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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE

Government of Madras

Public works

DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd September 1873.*

No. 49. 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 Saint George, 11th August 1873, No. 2,871 :—

I HAVE the honour to solicit the sanction of Government to alter the practice proposed by this office in 1867, and approved by Government in G. O., No. 3,140 of that year.

2. It is true that now as then there is want of space in this office for old records, but I submit that it will be easier to arrange for some sort of accommodation in Madras (probably in the Fort) than in most Range offices. It is certainly desirable that vouchers, going back for at least four years, should be available for reference, and I think it highly objectionable to return them to Range offices where they are likely to be destroyed or made away with at the instigation of interested parties, such as Contractors and others.

3. This very day have I disposed of an application from a District Engineer who required some old vouchers to settle a dispute. The vouchers required were returned long ago to the Range office, and it remains to be seen whether they are forthcoming. It will be remembered that a Range office* was recently destroyed by fire with all it contained; it is not improbable that many doubts will occur in connection with that range which it will not be possible to clear up in the absence of vouchers which might have been on record in this office, but for the practice mentioned in the 1st paragraph.

No. 50. ORDER THEREON, 3rd September 1873, No. 2,191.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 2.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is not disposed to alter the arrangements made as to return of vouchers, in October 1867, on the representation of the Controller, and which have not hitherto been complained of; more especially as acquiescence with the request now made may necessitate increased office accommodation at Madras.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. T. O'Connor.
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Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts,
Fort Saint George, // August 1873

From No. 187/1. 3B

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

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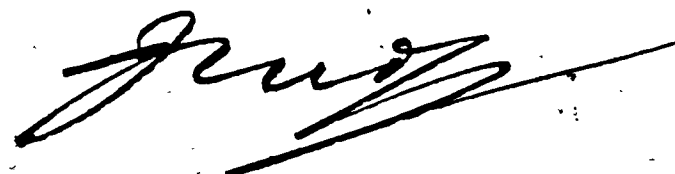
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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,



Offg. Controller of B.N. Accounts.



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Govt. of [1873] Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To *The Controller
of Accounts*

Dated

Re

Encl.

G. O. *3 Sept* 1872. 2191.

Nos. 44950

Vouchers

*The Controller's proposal
for the retention of Vouchers
in his Office instead
of their being returned
to Range Offices, dis-
-approved*