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Government of Madras

Public Works

DEPARTMENT

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No. 63. 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, 24th June 1873, No. 1,553 :—

With reference to G. O., No. 1,181, of the 24th April 1873, I have the honour to solicit the instructions of Government as to the course that should be followed when a Range Officer desires to continue the pre-audit system and the District Engineer prefers the post-audit system.

2. I annex copy of a letter, No. 17 of the 13th instant, from the District Engineer, Ganjam, which has suggested this reference, and I may mention that several Range Officers have informed this Office of their preference to the old pre-audit system, a preference which probably would have been questioned (as in the case under notice) if their communications had come through their District Engineers. These communications from Range Officers I have accepted unquestioned with reference to G. O., No. 1,455, of the 30th May 1873.

3. In the particular case connected with the Ganjam District, the Range Officer could no doubt fairly urge that he was consulting the interests of Government in not disbursing salaries till removal of all doubt by the Controller's audit; but I confess that I agree with the District Engineer. The interests of Government are probably better secured by the pre-audit system, but the Government having considered the convenience of individuals in ordering the post-audit system, I think it a pity that Range Officers should ignore that system under an exaggerated sense of the responsibility attaching to it, or because they themselves are not inconvenienced by waiting till the middle or so of a month for their pay of the previous month.

From Captain H. SMALLEY, R.E., Officiating District Engineer, Ganjam, to T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Chatterpore, 13th June 1873, No. 17.

With reference to G. O., No. 1,181, dated 24th April 1873, I have the honour to report that of the two Range Officers in this District Mr. Harris prefers the old pre-audit system, Mr. Lever the new system. I myself am entirely in favour of the new system, especially in this district, where in fine weather the post is at least eight days from Madras, so that under the pre-audit system the passed bills were never received before the 20th of the month, a considerable hardship to writers and others on small salaries. Mr. Harris has not shown sufficient grounds for going back to the old system, and I do not consider, in the interests of all concerned, he should be permitted to do so.

No. 64. ORDER THEREON, 3rd July 1873, No. 1,725.

ACCOUNT, No. 3A.

On consideration of the practical difficulties arising from permitting exceptions to the original order of Government abolishing pre-audit of salary bills, evidenced by the discussion now brought to notice by the Controller, His Excellency the Governor in Council

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3rd July 1873.*

directs that G. O., No. 2,419, of 15th October 1872, be made of universal application to all but the Presidency Range.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

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

Erd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies.

*District Engineer's Office
Chettipore*

13th June 1873.

No. 17.

*From
The District Engineer,
Goujan.*

*To
The Controller of
P.W. Accounts
Madras.*

Sir,

*With reference to G.O.
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I have &c.
Signed/ H. Smalley Capt. R.E.
Offg District Engineer
Gangam.

J.P.

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts,
Fort Saint George, 24th June 1873.

N^o. 1553

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

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Enclosed in a letter
from the Offg. Controller
of P.W. Accounts to him
the Secretary
to Government,
P.W. Department,
Fort Saint George
dated 24th June 1873
N^o. 1553
P.W. 3643/75.

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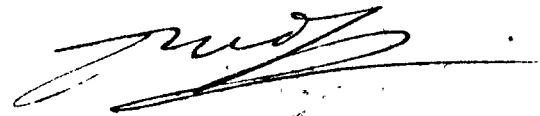
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Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



Offy Controller of P.W. Accounts.



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Pr. of the Madras Govt.
Read the following:-

From the Comptroller of } P.R. No 1553 of 24 June/73
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Pre audit of salary
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[Signature]

P. M. 1873 1874
No. 1553 of 24 June/73

The Comptroller of
P. M. Accounts,

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

Dated 24th
June 1873

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No 63-64.

To
Controller
Dist Engineer
Major Kennedy

Ms. Supd to the Controller 9/7/73
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Govt. of 1873 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

The Offg. Controller of
Accounts

Dated

At

Encl.

G. O. 3rd July 1873, N. 1725.

Nos. 60464

Pre-audit of Salary Bills.

Directing that G. O. No. 2419
of 15th Oct/72 ^{abolishing the} ~~requesting~~
~~the abolition of~~ Pre-audit
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