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No. 208. 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, 12th September 1873, No. 3,648 :—

WITH reference to G. O., No. 2,051, of the 18th instant, I have the honour to forward herewith, in original, for the consideration and orders of Government, a letter, No. 36 of the 4th instant, with three enclosures, from the Executive Engineer of the first or Eastern Delta Range, Godavery, relative to the course followed in that range in dealing with taskwork masters, and in making payments exceeding Rupees 20.

2. I beg to state that I am in favour of the present arrangement as described by Lieutenant Brockman, and that it seems desirable to obtain legal opinion as to the necessity or otherwise of taking a stamped receipt for a payment exceeding 20 Rupees to the representative of several men to whom the money may be due.

From Lieuten[illegible] R. R. E. BROCKMAN, R.E., Officer in charge No. 1 or Eastern Delta Range, God[illegible]ry District, to T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Dowlaishweram, 4th September 1873, No. 36.

IN acknowledging the receipt of G. O., No. 2,051, dated 18th August 1873, dispensing with the signature of taskwork masters, and also the affix of adhesive stamps for payments exceeding Rupees 20, I have the honour to bring to your notice the procedure adopted in this range in making payments for work done, and approved of by four of the former Range Officers* and myself as follows :—

* Mr. Sage.
Mr. Hannan.
Major Hasted.
Captain Mead.

1. When any large masonry work, such as a bridge, aqueduct, or building is given out on contract the Form H. is used, and a personal ledger kept with the contractor.
2. When any new minor masonry works or repairs to them and to civil buildings are given out on contract, Form I. is used.
3. When any work, such as loading, unloading, carting, punting materials, dressing stone, grinding mortar, cutting bushes, at so much a cubic yard, a square, a garce, a mile, and so on is done, it is accounted for in Form F. (task or job work), and receipts which are attached to the original station books or duplicates of Form F. retained in the Range Office are taken for any amount. A form of it is enclosed for your inspection.
4. When any earthwork, whether new or repairs, is entrusted to a single contractor, or a gang of buntadars, payments are made on abstracts of measurements prepared and submitted by the Overseer through his Sub-division Officer, who countersigns them in token of his having measured the work and checked it with the pit-books which are kept on the works till their completion ; and nominal rolls are received in this office signed by the buntadars with receipt stamps in case of the amounts exceeding Rupees 20. I enclose two forms of this nature for your inspection.

In G. O., No. 1,329, dated 14th May 1872, although all earthwork executed by the bunta system was ordered to be treated as departmental agency in the accounts, and now shown so in the monthly accounts in this range, it is considered safe to put it in Form F. so as to compel the Sub-division Officers to regularly measure and check every single bit of work and attach their certificates of having done so in the Overseer's accounts which are sent to the Range Office through them.

5. All daily labour, [illegible]ch as coolies, bricklayers and other workmen, and items below Rs. 50 of earthwork, taskwork, etc., passed by the Sub-division or Range Officer, after due ch[illegible]k, are only paid by the Overseer, and all the rest by the Range Officer on cheq[illegible]

2. With reference to the foregoing I beg to suggest that unless formal and authenticated receipts are taken from the men for all payments made except for daily labour by the members of the department, the disbursing subordinates and officers who are apt to be transferred from one district or charge to another will become responsible for the payments and be liable to be sued in the Civil Courts, where they would have to attend and remain for several days to the detriment of works under their charge, and I therefore request your opinion as to whether the present system should be followed in this range, which appears to me to relieve the departmental officers concerned of all responsibility in accounting for outlay.

No. 209. ORDER THEREON, 14th November 1873, No. 2,769.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 18.

To facilitate payments to labourers employed on the so-called buntadar or taskwork system authority was given in G. O., No. 1,329, dated 14th May 1872, for all work so executed to be considered as having been carried out under departmental agency, and the Overseer in charge on the spot was authorized to pay the labourers from time to time for the work done by them. These payments were to be recorded on nominal rolls specifying the quantity of work done, the date and the amount paid to each head of a gang, whose receipt was to be taken on the roll, and of course whenever the amount of a single payment exceeded Rupees 20 a stamp would be necessary.

2. G. O., No. 2,051, dated 18th August 1873, in laying down that no stamp is necessary to be affixed to the Form (F.), "Station book for Taluq taskwork," in no way dispenses with the nominal rolls and the receipts required to be taken by the Government Order just referred to. As however it is the desire of the Governor in Council that the heads of gangs employed on taskwork shall not be losers by receiving and disbursing the pay of their gangs, His Excellency is pleased to direct that for the future the cost of all stamps required to be affixed to the nominal rolls shall be charged to the particular work on which the labourers are employed, and not deducted from the pay of the men.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts, 3rd
Fort Saint George, 12th September 1873.

No. 3648

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

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No. 2051 of the 18th Instant, I have the honor to forward herewith in original, for the consideration and orders of Government, a letter No. 36 of the 4th Instant, with three enclosures from the Executive Engineer of the 1st or Eastern Delta Range Godavery relative to

to the course followed in that Range in dealing with Task-work Masters, and in making payments exceeding Rupees 20.-

2. I beg to state that I am in favor of the present arrangement as described by Lieutenant Brockman and that it seems desirable to obtain legal opinion as to the necessity or otherwise of taking a stamped receipt for a payment exceeding 20 Rupees to the representative of several men to whom the money may be due.-

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

To
The Offg. Controller of P.W. Accounts

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Read the Above
From the Offg Controller P.W. Accts
No. 3648 dy 12 Sep/73

To facilitate payments to labourers employed on the so-called Contractor or task-work system Authority was given in G.O. No 1329 dy 14th May 1872 for all work so executed to be considered as having been carried out under departmental agency, and the Overseer in charge of the Work was authorized to pay the labourers from time to time for the work done by them - Those payments were to be recorded on Nominal Rolls Specifying the Quantity of work done, the date and the Amount paid to each head of a family whose receipt

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on Task Work Shall not
be losers by receiving &
disbursing the pay of their
Gangs, His Excellency is
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to the Nominal Rolls Shall
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24th October 1873

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Task work. Papers
orders on letter from to
Controller & Mr. Acct.
& Submitting rec from to
Sup.-Engr., Eastern Delta
Range, Godavery, Matters
to the course followed in
that Range in dealing with
task work masters
& in making payments
preceding Rs.

No. 208-9.

P. W. 1873 Department.
Copy of Govt. Ltr. No.
From No. 5033.
The Offg. Controller of
P. W. Accts.
To
The Secretary to Govt.
P. W. D.
Fort St. George

No. 3648
Dated 12th
Rec'd 13th September 73.

Encl: 4.

Forwards for the consideration of Govt. letter from the Superintending Engineer Eastern Delta Range Godavery relative to the course followed in dealing with Task-work Masters &c.

No. 2769 - 14th Nov/73

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