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No. 380. 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, 31st July 1873, No. 2,566 :—

I HAVE the honour to report that for some time past the sums marginally noted have been disbursed on account of sweepers, and admitted in the monthly office contingent bills of the establishments concerned.

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| Palnad Range Office                               | „ 1 „             |  |

2. Seeing, however, that the Orders of the Government of India, No. 1,221, published at page 295 of the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 8th March 1870, prohibit salaries of menial servants being charged as part of office contingent expenditure, I have the honour to request that I may be informed whether these orders are to be held as applicable to cases of the kind above mentioned, in which remuneration is given for the performance of work which is not so heavy as to require the exclusive attention of a sweeper. The full salary of a sweeper is not given in any case, and, therefore, I think that it is only necessary to submit this explanation of the matter to secure the sanction of Government to such charges appearing, as hitherto, in contingent bills. In the case however of the Palnad Range Office, it is a question whether that range should be allowed to draw what is not claimed by any other range.

3. I avail myself of this opportunity to bring to notice that a monthly charge of Rupees 8 has been passed, under Contingencies, on account of two men employed in this office in rolling, packing, and despatching printed forms to Public Works Officers in the Mofussil. Daily hire was originally paid for the purpose, but the present arrangement was subsequently adopted as the most economical. In the event of the arrangement being considered objectionable, I beg permission to submit an application for the necessary increase to the permanent establishment.

No. 381. ORDER THEREON, 23rd August 1873, No. 2,103.

ACCOUNT, No. 26.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that the payments made to the sweepers referred to in this letter are not such as are prohibited in the notification quoted, but the pay of men if permanently employed in the Controller's Office for packing and despatching printed forms requires specific sanction under "Establishment."

2. The exceptional charge incurred in the Palnad Range should not be admitted in future.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

„ Inspecting Engineers. ✓  
„ Examiner of Railway Accounts. ✓  
„ Consulting Architect. ✓  
„ District Engineer, Kistna. ✓

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Office of the Controller of  
Public Works Accounts,  
Fort Saint George, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1873.

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To The Controller  
Disbursements  
by Engineer  
Examined by Accountant  
Approved Architect  
By the Treasurer  
Signed O.C. Dyer 3/9/73

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Sweepers. Issuing  
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employed in certain  
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