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4th June 1873.*

No. 43. Read the following letter from T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 2nd May 1873, No. 248 :—

In the year 1868 it was thought desirable to discontinue the preparation of Sub-journals in the Central Office of Account, and because of this discontinuance it became necessary to require the Progress Reports of Range Officers to be prepared in greater detail.

2. Instructions to give effect to the above arrangement were issued from this Office in Circular No. XXXIII. of the 4th March 1868, and those instructions are still followed. But the arrangement was not approved by Government, and this office reverted to the Sub-journals which are now kept up and which render necessary the details submitted by Range Officers.

3. Under the authority of Government as noted in the margin, I feel myself at liberty to relieve Range Officers of much extra clerical labour by cancelling the instructions contained in the above

No. 2,032 of 26th June 1868.	
* „ 3,032 of 25th Sept. „	

quoted Circular, but as the change would affect paragraph 34, Section II., of the Madras Manual of Public Works Accounts, I deem it right to address Government on the subject, and to obtain sanction to the discontinuance of the following details from the Progress Reports of Range Officers :—

I.—*Detail of Works completed.*—Under the present arrangement a work completed, say, in May, is nevertheless entered in the accounts of every subsequent month till the March following, which is unnecessary.

II.—*Works not commenced and on which there has been no outlay.*—It is unnecessary to enter any work in the accounts until expenditure on it actually takes place.

III.—*A repetition of complete details in respect to Accounts of Estimates, Appropriations, etc., of the entire year, in the Progress Report of the last month (March) of the year.*—The labour involved is great by this arrangement, yet the Central Office receives no further information than is already recorded in its books.

4. I may mention that the necessity for the alteration above suggested occurred to me while examining some of the Progress Reports for February last, and that inquiries into the matter brought out the facts mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2. That Range Officers keenly feel the labour and time taken up in the preparation of Progress Reports as at present prescribed, is apparent from the explanations and reports that are being received of the cause of delay in submitting the accounts for March last.

5. I cannot conclude without stating that this reference is made with great reluctance, and only because I consider that I should be wanting in my duty if I did not relieve Executive Engineers of all unnecessary labour and trouble in connection with their accounts.

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4th June 1873.*

No. 44.

ORDER THEREON, 4th June 1873, No. 1,480.

ACCOUNT, No. 3.

In his letter under reference the
Officiating Controller of Public Works
Accounts recommends the omission of

certain details from the Progress Reports of Range Officers which were necessitated by the discontinuance of the Sub-journals in the Central Office of Accounts in the year 1868, but which are no longer required, that office having reverted to the use of the Sub-journals in accordance with G. O., No. 3,032, dated 25th September 1868.

2. As the discontinuance of the details referred to by the Controller will relieve Range Establishments of much labour in the preparation of the monthly accounts and especially at the end of the official year, His Excellency the Governor in Council directs that they be omitted from future Progress Reports submitted to the Controller, and that the following be substituted for the last part of paragraph 34, Section II., of the Madras Manual of Public Works Accounts:—

All completed works of previous months during the year should be lumped together under their respective Budget heads in the Progress Report.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Austin.

Office of the Controller of
P.W. Accounts
No. 248
Fort Saint George 2 May 1873

From
The Off. Controller of
Public Works Accounts

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort. Saint George

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thought desirable to discontinue
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in the Central Office of Account
and because of this discontinu-
ance, it became necessary to
require the Progress Reports
of Range Officers to be prepared
in greater detail.

Instruction

2. Instructions to give effect to the above arrangements were issued from this Office in Circular No. XXXIII of the 4th March 1868 and those instructions are still followed. But the arrangement was not approved by Government and this Office reverted to the Sub-journals which are now kept up and which render unnecessary the details submitted by Range Officers.

3. Under the authority of Government as noted in the margin, I feel myself at liberty to relieve Range Officers of much

Nº 2032 of 26th June 1868
Nº 3032 of 25th September 1868

much extra clerical labor, by cancelling the instructions contained in the above quoted Circular, but as this change would affect Paragraph Section II of the Madras Manual of Public Works &c. &c. &c., I deem it right to address Government on the subject and to obtain sanction to the discontinuance of the following details from the Progress Reports of Range Officers.

I. Detail of Works completed.

Under the present arrangement, a work completed say in May, is nevertheless entered in the accounts of every subsequent month till the March following, which

which is unnecessary.

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Executive Engineers of all
unnecessary labor and trouble
in connection with their
accounts.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Yours most obedient servant,

[Signature]

Off. Controller of P.W. Accounts.

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No. 1480

March 2
P. W. D. 47

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Under date the 187 .

Read the following :—

From.

The Offg. Controller of } (H. E. No. 248 of 2nd May 1873)
P. & A. Accounts }

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Section II of the Madras
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W. G. M.

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Controller

to Engineers

for Works

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Dated 11/6/73

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Govt. of 1873 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To the Controller of
Public Accounts

Date:

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Encl.

G. O. of 1873, No. 1430-

Nos. 43 & 44

Proper Reports. Passing
orders on letter from the
Offg. Controller of Mr. Jack
recommending the dis-
continuance of certain
particulars entered in
the reports consequent
on the maintenance of
two journals.

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