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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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No. 333. Read the following letter from Captain A. EDGCOME, R.E., Officiating District Engineer, Bellary, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Ghooty, 4th September 1873, No. 919:—

I HAVE the honour to solicit the sanction of Government for the undermentioned contingent charges incurred in the Ghooty and Hospett Ranges, which have been provisionally admitted by the Controller for the reasons stated in the enclosed two Disallowance Statements:—

	Amount. Rs.	A.	P.
Hospett Range.			
4 Quires Pot paper charged in the bill for April 1873	0	8	0
Ghooty Range.			
Cost of printing forms for a Progress Report book, including binding, etc.	25	6	0
Do. some labels for office books	2	0	6
Total amount charged in the bill for June 1873...	27	6	6

2. Before the annual supply of stationery issued to Hospett Range arrived the last supply of paper had been used up. The Range Officer was therefore obliged to purchase a small quantity (four quires) of Goa paper for immediate use. The Order of Government, No. 1,195, dated 18th April 1866, referred to by the Controller in his Disallowance Statement, No. 458, dated 16th August 1873, is evidently not intended to be applicable to a trifling charge of this description, incurred under exceptional circumstances.

3. With regard to the charges, Rupees 27-6-6, incurred in the Ghooty Range, on account of printing forms, I beg to state that the Range Officer deemed it highly desirable to have forms for the office copy of the Progress Report printed, in order to save waste of time caused by ruling over every month some 20 sheets of paper and writing the headings thereof.

Charges incurred in the late Superintending Engineer's Office for printing work done at a private press were passed by the Controller. On this precedent the charges in question were admitted by this office.

4. According to G. O., No. 2,806, dated 22nd September 1865, the Controller supplies the necessary printed forms for accounts which are rendered to his office. But there are numerous other periodical returns, furnished to this office, forms for which were hitherto printed at private presses and supplied to Range Offices from the Superintending Engineer's Office.

5. From G. O., No. 1,685, and G. O., No. 1,839, dated 30th June and 18th July 1873, respectively, (copies of which have been sent to me by the Controller for information) printed forms are required to be obtained from the District Press. The District Press here has, I am told, heavy work of its own to do, and the late Superintending Engineer failing in his attempt to get any work done at this press was obliged to resort to a private press. I am also informed that on one occasion the officer in charge of the press at this station declined to undertake the execution of printing work sent by a Range Officer.

6. In conclusion I beg to submit, for consideration, that seeking sanction of Government for petty items of this sort entails unnecessary correspondence. District Engineers being perfectly aware of the necessity in respect to such charges,

the Controller may be authorized to admit the bills passed by the District Engineer, provided that the sum assigned to each range on account of contingencies is not exceeded.

No. 334. ORDER THEREON, 20th September 1873, No. 2,338.

ACCOUNT, No. 19.

THE Controller will be authorized to pass the charges referred to in this letter and all similar charges which may be capabable of equally satisfactory explanation by the District Engineers, provided the grant to the district under contingencies for the year be not exceeded.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" District Engineer, Bellary

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies.

Draft.

No. 464 *Superintending Engineer's Office.*
3rd Division. Bellary
Camp Sorapoor, Sorapoor *Taluk*
Yellary *District.*
The 4 *September* 1873.

From,
Draft
The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division.
Bellary

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

Enclosures. 2

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the accounts of Government for the undermentioned Contingent Charges incurred in the Cyclone Khurseth Division and have provisionally admitted by the Controller for the reasons stated in the enclosed Correspondence.

Khurseth Range

To Rates &c. for repairs charged in the Bill for April 73	0 0 8 0
Cyclone Range	
Cost of printing forms for 10 Papers Register book including binding &c.	25 0 6
Cost of providing name labels for Office books	2 0 6
Total Amount charged in the Bill for June 1873	27 0 6

Rupees

2. Before the renewal supply of Stationery is issued to
the Inspectg Engineers Office the Controller requires
to be returned the unused portion of the last supply
issued. The Ranger Officers are frequently obliged to pur-
chase a small quantity (10 quires) of Cap paper for imme-
diate use. The Order of Government 18th Sept 1838
(Copied for by the Controller in Genl Correspondence
Stationery A 1858 dated 16th August 1839)
evidently not intended to be objectionable by entailing
charges of this description incurred under mentioned
circumstances.—

3. With regard to the charges 1st 2nd & 3rd mentioned
in the County Ranger's account of printing forms I
beg to state that the Ranger Officer deemed it highly
desirable to have forms for the Office copy of the Ac-
pass Report printed and order to save waste of time
caused by waiting over every month the same Do Sheet of
paper required writing the headings thereof.—
The charges incurred in the late Inspectg Engineers Office
for printing work before the Private Press was passed
by the Controller. On this precedent the charges in
question were admitted by this Office.—
According to Gl. Ord. No 2506 dated 25th September
1838 the Controller supplies the necessary printed
forms for Accounts which are rendered to this Office.

But

But there were numerous other periodical returns pre-
vious to the Office, forms for which were hitherto printed
and private presses and supplied to Ranger Officers from
the Inspectg Engineers Office.

5. Some Gl Ord Nos 1883 dated 6th Oct 1839 dated 30th June &
18th July 1843 respectively (Copies of which have been sent to
me by the Controller for information) printed forms are
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trict Press here has, I am told, heavy works of its own
to do, and the late Inspectg Engineer finding it better attended
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to a Private press. I am also informed that on one
occasion the Office and charge of the press at this station
declined to undertake the execution of printing work
sent by a Ranger Officer.

6. In conclusion I beg to submit for consideration
that, seeing sanction of Government for petty charges
of this sort, entails unnecessary correspondence. The
District Engineers being perfectly aware of the necessity
in respect to such charges, the Controller may be
authorised to admit the Bills passed by the Dis-
trict Engineer, provided that the sum assigned to
each Ranger on account of Contingencies is not ex-
ceeded.

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No. 2338

Rec. from the Chief Engr. Lahore

Read the following:-

from the Dy. Engr. Kellar's (No. 2. No. 919 dd. 4 Sept/73)

The Controller

will be authorized to

pass the charges referred

to in this letter, and

all similar charges

which may be ~~admitted~~ payable if

~~satisfactorily explained~~ equally

by the District Engineers,

provided the grant to

the District under

Contingencies for the

From, 18

The Superintending Engineer

3rd Division,

To,

The Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George.

No.

Dated

Received 18

Rec. 2.

Respectfully submitted

for the Orders of Government

Chief Engineer's Office

Fort St. George

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Chief Engineer.

No. 2338

Chief Engr's Office

Dated 3rd Sept. 1873.

Submitted for the orders of Government

Chief Engineer.

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No. 4921

Govt. of 1873 Madras.

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To The Offg Controller
of Accounts

Dated

Read. Encl.

G. O. 20th Feb. 1873. No. 238

Nos. 3251 & 3252

Contingent Charges. The
Controller of Accts.
authorized drafts
Charges incurred on
account of Purchase
of Paper & Printing of
Forms, in the Registra
& Sheriffs Offices, of the
Bellary Dt.