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No. 92. Read the following letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 23rd November 1871, No. 2,159 :—

THE Officer in charge of the Virdachellum Range of the South Arcot District has submitted certain completion reports containing remarks of a conflicting nature that I consider it necessary to acquaint Government of the circumstance.

2. The completion reports referred to are for the repairs of roads executed from maintenance grants during the past official year, and certified to by the Local Fund Overseer as "having been fully executed to the extent of the estimate in a substantial manner and of the best materials and workmanship, and corresponding in all respects with the sanctioned estimate."

3. The Range Officer's remarks, however, are, in respect of the repairs of those roads which he has inspected, most condemnatory; their condition, after the lapse of the brief period of about six months, being described as "very bad" or "disgraceful," the roads "lacking material" in most instances.

4. The adverse opinion conveyed in the Range Officer's remarks, and the anomaly of a Local Fund Overseer granting certificates for the completion of works, were brought to the notice of the Superintending Engineer of the Division, with a view to his opinion being obtained as to whether the certificates in question can be accepted by this office. I beg to submit, for the information of Government, copy of a reply* received from that officer, and to solicit the favour of further instructions.

* No. 228, dated 16th November 1871.

From the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Cuddalore, 16th November 1871, No. 228.

IN returning the enclosures received with your letter, No. 427 of 14th instant, I have the honour to offer a few remarks which will, I hope, prove satisfactory, save many future references, and account for what may have seemed to you remarkable and unnecessary delay in the submission of documents by the officer now in charge of the Virdachellum Range.

16 Completion Certificates.

2. Mr. Hawksworth took charge of the range (which had very frequently changed hands) on 25th July of the present year, and found many incomplete works of the previous year, as also many works completed, or supposed to be completed, for which he is called on to furnish complete certificates.

3. He has had no opportunity of seeing any of this work while in progress, and for very much of it, to wit, work on roads and the supply of road material (to which class of work the certificates under reference relate), it is simply impossible that any one can, after the lapse of even a very short time, furnish a certificate such as is required.

4. Mr. Hawksworth is conscientious enough to enter remarks which form a sort of protest against his being called on for these certificates, and I must say I entirely sympathise with him, and think you have no option but to accept the certificates as they stand.

5. I would remark, in conclusion, that the practice of removing officers from one range to another is bad enough, and most detrimental to the efficiency of any department, but it is absolutely ruinous when these changes are made near the close of an official year, before or after.

6. With regard to road maintenance allotments, I see no reason whatever why the officer in charge on 1st April should not be able to furnish the required certificates even were he transferred to another range the following day.

No. 93. ORDER THEREON, 9th January 1872, No. 48.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 13.

THE Government are of opinion that, although Mr. Hawksworth may not be able to certify to the execution of work on the roads referred to by the Controller of Public Works Accounts in the terms of the authorized completion certificate, he should, after having personally inspected the roads, be able to form an intelligent opinion as to whether the expenditure said to have been incurred was actually laid out, and he will now be requested through the Superintending Engineer to state his views on the subject.

2. Range Officers will in future be required in handing over charge of a range to furnish to their successors a satisfactory certificate of expenditure or completion for all maintenance grants which may have been expended by them, and the transfer of Range Officers at the close of the official year will, as far as possible, be in future avoided.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.
To all other Superintending Engineers.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
To Major R. B. Kennedy.

Exd. E. C. Shanker.

Office of the Controller of Public Works Accounts
Madras, 23rd November 1871

No. 2159

From,
The Controller of P.W. Accounts,
To,
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

The Officer in charge of the Viridachellam Range of the South Arcot District has submitted certain completion Reports containing remarks of a conflicting nature, that I consider it necessary to ac=quaint Government of the circumstance.—

2. The Completion Reports refered to, are for the repairs of Roads, executed from maintenance

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the Division, with a view to his
opinion being obtained as to
whether the Certificates in question
can be accepted by this office.
I beg to submit for the informa=
tion of Government copy of a reply
received from that officer, and to
solicit the favor of further
instructions.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,

S. Hoff

Controller of P.W. Accounts.

No. 228, dated
16th November 1871.

No 228

Superintending Engr's Office 5th Div.
Cuddalore 16th November 1871.

From,
The Officiating Superintending Engineer
5th Division,

To,
The Controller of
Public Works Accounts
Madras.

Sir,

I am returning the enclosure received with your letter No 5521 of 14 instant, I have the honor to offer a few remarks which will I hope serve satisfactorily and many future references, when received for what they have named to you remarkable, and unnecessary delay in the submission of documents by the Officers now in charge of the Krishnalbum Range.

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No 5609.

From,
The Controller of P.W. Accounts,
To,
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

Dated 23rd
Recd 24th } November 1871.
Read 24th

No 2159

Requests to be favored with further instructions regarding certain Completion Certificates furnished by Mr Assistant Engineer Hawkesworth and forwards copy of a letter from the Superintending Engineer on the subject.

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5. I would remark in conclusion that the practice of removing Officers from one Range to another is bad enough, and most detrimentab detrimental to the efficiency of any Department, but it is absolutely ruinous when these changes are made near the close of an official year, before or after.

6. With regard to Road Maintenance allotments, I see no reason whatever why the officer in charge on 1st April should not be able to furnish the required Certificates even were he transferred to another Range the following day.

I have &c

/signed/ James Vertue Capt. R.E
Off. Supt. Engineer 5 Division

/True Copy/

S. Thwaites

Controller of P.W. Accounts.

Ld J.

No 48

The Government
are of opinion that al-
though Mr. Hawkesworth
may not be able to certify
to the execution of works
on the roads referred to
by the Controller of
P.W. Accounts with the
terms of the authorized
Completion Certificate, he
should, after having per-
sonally inspected the
roads,

Enclosure in a letter
from the Controller of
Public Works, reporting
that it is not in the
Territory to Certify that
Works &c. specified in
Schedule D of Act 21 of
1859

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Copy for information
and disposal.

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Officers at the close of the Official year will as far as possible be in future avoided.

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To
The Supt Engr 6th Div
136 all other Supt Engrs
13 Controller P.W.A. Supt Constructor
Gallagher Kennedy
Dupe 10/11/72

Memo.

For orders

It will be seen that
the amounts of some of the
Col Carpendale appears
to have acceded to the
protection of the officers
leaves at the sales of the
the officer who conc. C.C.
shall circulate a Graft
order.

grants for roads under reference
are tolerably large, but as
the length of line which
these sums are intended to
maintain are in no case
given on the Certificates sub-
mitted, it is impracticable
to judge at a distance from
the localities whether or
not a fair return has been
obtained for the money
expended. Upon this point
the Range Officer is
silent, although, after
having

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having inspected the roads, he should be able to form some opinion on the subject. Mr. Hawkesworth, however contents himself with noticing the present bad condition of the roads, which is not incompatible with the allotments, in which or part, having been laid out six months previously.

It seems expedient that in all cases of maintenance grants the Range officer who spends the money should, on handing over charge of a range, be required to furnish a satisfactory Certificate of Expenditure or completion

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having over charge Range

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To The Superintending Engr.
5th Division.

Dated

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Completion Certificates

Further information required in connection with the completion certificates furnished by the Asst Engrs. Arrowsmith, Ferrington, Coombs in the Coimbatore Dist. & instructions issued on the subject of the certificate to be granted by officers in