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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
5th April 1872.*

No. 44. Read the following letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 24th February 1872, No. 2,884 :—

I HAVE the honour to observe that in the Proceedings of Government, No. 485, dated 21st February 1872, a Company of Sappers is ordered to work on the Striviguntum Anicut Project on the conditions specified in the Military Department Order, No. 356, dated 30th January 1872.

2. Those conditions are, that the Public Works Department shall be debited with the following charges on account of the Sappers :—

- (1). Cost of transport by rail or sea.
- (2). Cost of hutting.
- (3). Working pay.

The value of the work performed by the Sappers is not included in these conditions, while the Orders of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, communicated to the Military Department in Public Works Proceedings, No. 919, dated 19th March 1869, direct that the Military Department shall be credited for such work. On the other hand, *working pay*, according to the Government of India orders, will not be *debitable* to the *Public Works Department*, but will be *disbursed and charged for finally by the Military Department* in its accounts, whereas this is one of the items above charged to Public Works Department.

3. The Accountant-General of the Public Works Department in letter No. 914, dated 10th June 1871, drew the attention of this office to the subject of the credits afforded to Military Department on account of the *value of work performed by the Sappers*, as required by the Resolution of the Government of India above referred to, and, in my endorsement to Government, No. 2,661, dated 31st January 1872, it was pointed out that, in the case of Sapper labour on the Coonoor Ghaut in 1869-70 and 1870-71, the *value of their labour yet remains to be adjusted* in the *Public Works Accounts* of this year, and that the *working pay* was *irregularly disbursed* by the *Public Works Department*.

4. Under the circumstances set forth, I respectfully request the permission of Government again to address the Accountant-General of the Public Works Department on this subject, in order to prevent future differences and misunderstandings.

No. 45. ORDER THEREON, 5th April 1872, No. 896.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 3.

THE Government of India will be addressed by this Government on the subject of the foregoing letter.

(Here enter No. 897, dated 5th April 1872.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 5th April 1872.

No. 46.

No. 897.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 4.

SIR,—The question of the credit which should be afforded to the Military Department for services rendered in the

Public Works Department by the corps of Sappers and Miners came under the consideration of the Government of India in their Proceedings of the 7th January 1869, No. 19-A, when, with reference to the views expressed by certain officers who were consulted on the subject, and in which the Madras Government then concurred, it was ruled that the Military Department should receive credit for the value of work actually performed, and that the Public Works Department should be relieved of the charge for working pay which should be disbursed by the Military Department and debited finally in its accounts.

2. As there is a great desire on the part of some Superintending Engineers to largely utilize Sapper labour on Public Works in this Presidency the question of the adjustment of charges connected with its employment has again engaged attention, more especially as His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief is opposed to the Military Budget being required to bear any additional expenditure in consequence of the employment of Sapper Companies on Public Works, under which view it is understood in this department that the works on which they are employed must bear the cost of removal of the men and their families by rail and sea, and the cost of hutting the troops, besides crediting the Military Department with a fair sum as the value of the labour rendered. The opinion which, on a re-consideration of the subject, this Government have formed is that practically there is considerable difficulty in determining the proper value of work performed. Much as the employment of Sapper labour is desired, the orders in question have been considered prohibitive of such labour being as fully utilized as it might advantageously be, on the ground of its expense, and this Government consider that a simpler mode of dealing with the question would be to require the Public Works Department to pay all additional expenses caused by the Sappers being employed on Public Works. The cost of the transport of the men with their families to the station at which they may be required, the charge for hutting, and all working pay would, under the proposed arrangement, form charges which the Public Works Department would willingly pay for the undoubted

advantage of skilled labour on large projects such as are being carried out in the Godavery and other districts.

3. I am accordingly to request that the subject may be re-considered and the rule as it now stands modified as proposed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

N^o 2884 Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts.

Fort St George, 24th February 1872.

From
The Controller of Public Works Accounts,
Madras.

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

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- (1). Cost of transport & maintenance.
- (2). Cost of building.
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3. The Accountant
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on account of the value

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by the Resolution of the
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above referred to, and in
my endorsement to
Government No. 2051,
dated 31st January 1890,
it was pointed out
that, in the case of labor
on the Commissariat
Grounds 1890-91, the value of
their labor apportioned
to be adjusted in the
Public Works Accounts
this year, and that the
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by distressed by the
Public Works Department
(4. Under the Commissariat
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respectfully request the
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the Accountant
General of the Public
Works Department on
this subject, in order
to prevent future
differences and mis-
understandings.

Have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
S. Wood
Controller of the Public Works Accounts.

8.

No. 895 Public Works Dept.
 Proceedings of the Madras Government
 Read the following
 From
 The Controller of
 P.W. Accounts

The Government of
 India will be addressed
 by this Government on
 the subject of the foregoing
 letter.

No. 897
 The Secy. to the Govt.
 of India, P.W.D.
 Sir,

The question of the
 credit which should be
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 Department for services
 rendered in the Public
 Works Department by the
 Corps

To the Secy. to the Govt.
 of India, P.W.D.

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 Public Works
 No. 895

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The question of the
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 Corps

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the Public Works Dept.
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labor on large projects
such as are being car-
ried out in the
Godavery and other
Districts

I am accordingly
to request that the sub-
ject may be reconsi-
dered and the rule
as it now stands
modified as proposed.

Resd 8/4/22
15 March

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Complete

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Govt. of Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Controller of Public
Works Accounts
&
To The Secretary to the
Govt of India

Per :

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" 5th Decr 896-897

No. 44-158546

Sappers & Miners. Reply
Orders in letter from the
Comdr. Genl. S. D. Canty Cde.
line to the Employment
of Sappers & Miners.

Respecting a Com.
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let of the Employment
of Sappers & Miners.