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Government of Madras

Public works DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.	2685	Press
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd November 1873.*

No. 24. 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, 2nd October 1873, No. 4,153 :—

WITH reference to G. O., No. 2,360, of the 24th September last, I have the honour to request that you will do me the favour to explain to His Excellency in Council that, though the establishment of this office is large as regards Accountants and Clerks, it is numerically weak in respect to peons, and has no lascars attached to it.

2. The eight peons hitherto employed were found to be insufficient for the ordinary work expected from this class of servants, viz., carrying papers and notes within the office building during office hours, delivering official letters, etc., outside, and guarding or watching the office at night, and my predecessor accordingly applied for an increase, which has been recently sanctioned. For years punkah-pullers have been employed in this office, the charge being met from the grant for contingencies, and, at present, owing to the peculiar arrangement of the office rooms, ten punkah-pullers are employed at a monthly cost of Rupees 21-8-0. Of these ten pullers, two receive Rupees 3 each, being *men* who have to pull large punkahs, while the others being *boys* are paid at different rates, in no case exceeding Rupees 2-8-0.

3. If peons must be required to pull punkahs they will not, during the months they may be so employed, be available for the ordinary work of carrying office papers from room to room, etc., and I submit that in getting paid as peons (Rupees 7 per mensem each) they will be too highly paid for pulling punkahs.

4. Under the explanation above given I trust the Government will be pleased to sanction a continuance of the present arrangement, but if such sanction cannot be given I beg to propose that I may be permitted to utilize 18 Rupees of the increase recently sanctioned for this office in paying punkah-pullers. The sum of 18 Rupees has been sanctioned for a Duffadar and a Head Peon, but I would prefer to do without these comparatively useless servants rather than lose the services of peons by requiring them to pull punkahs.

No. 25. ORDER THEREON, 3rd November 1873, No. 2,685.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 2.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is not prepared to authorize any expenditure on account of punkah-pullers, and if the services of a Duffadar and Head Peon can be conveniently dispensed with, the charge should form a saving on the increase recently sanctioned to the Controller's Establishment, to be included in the revised scheme of establishment, called for in G. O., No. 2,461A, dated 7th October 1873. It has been ascertained that when the services of peons or lascars cannot be utilized, when necessary, for punkah-pulling, the men employed on the duty are paid by the officers or subordinates themselves who engage their services.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts,

Fort Saint George, 31 October 1873.

Number 153

From

The Offg. Controller of A.W. Accounts,

To the Secy to Government

The Secretary to Government

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I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,


Offy Controller of A.C. Accounts

A.F.

Read the History
in the Supplement
P.M. Arch. 3

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Went back home, & then

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Mr. Greenbury the Governor and Daniel
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The Secretary to Post
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 New York, N.Y.
 1873

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Govt. of 1873 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

*To the Offs Controller of
P.W. Accounts*

Date

Recd.

Encl

G. O. 3rd Nov 1873. No. 2685.

Nos. 21125

Purchase Pullers. Papering
orders on letter from the
Controller of P.W. Accounts of
bearing recommendations on
the proposal to appro-
priate the services of
persons as purchase
pullers.