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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public works **DEPARTMENT.**

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

No. 186. Read the following Endorsement of the Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Fort St. George, 25th September 1872, No. 1,399 :—

From the Executive Engineer, Presidency, to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Fort St. George, 23rd September 1872, No. 1,611.

With reference to your clearance for June 1372, returning certain vouchers with a view to dates of measurements, etc., being filled in, in accordance with the form of Completion Certificates embodied in G. O. No. 692, dated 12th March 1872, I have the honour to state that I have this morning 78 works on hand, both small and great, not to mention the two sets of lime-kilns, on different sides of the canal, and it is a sheer impossibility to give effect to the requirements of the Certificates under the circumstances. You are yourself well aware of this, and require no lengthy explanation.

2. Materials are delivered at all hours on all works, including lime-kilns, from day-light till dark, and used upon works as soon as received ; hence I have no opportunity of counting or measuring as required in the Certificates. With a view to facilitate the despatch of public business, and after consultation with the Superintending Engineer, I have consented to affix my signature to the Contractor's bills as required in the order of Government ; but I candidly assure you that works are not measured on each occasion of submission of a bill for materials. When I submit my Completion Certificate for each work, I measure before passing the work finally.

3. With regard to the measurements of the shells and charcoal at the lime-kilns, I beg to state that every five minutes boats come in at the Basin with shells, and were I to carry out the orders of Government my presence would be needed continuously at the Basin to count and measure the large quantities of shells received momentarily.

4. Under these circumstances I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to move Government to make an exception in favour of this Range with regard to the preparation of Certificates in the form given in the G. O. above quoted, as it is quite impossible for any one person to be on all the works at the same time and count and measure materials when received from Contractors. And any statement that I have measured work is a fiction, and must be so. If I don't make the necessary fictitious declaration works will eventually stop, as Contractors and Suppliers won't be content to be kept for protracted periods out of their money.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The forms of Contract Certificate which the Executive Engineer of the Presidency Range finds it difficult to submit with his accounts are those prescribed under G. O. No. 692, dated 12th March 1872.

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

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

No. 187. ORDER THEREON, 11th October 1872, No. 2,394.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 20.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that sufficient latitude was granted in G. O. No. 692, dated 12th March 1872, with reference to the nature of the Certificate to be granted under varying circumstances to meet the cases brought forward in the above letter, and that no further modification of the procedure there ordered is called for.

2. Clause III., paragraph 10, implies that check measurements and inspections are not indispensable, and directs that the forms be adhered to wherever practicable.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
To all other Superintending Engineers.
" Major R. B. Kennedy.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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No. 1611.

From,
The Executive Engineer
Presidency.

To,
The Controller of
P. W. Accounts.

Sir

With reference to your Clearance for June 1872, returning certain vouchers with a view to dates of measurements being filled in, in accordance with the form of Completion Certificates embodied in G. O. No. 692, dated 12th March 1872, I have the honor to state that I have this morning 78 works on hand both small and great not to mention the two sets of Lime kilns on different sides of the

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requirements of the Certificates,
under the circumstances- You are
yourself well aware of this and
require no lengthy explanation.-

2. Materials are delivered
at all hours on all works including
Lime Kilns from day light till
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soon as received, hence I have
no opportunity of counting or
measuring as required in the
Certificates. With a view to facili-
-tate the despatch of public
business, and after consultation
with the Superintending Engineer,
I have consented to affix my
signature to the Contractors'
Bills, as required in the order
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assure you that works are not
measured on each occasion of
submission of a bill for mate-
-rials- When I submit my Com-
-pletion Certificate for each work
I measure before passing the
work finally.

3. With regard to the mea-
-surements of the shells and
Charcoal at the Lime Kilns,
I beg to state that every 5 minutes
boats come in at the Basin
with shells, and were I to carry
out the orders of Government,
my presence would be needed
continuously at the Basin
to count and measure the
large quantities of shells
received momentarily.- Under

4. Under these circumstances I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to move Government to make an exception in favor of this Range with regard to the preparation of certificates in the form given in the G.O. above quoted, as it is quite impossible for any one person to be on all the works at the same time, and count and measure materials when required from Contractors. And any statement that I have measured work is a fiction and must be so. If I dont make the necessary fictitious declaration, works will eventually

eventually stop, as Contractors and suppliers wont be content to be kept for protracted periods out of their money.

I have &c

[Signed] Jno. Goddard Supt. R.B.

Executive Engineer, Typ-

Typ Ex: Engrs office
Fort St. George
13th Sept. 1872.

Submitted for the orders of Government.—

2. The forms of Contract certificate which the Executive Engineer of the Presidency Range finds it difficult to submit with his accounts are those

three prescribed under G. O.
No 692, dated 12th March 1872.

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts
Fort St. George, 25th September 1872.

S. Hood
Controller of P.W. Accounts.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.—

Public Works Department.

No. 2394

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Public Works Department

Dated 18th October 1872

From The Controller of Accounts.

No. 1399 dated 25th September 1872

To the Executive Engineer
Governor in Council
is of opinion that ef-
ficient Certificates are
granted in G.O. No. 692
dated 12th March 1872
with reference to the
nature of the certificate
to be granted under
varying circumstan-
-ces to meet the case
branch forwarded
in the above letter

P. W. 1872 Department
Original Letter Fort St. George
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From,
The Controller of A.W. Accounts
To,
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort St. George.

Dated 25th
Recd. 26th } September 1872.

No 1399

Submitting for the
orders of Government letter
from the Executive Engineer
Presidency complaining of
difficulty in submitting
Contract Certificates in
the forms prescribed
by Government in G.O.
No 692, dated 12th March 1872
No. 2394. 11th October 1872

No 186
Reply to Order 27th Sept. 1872

and that no further
~~inconsistencies of the~~
proceedings thereon
is called for.

Clause III Paragraph

implies that check
measurements and
inspections are not
indispensable and
directs that the form
be adhered to whereas
practicable

C.L.S.

Ch. W.

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13 Contractors
18 A. Engr 4th Div.
All Other Sergt Engrs
2 Engr Pioneers
Desp. 16/10/72

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No. 4676

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Accountant of Public Works Accounts

Dated

Read. Encl.

G. O. 11 Aug. No. 2394.

Nos. 186 & 187

Contract Certificates. Declining to modify the form of Contract certificates ~~not~~ prescribed in G O No. 692 of 1872.

Major Rennie

Dep. 16/10/72