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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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26th August 1873.*

No. 423. 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, 23rd July 1873, No. 2,346:—

I HAVE the honour to solicit the sanction of Government to a modification of two Rules which, as they at present stand, are productive of inconvenience and extra work:—

I.—In G. O., No. 104, of the 16th March 1871, the approval of Government is given to a proposal from this office that all extra receipts realized by Overseers be at once sent on to the Range Officer.

2. According to this rule my office objected to a payment made by a Sub-divisional Officer into a treasury at hand, but the Range Officer being something like forty miles distant, I could not see the force of the objection and did not therefore adopt it, pending the result of this reference to Government. I beg to suggest that such payments be permitted as on the part of the Range Officer, to whom the treasury receipts would be forwarded. When the cash receipt is trifling the Sub-divisional Officer may utilize it on works, leaving it to the Range Officer to adjust the same by paying a corresponding amount into the treasury.

II.—In the Accounts Manual, Section I., paragraph 42, an addition is made of the requirement of a Circular by this office to the effect that advances and over-payments to contractors or to workmen, *charged to works*, should be detailed in the schedules of Miscellaneous Advances after the regular advances.

3. This requirement is differently met by Range Officers, and by some not at all. But there is really no necessity for the detail of advances or over-payments to contractors, seeing that complete information on this point is afforded in the Contractor's Ledger and in the petty Contract Account, copies of which form part of the monthly accounts submitted to this office. To detail the same information in the monthly schedule of advances adds needlessly to the work in Range Offices, without in any way helping or strengthening this office in the matter of check. I beg therefore to recommend that the additional detail be discontinued. As regards advances to work-people charged to works, it is true that the advances are not shown in the contract accounts, but this is not a sufficient reason why such advances should be detailed in the Miscellaneous Advance Account. The advances are usually small and quickly worked out, but were it otherwise, that is, were there any loss arising out of desertion, etc., of work-people, the work already debited with the advance could under no circumstances be relieved of that debit.

No. 424. ORDER THEREON, 26th August 1873, No. 2,126.

ACCOUNT, No. 31.

His Excellency the Governor in Council sees no objection to a Sub-divisional Officer remitting to the treasury, on the part of the Range Officer, extra receipts which may pass through his hands when such an arrangement is calculated to facilitate work, it being understood that the treasury receipts are drawn out in the name of the Range Officer concerned, to whom they should be forwarded direct.

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2. The Government agree with the Officiating Controller in the opinion that advances and over-payments to contractors or to workmen charged to works need not be detailed by Range Officers in the schedules of Miscellaneous Advances.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
To District Engineers.
To the Executive Engineer, Wynaad.

Office of the Controller
of P.W. Accounts
Port Saint George, 26th July 1873

From the Offg. Controller of P.W.
Accounts

To the Secretary to Government
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Port Saint George

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Sir, in answer to

Your Most Obedient Servant.

John

Offg. Controller of P. W. Accounts.

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To
The Secretary to Gov
Public Works
Fort Smith

Dated 13th July
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From the Offg: Controller
of P. W. Accounts — (H. E. No 2346 of 23rd July
1873)

His Excellency the
Governor in Council
sees no objection to a
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B. Offg. Controller
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Govt. of 1873 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To the Controller of Public
Works Accounts

Dated

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G. O. 26th Aug 75 No. 2126.

No. 423 & 424

Accounts

The Controller informed
that there is no objection to
the modification of the rules
proposed by him for a Sub-
Divisional Officer remitting to
the Treasury on the part of the
Range Officer extra receipts
which may pass thro' him
where such an arrangement is
calculated to facilitate work.

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