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No. 276. 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, 16th July 1873, No. 2,173:—

THE question whether vouchers for task-work should bear receipt-stamps for sums in excess of Rupees 20 has recently come under consideration, and as uniformity of practice does not prevail, the vouchers submitted with the Monthly Accounts to this office bearing stamps in some instances only, I have the honour to solicit the orders of Government on the subject.

2. The voucher for taluq task-work is that marked F in the list of forms prescribed by the Manual, and is required to be signed by the Range Officer and Taluq Overseer; in fact, it is not intended to be anything more than a simple form of Day (Station) Book, to which the signature of task-masters or heads of gangs is not required.

It is otherwise with Form I, the use of which, though intended chiefly for petty contracts, is permitted for task-work also, and whenever so used must be signed by the task-master or head gangman, a stamp being affixed if the amount exceeds Rupees 20.

3. Doubtless, in the first-mentioned case, a primary account (similar to the Pit-book kept by the Overseers in No. 3 Range, Godavery District*) is maintained by Taluq Overseers of payments made for job and task-work, from which Form F is prepared; but, to secure uniformity in the matter of receipt-stamps, I beg to suggest that, in all those cases in which one man becomes responsible for the distribution of any sum above Rupees 20, his acknowledgment, indicated by his signature or mark in the roll of payments, should bear the usual stamp, the Range Officer satisfying himself that this is done in every such instance as that alluded to.

No. 277. ORDER THEREON, 18th August 1873, No. 2,051.

ACCOUNT, No. 23.

HIS Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that acknowledgments or receipts of payments for work, etc., in excess of Rupees 20 when paid to a single contractor, or a partnership, or individual as in Form (I), "Bill for petty contract-work," must bear the stamp required by law; but in the case of task-work, the voucher for which is in Form (F), prescribed by the Manual, and which is, as the Controller points out, "not intended to be anything more than a simple form of Day (Station) Book, to which the signature of the task-masters or heads of gangs is not required," no stamp is necessary.

2. The number of labourers, as well as the work done by them, should, however, be noted in column "Item of Charge."

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineers.

„ Officiating Controller of Public Works Account.

„ Executive Engineer, Wynaad.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts.
Fort St. George, 16 July 1873.

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From,

The Off^r Controller of
Public Works Accounts,
To
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department
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2. The Voucher for Taluk Task Work is that marked F in the List of Forms prescribed by the Manual, and is required to be signed by the Range Officer and Taluk Overseer; in fact it is not intended to be anything more than a simple form of Day (Station) Book to which the signature of Task Masters or Heads of Gangs, is not required.

It is otherwise with Form I, the use of which though intended chiefly for Petty Contracts, is permitted for Task Work also, and whenever so used must be signed by the Task Master

Letter from Range
Officer, printed
in G.O. No. 1329,
dated 14th May
1872.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

J. W. H.

Offg Controller of U. S. Accounts.

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Govt. of 1873 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To the District Engineer

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 18 Aug 63, No. 2057.

No. 276177

Payments. Paying orders

on letter from the Controller of M. Accts. regarding
form of Acknowledgments of
payments for work &c
in ex. of Rs. 20

N^o 276-77