of these cheques were delivered on the 1st April, owing to the contractors not having come to head-quarters in time to receive them. The delivery of the others was delayed beyond that date, as the cheques had to be forwarded through the Overseer to the contractors.
153 3 2		
117 0 0		
324 5 4		
80 0 0		
170 8 10		
117 9 4		
150 0 0		
100 0 0		
60 0 0		
100 0 0		
180 0 0		
150 0 0		
250 0 0		
100 0 0		
211 0 0		<i>Hospett.</i> The Hospett Range Officer does not send a detailed list of cheques, but he explains that all were issued before the end of March. One instance only occurs where through the absence of the contractor in consequence of the death of a relative in Bellary it was found impracticable to deliver the cheque in time.
181 0 8		
300 0 0		
100 0 0		
75 0 0		
70 0 0		
15 0 0		
36 0 0		
105 10 11		
		<i>Raidroog.</i> This cheque was forwarded through the Overseer of the Bellary Taluq, who withheld delivery of the same to the contractor till his inspection of the work.
200 0 0		
		<i>Oosoor.</i> These amounts have been charged to "advance," but the cheques which were drawn and delivered to the contractor were returned by him to the Range Officer as security for the due performance of the work, namely, "Remount stables at Oosoor."
500 0 0		
1,000 0 0		
		<i>Tripatore.</i> Bills were submitted, on completion of the work, on the 29th March; hence the Range Officer had no time to inspect the work within the short time left, namely, two days. The cheques were, however, drawn on the bills submitted, and made over to the parties after the Range Officer's inspection.
136 2 4		
382 6 1		
33 1 4		
253 2 0		

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Statement of Cheques not delivered by Range Officers, etc.—(Concluded.)

Number and date of Cheques.	Amount.	Cause of non-delivery to the parties concerned on or before the 31st March 1872.
RS. A. P.		
659	100 0 0	<i>Virdachellum.</i> These cheques were not delivered to the contractors, as they refused to sign the vouchers and take their cheques. These have now been cancelled.
660	37 14 0	
661	80 0 0	
662	80 0 0	
663	50 0 0	
666	50 0 0	
667	15 0 0	
668	70 0 0	
675	70 0 0	
674	80 0 0	
670	30 0 0	<i>Mayaveram.</i> The contractors did not attend to receive the cheques, owing to private business in the Court and absence from the Range.
683	80 0 0	
342	69 7 6	
346	118 3 1	
		<i>Musery.</i> The contractors did not appear to receive the cheques. The contractor to whom this amount is due died on the 1st April 1872. The cheque will be paid to his heir.
	17 0 0	
	91 0 0	
	870 12 3	
		Most of the contractors to whom these amounts are due live at great distances from head-quarters, and consequently prefer waiting till the Range Officer is in their neighbourhood to ask for their cheques.
	203 5 4	
	111 1 0	
	57 8 6	
	54 8 10	
	250 0 0	
	371 5 0	
	90 6 6	
	62 1 0	
	97 6 0	
	104 5 0	<i>Madura.</i> Not delivered till the 20th April 1872, as the bill was made out before the completion of the work.
	48 15 0	
	138 8 0	
	487 10 3	
	62 8 0	
	490 10 1	
	192 1 9	
	105 0 0	
	424 6 10	
	213 5 1	<i>Dindigul.</i> Withheld at the request of the District Munsif of Dindigul.
	229 0 0	
	299 8 0	
	514 6 7	
	233 4 8	
	854 2 11	
	160 0 0	
	24 0 0	
611	1,082 14 9	
342	455 15 8	

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

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11th July 1872.

No. 193.

ORDER THEREON, 11th July 1872, No. 1,670.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 15.

The Government are surprised to find that the practice of issuing and withholding cheques appearing in the cash accounts as *bona fide* disbursements on account of public works till the results of Range Officers' examinations are known is still followed in certain ranges notwithstanding the prohibitive orders communicated in Proceedings No. 7 of the 4th January last. Superintending Engineers will now call the special attention of Range Officers to those orders, and take measures for effectually preventing the continuance of so objectionable an arrangement. Its future recurrence will lead to the adoption by Government of severe measures of repression.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To Superintending Engineers.
.. Major R. B. Kennedy.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Ed. E. C. Shunker.

V^o 604
Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts.
Fort St. George, 12th June 1872.

From
The Controller of Public
Works Accounts,
Madras.

To The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Madras.

Sir,
With reference to
their Proceedings V^o 7,
dated 4th January 1872,
I have the honor to
submit, for the
information of Govern-
ment, a Statement of
Cheques drawn by
Range Officers, but not
delivered to the parties

concerned on or before
the 31st March 1872.

2. A Circular
Memo was addressed
by me in April last
to all those Range
Officers in whose
Cash Balance State-
ments forwarded
with their Accounts
for March several
Cheques were shown
as unpaid. From the
replies received to the
Circular, the remarks
entered in the last
column of the Statement

accompanying have
been extracted. Only
one reply is wanting,
viz that from the
Range Officer Bangalore.
3. It is to be noted
that I have addressed
the Officer in charge
of the Mysore Range
relative to the in-
definite arrangements
upon which Contract-
ors are dependent
for the delivery to
them of their respect-
ive Cheques, with a
view to other means

being devised for
ensuring prompt
delivery of the cheques,
after they are drawn.

4. On reference to
the explanations of
the several Range
Officers, it will be
seen that, in many
cases, the orders
conveyed in para 3
of the orders quoted
above have been
disregarded.

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

S. Wood

Controller of Public Works & Accounts

Per 4th January 1872 No 12-13

P.N. 1872 No 12-13
The Secretary
to Government,
P.W.D.
Madras.

Dated 12th June 1872
Recd 13th

N^o 604
Submitting for the
information of
Government the
Statement of Cheques
drawn by Range
Officers, and for
delivery to the
parties concerned
on or before the 31st
March 1872.

Copy
to Controller 17th June 1872

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Number and date of Order. Amount	Bounce upon delivery to the parties concerned on or before the 31 st March 1872.

830 1872
3rd March 300... Extract.
This cheque is in payment for
S. & M. & Co. & Co. & Co. & Co. & Co.
S. & M. & Co. & Co. & Co. & Co. & Co.
The Supplier not having delivered
the goods in full by 3rd March, the
cheque is not in the hands.

620	June	22 57	Twenty nine within the
621	July	18 76	month to deliver the Chicago
622	August	29 72	to the parties through the
623	October	100 40	Divisional Office, having
624	Nov.	38 26	they were provided for the
625	Dec.	47 50	purpose. The Chicago have
626	Jan.	31 50	since been reported to be
627	Feb.	37 20	delivered, 20 more on the 4 th
628	March	18 52	and others on the 9 th of April
629	April	25 50	1872.
630	May	62 24	
631	June	264 70	

212	30 th March	72 1/2"	} With held, the South boundary not being properly sectioned.
213	" "	58 1/2"	
214	" "	58 1/2"	
215	" "	41 1/2"	
216	" "	42 1/2"	

Number
and date
of Cheque. Amount

Balance from delivery to the
parties concerned on or before
the 31st March 1872.
Vellore Range.

1042	25 5 "
1076	519 "
1117	75 12 "
1118	48 12 "
1119	70 3 "
1132	240 "
1133	380 "
1134	77 "
1136	81 7 2 "
1141	25 10 "
1142	31 3 "
1143	311 3 10 "
1144	76 "
1145	84 2 8 "
1147	204 10 6 "
1152	50 "
1157	10 "
1158	78 7 11 "
1159	102 10 "
1160	65 "
1162	7 16 "
1163	7 12 "
1166	104 5 6 "
1184	47 4 "
1185	47 5 "
1186	53 2 "
1187	84 7 6 "
1197	246 3 8 "
1235	140 "
1267	142 8 "
1268	177 8 "
1271	163 "
1272	174 17 "
1275	25 11 8 "
1290	27 "
1291	187 8 10 "
1293	722 7 7 "
1294	61 11 6 "
1295	193 5 "
1298	177 4 "
1299	80 "
1300	76 8 "
1301	24 7 3 "
1302	6 5 4 "
1303	3 5 "

To deliver on or before
the 31st March 1872
of the Government
business and delivery
the amount of Rs. 100
1872 on or before the 31st March 1872.

Number
and date
of Cheque. Amount

Balance from delivery to the
parties concerned on or before
the 31st March 1872.

1167	40 "
1168	70 "
1169	154 10 "
1170	154 "
1171	107 "
1172	107 "
1173	107 "
1174	107 "
1176	576 5 8 "
1177	300 "
1178	300 "
1179	54 "
1180	1 22 "
1181	2 7 "
1182	2 7 "
1200	5 22 "

Note. Remains above.

Contract from Vellore
to the 31st March.

677	24 5	to individual receiving this pay- ment did not present themselves at the Range Office till 25 th April 1872.
678	44 1	to 120 till 24 March 1872.
679	58 1	to 100 till 20 th April 1872.
680	105 4 5	to 100 till 23 rd April 1872.
698		to the Contractor to whom this amount is due has not yet come for the Cheque.
699		to the individual receiving this pay- ment did not present themselves at the Range Office till 30 th April 1872.

Number and date of Cheques known

Course of non-delivery to the parties concerned on or before the 31st March 1872.

Western Range - 1872
Dist. 1872

75th The Range Officer was unable to find the name of the party to whom the cheque was issued. The cheque was issued on the 14th of the month of March 1872. The Range Officer was unable to find the name of the party to whom the cheque was issued. The cheque was issued on the 14th of the month of March 1872.

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267 27th March

300th The cheque was delivered to the party concerned on the 1st of April 1872. The cheque was issued on the 14th of the month of March 1872. The Range Officer was unable to find the name of the party to whom the cheque was issued. The cheque was issued on the 14th of the month of March 1872.

Peninsular Range.

3443 7th There was a delivery of the cheque to the party concerned on the 1st of April 1872. The cheque was issued on the 14th of the month of March 1872. The Range Officer was unable to find the name of the party to whom the cheque was issued. The cheque was issued on the 14th of the month of March 1872.

337 to 377

Number and date of Cheques known

Course of non-delivery to the parties concerned on or before the 31st March 1872.

Grasshopper Range.

291 3rd March
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73th These cheques are balance due on the 1st of April 1872. The cheque was issued on the 14th of the month of March 1872. The Range Officer was unable to find the name of the party to whom the cheque was issued. The cheque was issued on the 14th of the month of March 1872.

Pullinpett Range.

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With held owing to the non inspection of the work. Since been delivered.

Madras Pullip.

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Many of these cheques were delivered on the 1st of April 1872. The cheque was issued on the 14th of the month of March 1872. The Range Officer was unable to find the name of the party to whom the cheque was issued. The cheque was issued on the 14th of the month of March 1872.

Number
and date
of cheques
Amount

Cause of non-delivery to the
parties concerned on or before
the 31st March 1872.

W. H. Pett

The W. H. Pett Range Officer observed
and a detailed list of cheques
but he explained that all were
issued before the end of March
and in some only seen on the
day of the absence of the
contractor in consequence of the
death of a relative in Wiltshire
it was found impracticable to
deliver the cheques in time.

W. H. Pett

1872
7 27th March

200 " This cheque was forwarded to the
Overseer of the Wiltshire Range, who
withheld delivery of the same to
the Contractor till his inspection
of the work.

W. H. Pett

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500 " These amounts have been charged
to "Balance", but the same
1000 " which were advanced and delivered
to the Contractor were returned by
him to the Range Officer on
account of the poor performance
of the work, viz. "Removal of
at 300000."

W. H. Pett

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174 } 29th
March 1872

136 24 bills were submitted, on completion of
382 61 the work on the 27th March, hence the
Range Officer had no time to inspect
the work within the time limit
of 14 days. The cheques were
however drawn on the 13th
submitted and made over to the
parties after the Range Officer's
inspection.

Number
and date
of cheques. Amount

Cause of non-delivery to the
parties concerned on or before
the 31st March 1872.

W. H. Pett

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These cheques were
not delivered to the
Contractors as they
refused to sign the
receipts, and so the
cheques were cancelled.
These
are now been cancelled.

W. H. Pett

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6776 The Contractor did not
appear to receive the
cheques, owing to private
business in the country,
and a notice from the
Range.

W. H. Pett

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17 " The Contractor did not
appear to receive the
cheques.
870 2 " The Contractor did not
appear to receive the
cheques on the
1st April 1872. The cheques
will be paid to his heirs.

Number
and date
of cheques amount

Amount from delivery to the parties concerned on or before the 31st March 1872.

288	730	203 54
290	732	111 1 "
291	733	57 86
292	735	54 80
294	736	250 "
295	737	371 5 "
296	738	90 66
297	739	621 "
298	740	776 "
300	742	104 5 "
301	743	48 5 "
302	744	130 3 "
305	747	487 10 3
311	753	62 8 "
312	754	470 6 1
314	755	172 1 9
316	757	105 "
316	758	424 6 10
317	759	213 5 1
318	760	227 "
319	761	279 8 "
320	762	514 6 7
321	763	253 4 8
323	765	854 2 1
325	767	160 "
326	768	124 "

As to the Contractors to
perform these amounts
are due live on great
distances from Head
Quarters, and consequently
by proper authority will
the Range Officer advise
their neighbors to avoid
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As to the Contractors to
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S. Wood

Controlling Public Works Account.

Enclosure in a
letter from the
Comptroller of P.W.
Accounts, directed
to the Secretary
to Government,
P.W.D., Montreal,
dated 12 June 1872,
No. 604.

P.W. 2935/72.

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The Government are
surprised to find that the
practice of issuing, and with-
holding, cheques appearing in
the Cash accounts as bona
fide disbursements on account
of Public Works till the re-
sults of Range Officers ex-
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still followed in certain
Ranges notwithstanding the
prohibitive orders communi-
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of the 14th January last,
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To: Prof. Messrs. S.
Major Kennedy!
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To Superintending Engineers

Dated

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Cheques - Passing orders on
letters from the Joint-Deputy
P.M. Accounts Submitting a
Statement of Cheques drawn
by Range Officers but not
delivered to the parties con-
cerned on ^{or before} the 31st March 1872.

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