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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
7th September 1872.*

No. 95. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 22nd July 1872, No. 1,496:—

WITH reference to G. O. of the 17th June 1872, No. 1,496, I have the honour to forward copies of letters from the Executive Engineers in charge of the Delta Ranges showing that for all practical purposes an entire new form of progress report has to be prepared for the Controller monthly with office copy, etc., entailing very unnecessary labour on the Range Office establishments, and affording no better information than the old one. The Government of India in Circular No. 420-I, dated 4th June 1872, transmitted with G. O. of the 4th July 1872, No. 1,620, have adopted the Madras form of progress report for the quarterly reports required to be furnished to them for all works executing from loan funds, and as they never required us to adopt the form ordered by the Controller in his Circular No. 179, dated 19th April 1872, I beg to submit the Government of India do not apparently wish to interfere with the forms we have used before, particularly as they have already declared certain other forms not applicable to this Presidency.

1 Copy of letter No. 263, dated 17th July 1872, from Executive Engineer, No. 1 Range, Godavery.
1 Copy of letter No. 133, dated 13th July 1872, from Executive Engineer No. 3 Range, Godavery.

G. O. No. 1,521, dated 21st June 1872.

No. 96. ORDER THEREON, 7th September 1872, No. 2,128.

ACCOUNT, No. 11.

In his letter No. 1,496, dated 22nd July, the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division suggests the discontinuance of the use of the new form of progress reports for the Godavery Delta, (the adoption of which was directed in G. O. No. 1,310 of the 14th May,) on the plea that the new form affords no better information than the old one, while its preparation entails considerable extra labour on the part of the establishments attached to the ranges. The Superintending Engineer appears to be of opinion that the new form of progress report was introduced by the Controller; in this, however, he is mistaken; his attention is called to G. O. No. 1,310, dated 14th May, in which the adoption of the new form is directed. The above order has been approved by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, who is desirous that the new forms of accounts should be introduced in their integrity into this Presidency at as early a date as possible. Under these circumstances His Excellency the Governor in Council cannot accede to the Superintending Engineer's request that the use of the new form of progress report shall be discontinued.

G. O., No. 1,192, dated 30th April 1872.

2. In the copy of the progress report submitted to the Superintending Engineers, only such details need be furnished as they may require under G. O. 1870, dated 8th August.

3. The Superintending Engineer calls attention to the fact that the Supreme Government have lately introduced a simple form in which the record of the quarterly progress of Agricultural Works under execution from the Extraordinary

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grant shall be submitted to them, and hence concludes that the new form of progress report, to which he takes exception, cannot have been introduced under orders from the Supreme Government. The cases are in no way analogous. In the one case the Government of India do not desire to be furnished with such detailed information as, in the other, they deem it essential the Controller should be supplied with.

4. This Government have already in their Order No. 1,450, dated 12th June, recorded their opinion that all information which can possibly be required relative to large works in progress can be obtained from Form BBI. The Superintending Engineers will report whether they are of opinion that their offices will in any way be relieved by the adoption of the old form of progress report and the submission to the Controller of an extract from the register of works Form BBI month by month, for the works for which the new form of progress report has been ordered to be introduced. The Controller will state any objections he may wish to raise against the arrangement suggested.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
To all other Superintending Engineers.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
.. Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

No. 263
Dowlaismann
Executive Engineer's Office
17th July 1872
From Captain H. R. Head R.E.
Executive Engineer in Charge
No. 1 Range Godavery
To Lieut. Col. J. F. Fiechen R.E.
Acting Sub Engineer
1st Division

Sir,
In reply to your endorsement No. 1350 dated 6th July 1872 forwarding G.O. No. 1496 dated 27th June, I have the honor to report that the introduction of the new form of Progress Report does, undoubtedly, in every way, increase considerably the work of my Office so much so that since its adoption on the 1st of April, the submission of my monthly accounts and Returns to your Office and to the Controller's Office has been delayed for example, my Accounts for April and May were not forwarded to the Controller until the 1st of June, and 2nd of July res.

respectively. I would have, prior to now brought this to your notice but I did not do so as I was given to understand you had already made a reference to Government regarding it.

3 The important irrigation works in the old form last Official year were shown in the Progress

Progress Report with the name of the work in a few lines with such sub heads as there was expenditure on. Under the new form I have to show about 120 sub heads, each of which entails writing, and an immense amount of calculation, and as it is quite different to the form before in use, and which has still to be forwarded to your Office and the Collector, these have to be prepared on separate copies.

4 I would remark also that the form is I may say useless as owing to the impossibility of charging regularly and accurately to each sub head the materials used in each month, and also the fact of similar sub heads of different works being added together (some completed, others in progress) the result is such that no one can form an idea of, unless he studies it.

5 I take this opportunity of bringing to your notice that the Office work in Range, and Saluz Office has increased enormously since the Manual was published in 1865 and I regret to say that many of the forms &c lately introduced with a view of relieving the Office work have increased it. The examination of Officers Daily Cash Book Extracts, the preparation of fortnightly

fortnightly statements for the Controller, and Treasury Officers, the heavy writing of the Range Cash, and Pass Books, the submission of 6 Progress Reports to the Supy Engineer, as Controller, Collector, and Civil Officers as well as the Periodical and Tabular statements required for your Office and those of the Controller and Chief Engineer necessitate my Range Office Establishment to work not at times but always for 10 and even 12 hours a day and notwithstanding this, I regret to add that I am unable to submit the accounts and Returns with the required promptness, and I much therefore earnestly bring to notice that unless the accounts &c are simplified, it will be impossible for me to carry on the present system of accounts without an increase of Establishment.

I have &c &c
Signed / H. R. Mead Capt. R.E.
Sd Engineer

(True Copy)

Westricher Lieut. Col. R.E.
Sd Engineer, 1st Division

N^o 133 N^o 3 of W. N. Range
Godavery District
Munagur 13th July 1872

From

The Officer, in charge N^o III of
Western Delta Range

To,

The Superintending Engineer
1st Division
Dowlaishera

Sir

With reference to your N^o 1330.
with G. O. N^o 1496. It does not appear
that the orders in G. O. N^o 1310 for adoption
of new form of Progress Report for Godavery
Deltas have been cancelled. It is quite
impossible by the time your Progress Re-
port has to gain to prepare the elaborate
details required to file up the new form
of Progress Report, therefore your Copy
has to go on in the old form (and of course
an Office Copy has to be kept), and an
extra Progress Report Voluminous and
elaborate has therefore to be prepared -

* Please return
quickly

I forward Office Copies of April and
May Controller's Progress Reports to show
what an immense amount of extra labor
has

to N^o 3654/72.

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has now been thrown on this Office. it is
Simply impossible in fair working hours
for the work to be done. Should the orders
for the new Progress Report be cancelled
and the old form reverted to and the de-
tails required for the Controller be merely
those of work done during the month (up
to month he can collate from previous re-
ports.) it will then be possible once again
to keep but one Office Copy for your
and his Progress Reports. entering up in
Columns 11-12-13-14- before despatch-
ing his Copy.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedt. Servt.
/Sd/ G. J. Walch
Ex: Engineer No. III
Range Forestry Dist
(True Copy)

W. H. T. T. T.
Lieut. Col. R. E.
49, Supt. Engr. 1st Dist.

SIR,

With reference to G.O. of the 17th June 1872 No 1496, I have the honor to forward copies of letters from the Encl. Engineers in Charge of the Delta Ranges shewing that for all practical purposes an entire new form of Progress report has to be prepared for the Controller monthly with Office copy &c. entailing very unnecessary labor on the Range Office establishments and affording no better information than the old one. The Government of India in Circular No 205 dated 4th June 1872 transmitted with G.O. of the 4th July 1872 No 1620 have adopted the Madras form of Progress Report for the Quarterly Reports required to be furnished to them for all works executing from Loan funds and as they never required us to adopt the form ordered by the Controller in

Ms. Coll. de la Bodleian

in his Circular No 179 dated 19th April 1872 I beg to
submit the Government of India do not apparently
wish to interfere with the forms we have used
before particularly as they have already
declared certain other forms not applicable G.O. No. 15218/2146
to this Presidency June 1872

I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your Most Obedt Servant

Most Respectfully
Yours

Ag. Secy. Government of India

Public Works Department
 No. 2128
 Proceedings of the Madras Government
 Read the following

From The Asst Engr. } H. E. No. 1496 of 22nd July 1872
 per S. S.

P. W. 1872
 From The Asst Engr. No. 3654
 The Superintending Engineer,
 First Division.

To
 The Secretary to Government
 Department Public Works
 MADRAS

Dated 22nd July 1872
 Received. — 30th

No. 1496
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Subject.

Suggests the discontinuance
 of the new form of Progress
 Report as it entails very
 unnecessary labor on the
 Range Establishment and
 affords no better information
 than the old one.

No 95
 30th July 1872-

No. 2128-7th Sept 72

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 L. S.

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 1st Division suggests the
 discontinuance of the use of the
 new form of Progress Re-
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 (the adoption of which was
 directed in G.O. No. 1310 of
 the 14th May) on the plea
 that the new form affords
 no better information than
 the old one while its
 preparation

preparation entails considerable extra labor on the part of the Establishments attached to the Ranges. The Superintending Engineer appears to be of opinion that the new form of Progress Report was introduced by the Controller; in this, however, he is mistaken; his attention is called to G.O. No. 1310 dated 14th May in which the adoption of the new form is directed. The above order has been approved by His Excellency.

The Governor General in Council who is desirous that the new forms of accounts should be introduced in their integrity into

G.O. No. 1310
dated

into this Presidency at as early a date as possible. Under these circumstances His Excellency the Governor in Council cannot accede to the Superintending Engineer's request that the use of the new form of Progress Report shall be discontinued.

2. In the Copy of the Progress Report submitted to the Superintending Engineer only such details need be furnished as they may require, under G.O. 1870 dated 8th August.

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Objections

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4. (Objections
relative to the adoption of the
new form of Progress Re-
port, to the modified extent
directed in G.O. No. 1310 dated
14th May, have been raised
in no. Division (pt. No. 11)
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in their order No. 1450 dated
12th June recorded their opi-
-nion that all information
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and the submission to the
Controller

Controller of an Extract from
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BBI, month by month, for
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he may wish to raise against
the arrangement suggested

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G.M.W.

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To The S. Engr. 1st Div.
All other S. Engrs.
3 Contributions
The Engr. General
Dated 13/8/72

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Govt. of 1872 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To the S. Superintending Engr.
1st Division

Dated

Recd.

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G. O. 7th Sept. No. 2128.

No. 458, 96

New form of Progress Report.

Receiving orders on letter from
the S. Engr. 1st Div.
signifying the discontinuance
of the new form of Progress
Report for the Madras
District.